



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
June 28, 2021**

Council President Leanora Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

Invocation - Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

PRESENT: Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe, Jenkins
ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

a. City Council – Regular Meeting – June 14, 2021

The June 14, 2021 Council meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Community Comments

Steven Castro

110 Scenic Road

I am on the street where we had about 40 dogs and one of the owners passed away and now we have a condemned house on the street and it's bringing down the neighborhood. I know you will be talking about dog limits tonight. I want to express support for a limit on dogs. I don't want to hinder anyone from having pets and there are reasonable restriction on suburban residential homes. If your house is 20 feet away from someone else's house and they have dozens of dogs, you're going to hear a lot of barking. When there are feces being shoveled out into the garbage can, so full that the garbage man can't even lift it, and its left there because it smells so bad. Obviously, the smells are disturbing the comfort of other people. I don't want to infringe on freedom, but it is in infringing on freedom to enjoy your own property when the sounds and smells are that disturbing. The code has a limit of five dogs for a kennel, the problem is when you say you're not selling them, and you can say you are not a kennel even if you are. So I think 5 dogs bring it in line with the code. It's in line with other residential areas. If you're in an agricultural zone, then fine you have a lot more land. If you're on less than half an acre and close to other peoples house then it creates disturbances. Also, I think this is in line with current ordinances that we have, we have



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barking ordinances, cruelty to animals. When there are dozens of animals in a home, that cruel to those animals that don't have the room to exercise. When it comes to nuisance and sanitary code, they were so unsanitary, they need to rip out the floors and the walls. The house is bringing down the neighborhood, it's kind of become a liability for the City and neighborhood. I support the limit on dogs, I want to hear other comments and consideration on the right limit but I hope we can find the right solution for the community.

**Schyvonne Ross
2060 Dorman Drive**

I would to speak a little bit about the discussion that will take place later on the ordinance that will make Juneteenth a paid holiday. Before that, I want to publicly thank Councilmember Lawson-Rowe for her coordination of the Juneteenth celebration that took place on June 19, along with Mayor Begeny and all of those involved. That celebration was a wonderful event. The community was able to gather and celebrate, and I quite enjoyed myself. On June 19, 1865, enslaved black people in Galveston, Texas were informed that they were free. How significant and life changing. Juneteenth is a celebration of black independence. Just as we celebrate the day America became free on July 4th, we should honor the day black people became free in America. This day for this celebration is Juneteenth. Making it a paid holiday for employees in the City of Reynoldsburg makes the statement loud and clear. The City of Reynoldsburg and its leadership, acknowledge, honor and respect the day of Juneteenth and the significance of this day to the black community and the supporters thereof. Although our Reynoldsburg students will be well into their summer breaks on June the 19th, making Juneteenth a paid holiday, acknowledges their experiences and identified. 38% of our students in Reynoldsburg City Schools are black students. So honoring this day allows for family celebration and gathering during this time. Thank you for allowing me to speak tonight and taking my words into consideration.

**Brett Luzader
1116 Gibson Road**

I have a couple things tonight. Number one, I'm not sure when Council changed their rules that only allows residents to speak during the community comment section. I think if they want to address an item that is especially on the agenda, it would be more prudent to allow them to speak when that item comes up. It would also be more effective. On tonight's agenda you have a resolution to support women and minority businesses. I would like to ask if you would consider adding veterans businesses to that resolution also. Also, on tonight's agenda there are some proposed zoning code changes? I would ask that you consider changing the maximum capacity on the medium residential to 16 units per acre. I think with the proposed



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changes and the height of the buildings that is going to be discussed, that would be more fitting. Lastly, since you're discussing changes to the zoning code. On page 189, section 1109.0 (f), under applications, there is a document referenced, the handbook. This list a number of items that are to be included with an application. However, this was not updated when the code was updated. As such, I have been informed by City Attorney Shook that this item is not enforceable as it was not updated. I would ask that you have the development director and his staff, with City Attorney Shook, update this handbook so that we can hold developers to the high standards that we expect in this City. Thank you.

