MINUTES OF THE January 8, 2024 7:00 PM COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Mayor Southard called the Work Session to order at 7:00pm

In Attendance: Councilpersons Martin, McNamara, Grant, Koss, Passeun Mayor Tiffany Southard, Law Director Jesse Shamp, Planner Eric Fischer and Fiscal Officer Jeffrey Wilcheck

## ORGINIZATIONAL SESSION (00:00:52 of audio recording)

Committee Assignments - After Discussion, Committee Assignments/Chairs are as follows:

Finance: Chair-Grant; Members-Camara, Paessun Legislation: Chair-McNamara; Members-Koss, Grant Rec/Parks: Chair-Camara; Members-Martin, McNamara Safety: Chair Paessun; Members-McNamara, Martin Services: Chair- Martin; Members Camara, Koss Streets: Chair-Koss: Members-Paessun, Grant

2 are interested in position of Council President; will be voted upon at the 1/11 Council Meeting; helps with meetings, but-most importantly-will serve as Mayor in the event the Mayor in unable to serve.

Planning/Zoning: Liaison from council needed-Councilperson Grant volunteered to serve as Liaison. 2 non-voting openings remain on P & Z; applications received from 4 residents. Mayor is concerned about turnover on this commission; some have resigned as soon as their one particular issue has been addressed. Every 2 years, a member must be either reappointed or replaced (replacement done at times to get new voices on the commission).

## MAYOR (00:14:48)

- Jordan Rd. Project has begun-Councilperson Koss updated the schedule (anticipation of completion is 2/2 with site cleanup pushed to spring.
- Maintenance asked for guidance on sign placement-
  - Children at play-on Jordan at the corner; near playground
  - o No parking this side of street-Councilperson Grant will reach out to Brian Sutton
- Maintenance Garage-moving forward on site work, etc.; site survey to be done soon
- Pool Subcommittee meeting 6:00PM RecaP committee meeting 7PM 1/22
- Rules of Council: looking for council input re rules and calendar; agreed upon July 11: work session 6PM, Tax Budget Hearing 6:45, Meeting 7PM; Council asked to revise length of citizen comments to 3 minutes

#### **UPDATES (00:30:50)**

- Councilperson Grant asked for a brief explanation of the Jordan Rd. Sewer Project as he is new to council. All sewers in the Village are on a rotating schedule for CCTV inspection; to be discussed at the 1/9 Streets Committee meeting.
- Mayor advised that council used to hold 2 work sessions per month; this option is always available, as is making the one work session longer so as not to block out 2 evenings.
- Coffee with Council has been held in the past; although Mayor is not convinced of their value, Council is more than welcome to reinstitute this.
- Mayor suggests that each councilperson contribute a small article to the newsletter twice/year; typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month is the deadline.
- ▲ Law Director Shamp would like a block of time to review rules and legal expectations of council. Plans are for the Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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# **LEGISLATION FOR 1/11 COUNCIL MEETING (00:44:17)**

- ORD 01-2024: Amending Village Code to comply with new state Traffic Laws
- ORD 02-2024: Motor Vehicle License Fee
- ORD 03-2024: Motor Vehicle License Fee Part 2
- ORD 04-2024: Amending Wage & Salary Ordinance (pay period date corrections)
- Discussion held about adopting Columbus & Westerville Fire Code-Columbus will be presenting their code-Mayor & Planner will follow up-Legislation to come
- Legislation may be coming regarding Blendon Township and Snow Plowing

## **OTHER ITEMS (00:58:33)**

- Mayor Southard reviewed procedure for the 1/11 meeting
- Mayor Southard reminded council that all committee meetings are recorded; all council are encouraged to listen if they cannot attend

Work Session ended at 8:02 PM	
/S/: Tiffany Southard	/S/: Jeffrey Wilcheck
Tiffany Southard, Mayor	Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer