



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
March 11, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION - Councilmember Stacie Baker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESNET: Council Member Cotner, Council Member Pyakurel, Council Member Salvati, Council President Member Rowe, Council Member, Council Member Strickland, Council Member Baker, Johnson, Council Member Hill

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes February 26, 2024

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 26, 2024 were approved as submitted.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing Womens History Month

Councilmember Strickland read the proclamation into the record.

Councilmember Strickland moved to approve the proclamation. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

Recognition of Female Firefighters from Truro and West Licking Fire Departments

The female firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics from Truro Township and West Licking Fire District were brought forward and recognized for their service to the City and our residents.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Angela Abram
1075 Starlight Drive

School District President Angela Abram and member of GirlTREK thanked the City for their support and participation in the recent third celebration of Harriet Tubman Day in honor of Women's History month. The event was a wonderful success. GirlTREK is a campaign to heal intergenerational trauma, fight systemic racism, and transform Black lives. As women organize walking teams, they also mobilize community members to support advocacy efforts and lead a Civil Rights-inspired health movement. GirlTREK's membership is currently at over one million and growing every day. Healthy women are the key to healthy families. Healthy families are the key to a healthy community. A healthy community is the key to a successful Reynoldsburg. May women be continuously uplifted throughout the year. She expressed interest in her ability to continue to uplift and strengthen women and Reynoldsburg through collective works.

Christa Byrd
2106 Waitsfield Drive

Ms. Byrd expressed concern about residents leaving their trash totes out too early and leaving them out beyond the designated times. She indicated that there was a brochure produced previously that outlined residential requirements for trash pick-up services. She would like to see such a brochure produced again and distributed to Reynoldsburg households.

Councilmember Strickland expressed her appreciation to President Angela Abram for organizing the Harriet Tubman Day event. It gave residents the opportunity to understand the history and her legacy.

Mayor Begeny

The Mayor advised Council that they were in receipt of the 2023 Reynoldsburg Annual Report. This report was a redesigned version that provided a more interesting presentation of annual report. A big thank you to my Assistant Jessica Rosenthal for overseeing the design work of this report and her compilation of information. It is available online on the website. The Community Guide has hit residents' mailboxes. Please review that information. We also have our Traffic Town Hall meeting this Wednesday at 6:30pm for residents in the Slate Ridge Road area. The School District will also be having the State of the Schools address at the Summit Road campus.



Presentation by COTA Regarding the Proposed BRT Line

Kelsey Ellingsen, Local Government Affairs Director, COTA
Elliott Lewis, Senior Planner, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Ellingsen presented Council with information regarding the proposed improvements COTA is proposing to expand their transportation services. COTA, in collaboration with MORPC, municipalities, and other partners, have established LinkUS. LinkUS is central Ohio's comprehensive transportation initiative to help address growth, affordability, and opportunity gaps in our opportunity. Central Ohio expects nearly one million new residents by 2050. There are 40,000 Franklin County households that lack access to a private vehicle with a third of residents living in areas of low opportunity. LinkUS' goals are to provide faster and more reliable public transportation, safer and expanded bike and pedestrian paths, and walkable communities with more affordable access to work, home, and entertainment. COTA primarily covers all of Franklin County and portions of Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, and Union counties, which include seventeen cities, nine villages, and seventeen townships. The new BRT line will provide premium rapid transit with faster, more reliable public transportation, adding five new corridors and forty-five percent more service hours. The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will provide level-boarding and multi-door boarding, off-board fare collection, a dedicated right-of-way, signal priority and intersection control, modern and branded vehicle designs, greater frequency and capacity, enhanced bus stops, and clean energy buses. The East Main Corridor line will directly impact Reynoldsburg, providing a direct connection from the Eastwood development to downtown Columbus with only seven stops. Bus stops will be stepped up as micro-mobility hubs that include a station, e-bike charging station, bike racks, and scooter corrals. COTA also hopes to add increased on-demand transit options, including sixteen new COTA plus zones, expansion of Mainstream and mainstream On-Demand services, and additional vehicles. The project is expected to cost \$250 million with five hundred additional miles of trails, bikeways, and sidewalks.

Mr. Lewis provided information on the current cost and revenues of transportation infrastructure. Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) have many new priorities with three hundred project with one hundred thirty local priorities, three hundred sixty miles of trails, sidewalks, bike paths for an estimated cost of \$500 to \$700 million. The next steps in support of this project is to continue engagement of community, government, non-profit, and business stakeholders. There will be continued corridor design and work toward obtaining federal grants. LinkUS will create an initial Transit-Supportive Infrastructure Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. The final step will be to place a potential COTA levy on the November ballot.

Ms. Ellingsen advised Council that COTA will continue to work with City staff on



making these improvements for the betterment of the central Ohio community.

Councilmember Strickland thanked the presenters for bringing this information to Council.

COMMUNICATIONS

Treasury Board Meeting February 2024

MOTIONS

A Motion to Approve the Mayor's Appointment of Norman Brusk and Anita Ward to the Planning and Zoning Board

President Lawson-Rowe explained that it was Council's responsible to approve the recommended appointment by the Mayor of members to the Planning and Zoning Board. Currently, there are two vacant positions. The Mayor recommended Anita Ward and Norman Brusk.