Dylan Daniels
2960 Ridge Road
Zanesville, Ohio

I am a high school teacher at Reynoldsburg High School Summit Campus. I reside in Zanesville, however my work place is 8579 Summit Road, here in Reynoldsburg. I wanted to speak in favor of a paid holiday offered to City Employees for Juneteenth. Some of you may look at me and wonder why I would advocate for this action to take place. I am so grateful to stand here and share my why. I have the honor to teach and lead dynamic individuals here in your City. Many of which have been patiently waiting to be recognized in the worldly celebrations that we honor. The young people in our community have been waiting for an honor such as this. The honor of having their City employees having a paid holiday off to celebrate and encourage equity, inclusion and justice. To celebrate Juneteenth. It starts here and the celebration will grow so that we recognize and honor black history. There is no American history, without black history. Council men and woman, you have the opportunity to engage our young people by showing them that their history is important, valued, cherished and celebrated. Thank you.

Dr. Thomie Timmons
1352 Shelby Circle

I have been an educator in Reynoldsburg for almost 30 years. Most of that time I have lived in Reynoldsburg. I have seen this community change in demographics, wealth and all kinds of changes throughout my career. I would encourage you as well to move forward with the paid holiday for employees for Juneteenth. I really think it's important as a white male and member of this community, that this not just a black thing. I am embarrassed to say, as I'm sure many people here, that when they announced Juneteenth, they had to Google what that was. I think that is outrageous. During my doctoral studies, was the first time I had heard of Juneteenth. There are so many things that I have found out as an adult that are not accurate about history, that I was told because it was white washed. I really think that Juneteenth is a



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minor thing we can do and we have a long way to go before we can pay back what our African American brothers and sisters have done for this nation.

**Mary Turner Stoots
1070 Waggoner Road**

To the City Council members; President of Council Ms. Jenkins; Clerk of Council, Ms. Prasher; and Mayor Begeny,

In regards to pages 307-309 of the June 28th Council Meeting agenda packet regarding the Hill Road Methodist (Methodist Hill) Cemetery on Waggoner Road. I respectfully urge you to seriously recommend or consider the Brick and aluminum design (only taller), as this request was made to keep vandals out of the cemetery versus the aesthetics of the design.

With all the townhouses going up on 'Wilson Ridge' soon, this cemetery needs protection. If I had my way, there would be an 8-foot chain-link fence around the graveyard with barbed wire on the top that includes a locked gate requiring permission to enter (similar to the practice at the Seceder Cemetery). If chain-link is cheaper than the designs presented, then I would strongly suggest you go with it. Whatever you plan to erect, it should NOT have an open gate for anyone to enter unless given permission and a key. The turn-style at the open entrance of the picket-fence design is inviting trouble and unacceptable.

This may be a historic cemetery, but there are people in this town with loved ones buried there. My great-great-grandparents are buried in the Seceder Cemetery. Their stones were vandalized before the fence was erected. My great-great grandmother's stone is missing.

In summary, please be practical. Don't pay for an expensive design that will allow vandals to desecrate the graves of our loved ones. We need to keep the vandals out.

I want to personally thank the Mayor for his consideration and the fact that this has been brought before City Council. Thank you Mayor Begeny!

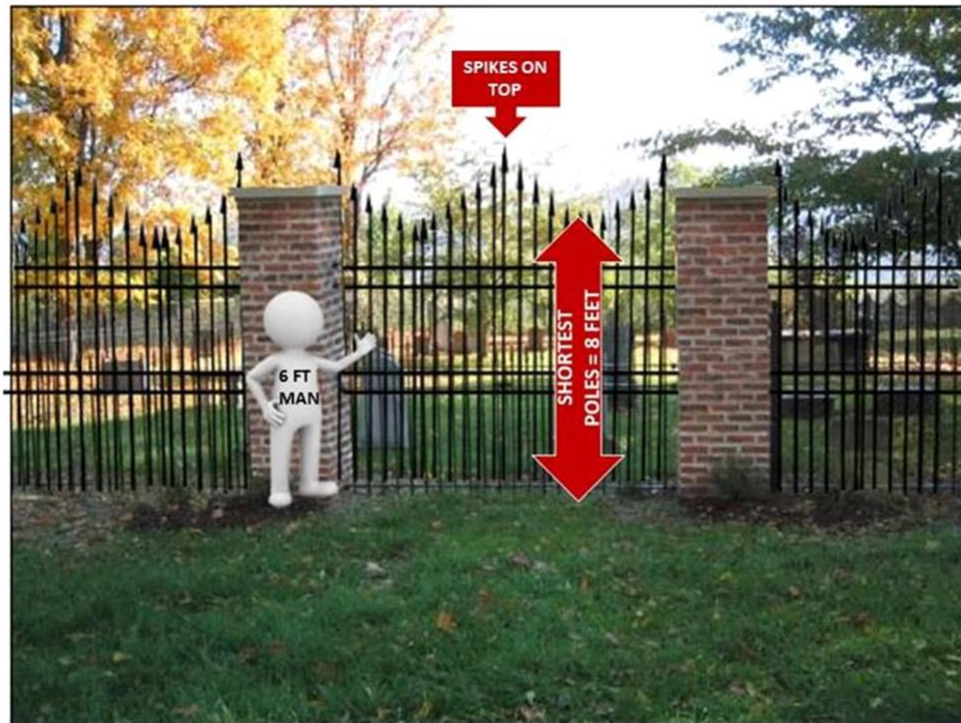
I have attached a proposed design (also shown below) to consider if you elect to choose something fancier than a chain-link fence. Please excuse the irregularities, as I didn't have time to send a cleaner version, but you will all get the drift.

Now, you can delete the design fee off of the proposal from EMH&T and save some money on the front end.

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Example of aluminum fence and brick column

Deanna Weed **64 Scenic Road**

Dear City Council Members of Reynoldsburg,

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Deanna Weed and I live at 64 Scenic Rd., Blacklick, OH. I am writing today to address the dog issues we have in our city. As the homeowner that was most impacted by the neighbors (the Crostons) at 54 Scenic Rd., the dog quantity issue is of great concern to me!

I have been fighting this issue with the Crostons and the city since 2019. I really do not want anyone else to have to go through the same nightmare. There were many court dates with Mr. Croston and Mr. Hood back in 2019. Mr. Hood informed me that the Crostons received many fines, were told they could not have more than five dogs and that they had to stop breeding. That is when the situation escalated. The Crostons moved the approximate 43



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dogs, at the time, to inside their home; so that we could not see exactly how many dogs they had. As you know, the final outcome in December 2020 was not a good one. Mr. Croston passed away and that is when the city finally believed what I had been telling them all along.

When Chris Shook took over as City Attorney, I called him and he came out to the house to have a conversation about the situation. I gave him all the paperwork that I had, but, amazingly enough, all the paperwork concerning the Crostons, Mr. Hood and my complaints somehow just vanished. Mr. Shook told me he could find nothing concerning the Crostons or 54 Scenic Rd. So, I had to start all over again. Needless to say, it got me nowhere. It was like the city was just treating me like an old lady that just wanted to complain, while what I was complaining about were some serious issues.

After Mr. Hood left, it was a whole new crew, from City Attorney down to Code Enforcement Officers, and nobody wanted to listen, even though they were called numerous times.

When it comes to how many dogs a homeowner should be permitted to have - we live in the city and we all have close neighbors. No one should be permitted to have more than five dogs at their residence. Trust me, I am NOT anti-dog. I have a large amount of experience with dogs, having them all of my life and having three currently. I have groomed, trained, and loved many dogs over the years.

I have read in Ohio laws that to have more than five dogs, you must have a kennel license and a kennel cannot be in a residential area. I know there are people out there that rescue dogs to rehome them, and people that dog sit and things like that...that is fine. If they are doing so; however, the city needs to be aware of why there are more than five dogs at the residence at any given time and set limits to the time that a residence can have more than five dogs at once.

Regarding the people that own more than five dogs at the present time and want to be grandfathered in, there needs to be a procedure; such as an application process. Then someone should go to the home to inspect it and talk to the neighbors to make sure there is not already a dog issue going on.

In addition to the above limits,

*There should be an age of three months old set to count as a "dog" in the home, since this is the age when a license is required.

*No high volume breeders should be allowed within the city limits.

*Litters should be limited to one per year and required to be rehomed by three months old, if the home is at maximum occupancy of five dogs already.

Our city needs to take more responsibility over this issue. Trust me, it was not fun living next door to approximately 40-50 dogs and the city doing nothing about it! This is the very first year, in the six years we have lived here, that we have been able to enjoy our backyard,



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without the noise and horrible odor coming from next door. If you want a person to be in charge of this dog issue, it would be my pleasure to help and to work with those that are requesting to be grand fathered in.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

I would like to thank Dr. Timmons, Mr. Daniels, and Ms. Ross for coming to share about Juneteenth. I would be remised if I did not publicly thank The City of Reynoldsburg and all of our neighbors for coming out and participating in our grand event that we had June 19th. I would like to publicly thank Jennifer Clemens, she is the best events coordinator in Central Ohio, if you did not already know that. All of the advisement, care, concern and guidance that she shared with us putting the celebration together was immeasurable. I would like to also thank Mayor Begeny and his assistant Ms. Rosenthal for all of the hands on approach to Juneteenth. They were our early in the morning and our Mayor is a working mayor as you know. He raised up his sleeves and got down and dirty with the rest of us. Thank you again Council for all of your support and for being there and thank you to the City of Respect.