Councilmember Salvati moved to approve the appointments. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for March 11, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Salvati and President Lawson-Rowe.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with DLZ for Inspection Services for Brice Park Project, Appropriate Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny stated that with Council's likely approval of Builderscape as the

contractor for the Brice Park project, in collaboration with Columbus, the City also needs to hire our inspection engineers, DLZ, to complete the inspection process for the entire project. This legislation will designate DLZ to complete the inspection process for all aspects of this project.

Councilmember Salvati moved to forward this legislation to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Laws & Court Committee meeting for March 11, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Pyakurel and President Lawson-Rowe.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Right Stuff for Scheduling Software and Waive Competitive Bidding

Chief Baker explained that the department needed to update their scheduling system from paper to a software-based system. After reviewing available software, the Department decided that Rock Solid software was the best option.

Councilmember Pyakurel moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Remove Vehicles from the Fixed Asset List for the Police Department.

Chief Baker indicated that there were several cruisers and one SUV that were no longer in service. The vehicles ordered last year have come in and are ready to be put into service. These vehicles will be traded in, sold on GovDeals, or donated.

Councilmember Pyakurel moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for March 11, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson, Chair Strickland, and President Lawson-Rowe.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Appropriation of Property and Easements from Multiple Properties for the Public Purpose of Making, Repairing, and

Improving Waggoner Road, a Public Roadway Open to the Public Without Charge, and Declaring an Emergency

Attorney Leist advised Council that Phase 1 of the Waggoner Road project had thirty-seven parcels where land and easements (temporary and permanent) were necessary for the project. The City contracted with O. R. Colan to act as the City's representative for land acquisition. Of those thirty-seven parcels, there were twenty-two owners. Currently, there are nine completed parcels with finalized agreements and ongoing discussions on the remainder. The Administration is requesting that Council authorize appropriation action to be taken on ten parcels, of which there are six total owners. These parcels are necessary as they involve either tree clearing, which must be completed prior to April 1st, or utility relocation, which must take place before construction can commence in the areas where utility relocation is necessary. When the City files for appropriation for roadway construction and maintenance purposes, it is known as a quick take under the Ohio Constitution. This quick take allows the City to deposit the funds for acquisition with the Court and the City may then commence construction while the parties determine the full fair amount of compensation. The owner is permitted to withdraw the deposit from the court while still seeking additional compensation, if such additional compensation is deemed to be warranted. It is expected that most of the remaining parcels will be finalized without filing. However, the City needs to move forward in order to meet all construction timelines.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the 2024-2025 ODOT Road Salt Purchasing Contract

Director Dorman stated that this legislation is an approval of the annual ODOT road salt purchasing contract. The City takes advantage of the state salt contract enabling the City to take advantage of the cheaper salt prices.

Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Trinnex Master Services to Provide Predictive Modeling for Service Line Inventory for the Ohio EPA

Director Dorman explained that this legislation would allow the Service Department to purchase Trinnex Master Services software to complete a service line inventory for the Ohio EPA.



Councilmember Strickland moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for March 11, 2024.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Pyakurel, Councilmember Salvati, Councilmember Strickland, Chair Baker and President Lawson-Rowe.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classifications and Pay Grades (a) Administration, Section 160.05 Overtime Eligibility, and Section 160.09 Group Insurance (a) for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Chair Baker explained that this Ordinance was back in Committee to allow for any further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Councilmember Baker moved to forward the Ordinance to Council for a second reading. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Motion carried.

A Resolution to Establish a Separate Fund Number and Amend the Fund Name for the Main Street/Brice Road TIF Fund

Auditor Cicak indicated that as funds were now being received from the original Main Street/Brice Road TIF. The fund needed to be renamed and a fund number established.

Councilmember Baker moved to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Strickland. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: 8 - 0 (UNANIMOUS)

Adopted

MOVER:

Salvati

SECONDER:

Baker

AYES: Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Lawson-Rowe, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT:	_____ (UNANIMOUS)
Adopted	
MOVER:	
Salvati	
SECONDER:	
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Lawson-Rowe, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Builderscape for the Development of Brice Park, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

President Lawson-Rowe stated that these Ordinances stood for a first reading.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into Contract with DLZ for Inspection Services for Brice Park Project, Appropriate Funds, and Declaring

an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Appropriation of Property and Easements from Multiple Properties for the Public Purpose of Making, Repairing, and Improving Waggoner Road, a Public Roadway Open to the Public Without Charge, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

President Lawson-Rowe stated that this Ordinance stood for a second reading.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Section 160.02 Authorized Positions, Personnel, Classifications and Pay Grades (a) Administration, Section 160.05 Overtime Eligibility, and Section 160.09 Group Insurance (a) for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for Construction Inspection Services Relating for Waggoner Road Phase I Project, and Appropriating Funds

RESULT: 8 - 0 (UNANIMOUS)

Adopted

MOVER:

Salvati

SECONDER:

Strickland

AYES:

Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Lawson-Rowe, Strickland, Salvati,
Pyakurel, Hill

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Baker recognized the Reynoldsburg High School Boy's Basketball team in their efforts in the high school tournaments. Congratulations on making it that far.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 7, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
March 11, 2024 Council
March 13, 2024 Community Commission
March 21, 2024 Planning & Zoning Board
March 25, 2024 Council

Leanora Jenkins, President of Council

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council