Jennifer Erwin

7333 Westlea Court

I apologize I didn't know the protocol. I just wanted to step up here briefly in support. I know the gentleman already spoke about the dog ordinance. I wanted to let you know it's not an isolated ordinance on the abandon property there. I live at 7333 Westlea Court and that's right off Lancaster in Brookside. I moved in, in November and behind me and one over, so catty-corner to my backyard, they have 22 German Shepherds. They are breeding them as well. Their backyard breeders. I would like to thank Attorney Shook for ridding the roosters, chickens and ducks. But the German Shepherds still remain and issue, not only a health issue. They have two kitty swimming pools that they drink from in the back, they have a clothes line and that's what they chain the dogs too. They run back and forth and get tangled up and that's when you hear them fighting. You can hear her saying one is out there bleeding. It's just an awful thing to hear. They get loose and jump the fence. Everyone around doesn't bring their dogs out because they are scared of that. Also, they smell and the odor. At this point, there is no grass there so they just hose the feces to the back of the fence that prohibits me from going to the back of my yard or anyone else around. We can't open our windows or be outside. It's really a health issue with the flies and the smell, health and safety and also the dogs, it's not fair to them as well. He went through the ordinance and the ins and out but I wanted to let you know it's not an isolated issue and I support it as well.



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Mayor Begeny

I want to thank Councilmember Lawson-Rowe and Strickland and others who participated in the Juneteenth celebration and I would like to thank Councilmember Bryant for her dedication an organization for the pride festival that was held the week prior. As well as our Parks and Rec staff and community events for organizing our concerts on the lawn for the concert last night. I will have other comments on some issues as we move forward but that's all I have for now. Thank you.

Communications

Treasury Board Minutes

TREASURY BOARD MINUTES

Motions

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRANSFER PERMIT (TREX) FOR LOS PINOS MEXICAN GRILL, LLC

Attorney Shook

This is an application that is presented to this Council because it currently has the maximum number of liquor permits in the city. The state does have a mechanism that the applicant could seek an additional license over and above that maximum for a quote unquote economic development opportunity. And that is what this applicant is being presented. The process with the State is that it does require the municipality in which the application is made, must support and identify the business venture as a quote unquote economic development opportunity. You have the information that was presented in front of you and the Deputy Chief has a statement as well.

Deputy Chief Grizzell

This application as Mr. Shook stated is for permit transfer for a business in Hillsboro, Ohio to the city of Reynoldsburg for Los Pinos Mexican Grill 1780 Brice Road. The establishment is owned by German Herrera. The transfer is being requested because currently there are no beer or liquor permits available because the area is at the max quota set by the state of Ohio. RPD does have legitimate concerns about adding an establishment above the quota to the area that is already high in OVI arrest and OVI crashes. We believe the quota is set in state statute to limit the number of permits in a geographic area to maintain roadway safety. This transfer is a way to get around the law. Having said that, there is not anything in the investigation that would require us to have a



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hearing. Chief wanted to pass along our concerns so that you would be fully informed when you vote on the issue. The address is 1780 Brice Road. Just south of Century City, behind the beverage drive through.

Attorney Shook

It's a strip mall. Probably most recognized as the strip mall that contains the French bakery.

President Jenkins

Right, thank you.

Councilmember Cotner

Thank you for the information and I agree it is a concern to add another permit to the area. The information we have does state that it requires the buyers to demonstrate that it is an economic development project. So this is a question to our Development Director and Attorney Shook. This restaurant is already open and operating. This is not a new business that needs this permit in order to operate. The investment is already there and already done, correct? I see Director Bowsher nodding his head. I'm not sure how it's been there but it's not brand new, opened last week. So as our Deputy Chief shared, this is a bit of a way around what the Ohio Revised Code shares. I think there is a reason for concern in that area, a lot of work continues to be made for a lot of safety reasons. I'm not sure it meets the need of a hardship for a transfer from another community to our community. Thank you.

President Jenkins

So the restaurant was already a Mexican restaurant before, are they the same owners, are they changing the name?

Councilmember Bryant

It's my understanding that this restaurant is newly opened. There used to be a Mexican restaurant beside the French bakery directly. This is not that same place. The woman that owned the Mexican restaurant previously had made numerous complaints to me that her business was struggling because she was unable to serve alcoholic beverages there. This is to the right of where that restaurant used to be. My understanding, I wasn't aware that it had opened yet because it's very new.



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Attorney Shook

The area where the restaurant is located is in our innovation zone in our zoning code. Technically, a restaurant isn't a permitted use in that zone. However, since there was a restaurant in this particular location at the time that the zoning code was passed and a new restaurant is going in, in a very short amount of time, it's a grand fathered use location. I figured that was important to note.

Councilmember Baker

Just to make this clear, this restaurant was grand fathered in prior to us making the changes to the zoning code?

Attorney Shook

Yes, there was a Mexican restaurant operating there before the zoning code was passed in 2020. That restaurant continued to operate, then closed down. The new restaurant opened up under our new zoning code, that's going to be considered a non-conforming use but a legal non-conforming use. I thought it was important to note that it's not a use that was desired in that particular area. Its only there because it's a grand fathered use.

Councilmember Bryant

My understanding is that it's a completely location than the previous Mexican restaurant. When you look to the right of the bakery there are two store fronts. The Mexican restaurant that was there prior to the zoning code is no longer there and the new one is next door to it.

Attorney Shook

I'm not entirely sure but were talking about a non-conforming use in the same structure, it doesn't matter if it's in the space or in the same building.

Councilmember Pyakurel

In your investigation, you did not find any issues?

Deputy Chief Grizzell

He has a few liquor license. They are so new that there are no violations. There was nothing found in his background that would say that we need to oppose, it was merely just the quota and the particular area that we have a lot of problems with OVI and traffic crashed related to OVI.



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Councilmember Bryant

I don't do liquor law but is it true when there are no findings to oppose to permit it will pass through whether we object or not?

Attorney Shook

Not with this particular application because they have to meet the additional standard of economic development. I know that sounds vague. What you're looking at is revue, jobs that could be created, those kinds of things that would help guide you. In addition, the state still has another process after the City process. So if the City agrees that if it's an economic development project, the state still has a review process and make an independent determination.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bhuwan Pyakurel, Councilman
AYES:	Bryant, Strickland, Pyakurel
NAYS:	Cotner, Baker, Salvati, Lawson-Rowe

A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) FOR THE WAGGONER ROAD PHASE I (EAST BROAD STREET TO PRIESTLY DRIVE) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Director Dorman

This is a grant that we come to Council for basically every year. There is a minor modification we want to make to this. As opposed to Broad Street to Priestly, we are going to be doing Priestly to Main. The City has applied to this in the past multiple times in varying levels of completion and design. At this time it would include a leisure path on one side, sidewalk on the other. Pedestrian signal crossings at intersections. With the MI development that's occurring at the corner, the Spring Hill Development and any development in the future, were trying to find the best way to improve pedestrian facilities and improve the safety of the road. That's the biggest thing we are dealing with right now. We had a fairly significant accident last year on Waggoner Road with a motorcycle and a car. The curvature of the road has been an issue as well, so we will look at modifying that in some areas. We are looking at grades in the road and putting some curb in the road which would help tremendously with drainage. We are looking at lighting and some minor landscape improvements also.



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Councilmember Cotner

This is Priestly to Main, to clarify? And were 0 to 3 on this?

Director Dorman

Yes. I wasn't here previously for the others but the county engineer has agreed to support this and give monitory funds if we get this one. I know the township and school district are very for this as well.

Councilmember Cotner

And they all were last time too. Maybe now we have better financial effort on our part. I'm optimistic, I think before kept making progress each time. Almost to the point last time where we thought we got it. Double checking numbers, 9.6 million? The engineer estimate is 9.6 million, is that where we were before?

<INAUDIBLE ANSWER>

Councilmember Cotner

Ok, this is a 25% grant. The 75% which is 7.2 million is paid by the City? Auditor Cicak, if we get that loan are we good on our bond rating? You are comfortable with these numbers too?

Auditor Cicak

One of the things the Mayor, Attorney, Development Director and I talked about in the past is financing Waggoner Road with the TIF money from Spring Hill. It would make me feel better if we added language to that effect if we get the grant. I think this is just a motion to apply for the grant today.

Councilmember Cotner

Just trying to talk things through a little bit and get the information out there.

Auditor Cicak

Nothing makes me feel better more than knowing there will be money there to pay that specific bill.

Director Dorman

I believe I attached the estimate as well.



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Mayor Begeny

Just to add a couple details that are different than the last time. This time we are working well with EMH&T for their recommendations for approval. We did miss the first go around by 1 point and then the next time it was by an additional couple of points. By breaking this up into multiple phases the way we are is one of the benefits to it. We also have additional contributors on this project, MI Homes being one them. Director Dorman was nice enough to not spoil the amount that Franklin County is contributing to the project and left that for me. The amount is 1.7 million dollars that they will be contributing to the project. In addition to just under \$300,000.00 from MI as well as a contribution from Truro that I am going to be formally requesting later on this week. When you have multiple entities contributing to a process like this it will add multiple things that we did not have last time for that point value in there. In addition, the TIF that we developed last year for MI creates additional phases. For every phase that comes out, the money will We actually had it designed, if you recall last time that Waggoner Road project would not begin until we hit a certain benchmark, second phase, third phase and so on. With the MI development moving faster than expected with the housing boom, they are well into phase two, which covers majority of the cost for the second phase. The first phase is lower than the 9.9 million that was commented on, the first phase is actually 6.6 million in addition to the 9.9 on the back end. In addition, I'm sure that the cost will go a little higher than that with some of the improvements and materials cost. But the first thing with this is to get the surveying done, exactly how much right of way. Half way would be all the way across. There are a number of things in this that make a much more attractive application, specifically the commitment from County Engineer, monitorial and passionately. Usually we are calling them for things, this was one of those times where they kept calling us and saying when are getting on the list? I think this is a much better go around on this one.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe



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A MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AN EXPANDED REYNOLDSBURG CITY POLICY SUPPORTING MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND TO DIRECT ACTIONS BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO INVESTIGATE, RECOMMEND, RESEARCH, AND DRAFT A PROPOSED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG

Councilmember Strickland

Last year I started investigating how we can bring small mom and pop businesses here to Reynoldsburg for women and minority business owners. Two, I was wondering how well are we doing at a City attracting these business owners. Women and minority owned businesses are underrepresented in our economy. That's why I am doing everything I can to increase access to capital for women and minority business owners. Entrepreneurs take a vital role in economic growth and community development. Not only because they are productive members in the economy, but they help create the same opportunities by creating jobs. When minority entrepreneurs thrive, it trickles down as a positive impact on the country, state and City as a whole.

Councilmember Strickland reads the motion into the minutes.

Councilmember Baker

I support this legislation, I helped Councilmember Strickland with this legislation. The gentleman who brought up about making on for veterans, I do believe that's in the plans but it something separate, I could be wrong.

Attorney Shook

It is separate, we are working on a grant process where we can support and aid for women, minorities and veterans. That is something that the City is working on.

Councilmember Baker

This came about because women and minorities have a hard time finding support for businesses. Historically, they tend to get higher rates when it comes to trying to get loans for businesses. From the City of Respect we should stand up and help them do business here. It always been said that small businesses are the back bone of the community. The majority of mall businesses employ people too. This will help them get a leg up to open that small business. I couldn't fathom opening a business only to be told no because of your skin color or gender. It has happened, there are documented incidences of this



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happening. Here in Reynoldsburg I am glad we are standing up and saying come here, we are going to help you.

Councilmember Cotner

To clarify, this does not involve allocation of funds. This resolution is trying to direct the City to work with women and minorities. Is that correct?

Attorney Shook

We are looking at two separate things here. A grant program to provide assistance to those businesses, similar to what we did last year with the small business grant from the CARES Act money. It's my understanding that the money would come from the stimulus money that is coming from the government. That is the grant program. This resolution is to focus on the use of women and minority owned businesses as vendors for the City. As companies that we work with for our particular needs. There are cities in Ohio and around the country but they are bigger budget cities. It's a little bit of new territory for a city our size. WE are making sure to look at whatever legislation we craft and present to Council is legislation that will fit our City.

Councilmember Cotner

This resolution is putting the onus on you all to craft something that will empower women and minorities to work directly for the City as contractors. This opens a door a little bit wider. This isn't funding or a grant.

Attorney Shook

This is more permanent than a grant program. A grant program won't happen every year. This is something where we contract with vendors every year from various departments.

Councilmember Cotner

I think the challenge will be to craft something over the next 90 days to be written, when we get bids, lowest and best, we aren't taking into account, lowest and best with taxpayers dollar, and gender and race. How are you seeing that? How does that fit with law and what our charter says?

Attorney Shook

Fortunately, our charter provides flexibility to awarding contracts to lowest bidders because we use the language "and best". It's that word best that gives us the flexibility to choose what's best for our City who is perhaps not the lowest but are the best. There is a



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challenge there and we will work hard over the next 90 days. That's why I asked for the 90-period to make sure we have enough time to research and find the proper language for this legislation.

Councilmember Cotner

I think Mr. Luzader makes a good point to include veterans, we are talking women and minorities. We are still in Pride Month, LGBTQ community, is there consideration for that community as well.

Attorney Shook

There certainly could be, that is up to Council. I think with minority and women owned businesses, one of the things that makes that a little easier to get that off of the ground is that the state already has a certification process and standards by which they certify minority businesses. We have 9 certified women owned businesses in The City of Reynoldsburg. We have 11 state certified minority owned businesses in the City of Reynoldsburg.

Councilmember Cotner

Thank you, I would like to see how this evolves over the next 90 days.

Councilmember Strickland

To be clear, the reason why I brought this resolution to Council is number to keep us accountable. To make sure that we are doing our due diligence to minority, women and those that fall in that category. It has already been mentioned regarding veterans, something could come down later during the pipe. I really want this to be focused on what I presented. Secondly, I want to make sure that as new businesses come into Reynoldsburg, that we are assisting those individuals. That will come from the grant money when we get that allocated and then there will be a particular process that we go through, similar to what we did before.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

Thank you for offering the resolution and the robust conversation we are having. I would like to thank the City for these opportunities we are exploring an opening up. For instance is the City has bids for project x and often time as women and minorities, when there are opportunities available, we hear that there is no one from that community that is interested or available or that has access. I think having these conversations and work sessions for the legislation, celebrates that there are opportunities. Being considered



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doesn't mean that women or minority owned company would get the job but at least they are at the table. I'm celebrating that, then perhaps there will be a women or minority owned business that can offer whatever services that the City needs at that opportune time.

Councilmember Strickland

When we talk about baby steps, let's be clear, we have continued to do these baby steps and so it's time for us to make leaps and bounds to make sure women and minorities are at the table. For so long we haven't been there, so I want to make sure we are giving the opportunity to be there.

Councilmember Baker

I agree. How many times here in the City of Reynoldsburg has a woman or minority owned business been at the table, I can't recall any, if anyone here knows? And even if you can count on one hand that's a shame in this 100 year old City. The time for baby steps is over and let's drive forward. I am interested in seeing what Attorney Shook comes up within 90 days.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bhuwan Pyakurel, Councilman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

Reports

Clerk of Court Report

CLERK OF COURT REPORT

Clerk Prasher

The Clerk of Courts collected money from the court dates of May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27th, in the amount of \$16,673.00.

RESULT:	READ INTO THE MINUTES
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Auditor's Report

AUDITOR'S REPORTS APRIL, 2021

Clerk Prasher

The Auditor Department submitted a report for the month of April.

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West Licking Fire District

WEST LICKING FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

Councilmember Baker

As you can see in your agenda, the stats for May. Once again the West Licking Fire District is doing an amazing job in response time. We all know that West Licking County has really grown in population and development. They are doing a great job getting to people when they call in for emergencies, I want to thank them and it reflect in the agenda.

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Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for June 28, 2021.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Lawson-Rowe, Councilmember Pyakurel, Chair Baker and President Jenkins



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An Ordinance to Amend Chapter Eleven - Planning and Zoning Code for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Director Bowsher

This is a living document and we need to continue to make minor changes to make it work better for the City. I am going to go over a quick time line of where we are at. Tonight's meeting would be the first reading, the second will be the first meeting in July. There is going to be a work session this Thursday at Planning Commission. Planning Commission won't take a vote on it until the 21st. All letters of requirement for public notice have been sent out and pushed into the mail well into the 30 day deadline. You will see it the final Council meeting of July before your recess. We talked about the Development handbook and we are in fact working on that. It's a little confusing because it shouldn't be called a development handbook but yet a developers handbook. It involves a lot of service and engineering. We are working with EMH&T. It's a 3 year old document but it does not have all of the code information in it from planning and zoning, so we are changing it to make sure that it is. That is a separate issue than what we are talking about tonight. We formulated a committee that was the Mayor, City Attorney, myself, staff, BZBA, Planning Commission and Councilmember Salvati. The goal of that was get everyone together to start discussing open topics that we would like to move forward, obviously this would also have to go to Planning Commission to get a vote on. First is medical marijuana. The definition of what we are seeing it as is pretty ambiguous. We always side with the applicant when we get to that point. The goal is to not allow it to be a general pharmacy but to understand it. We are defining it in the zoning code as it is a real thing that is out there as the state has defined it itself. We need to make sure we are doing the same here in the City. I know City Attorney Shook has an ordinance after this one so I will bypass any other information. We took a look at getting a credit for a green space. We had been getting credits for open detention ponds green spaces. The goal of that is being that we are ok with said credit for additional green space or allocation on a property. With that being said the green was going to include a few items. Either it was going to include fence, natural landscaping. It becomes an amenity to the development instead of just a hole in the space that is filled with water. The idea being mean that the Planning Commission will make that recommendation when the site plan comes in and whether or not to award the 10% credit. Next, you don't have it before because we are still working on it and getting feedback from Planning Commission on additional design requirements for residential districts. We're talking about doors, windows, different design aspects. We have a very



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thorough one is our Old Reynoldsburg District and our commercial districts. This one is to give a little more teeth in our residential areas. We have not had issues coming up but Planning Commission has done a nice job of asking for specific things from various developers and we set that across the board. Additionally we talked about commercial signage, window coverage. These were things brought up by our Planning and Zoning Administrator, Ms. Wheeler for some minor changes and tweaks within that. We are eliminating the zoning permit for roof mounted solar panels, the reason for that is we already have a building permit for that because they have to get an inspection for a roof. Basically, we were double dipping and we are not trying to make people pay twice. We are keeping the zoning permit if people would like to put their panels still into the ground. We also added a building height transition requirement. That is to protect single story, single family homes from multi story density type of uses like apartment complexes or town homes, anything that is over two stories. What we did was allow 40 feet with said height transition a credit of 150%. It's to balance that out a little better then what you may see in some other areas of the City. You may have seen that in some of our Insight Districts. We got rid of them insight district because it didn't make sense in the commercial districts. We took that same concept and added it to the residential areas. Additionally, we talked about this very early on about creating an overlay district for the Huber homes. We took a look at that and we didn't know how we would like to view it. We broke it down into a couple phases. One we are creating this overlay district, it's still going to be a suburban residential Huber Homes. It will be outlined one on the map and will have additional certificate of appropriateness. The home on Retton Road that comes up on Facebook quite often and in these chambers, we do not want that to come up again. The goal is to protect that character that is there in the Huber Homes and to ensure that home that does get built into that area basically coincides with the existing homes. They will have to get a certificate of appropriateness, they will have to get approval from Planning Commission, even if it is already an allowed use, single family home. We will definitely be taking a look at the height restrictions as well. The old code and building section allowed for two and a half stories. Which currently is why that house sits the way that it does. The problem has been exasperated because they have not completed the building. It is a problem that is just compounding, we want to make sure we are going to do something about it now. Additionally there are already some of the changes that we have made that the Mayor has implemented with staff and that is major site plan. So we are including a 21 day application. Typically it was 14 days, however we are giving an extra week for staff that includes the City Engineer staff report. It's a very important document because we want to take a look



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at storm water retention and look at different types of calculation. If we want to take a look at a traffic analysis. We want to make sure that our City engineer is looking at those and not someone else's engineer that is going to give us either misled information and make sure it's correct, we are giving ourselves an extra week for major site plans. We did not have small format grocery listed as a definition, so we have added that. There wasn't an office use for Old Reynoldsburg neighborhood district. Typically, where you're going to find that is Lancaster. There are a couple office plazas that over there, they would be a legal non-conforming use right now and wanted to make sure that those were legal conforming. We took a look at the Developer Handbook. We actually brought in the City Engineer and look at residential driveway width and materials used. What does it look like if someone is going to be dedicating back road, we definitely got into the weeds on some of those. Obviously that is going to lead to more changes in the development handbook. We also removed the glass requirement for inside, it was a 60% requirement. It probably makes sense on the front of a building but when you blatantly say 60%, its all sides of the building. Typically a back side of a community is where mechanicals are. So we just got rid of that as well. Commercial lot width, there was a typo error there. We also added back from the old code, it just did not get pulled over are portable storage units or pods. You're actually not allowed to have those in the City as it currently stand but we are allowing a time for those, especially as people move. Let's talk about the map real quick. That's the next biggest thing and maybe have some questions about. We are making three map amendments. The last time you guys saw this situation. There were no map amendments at all. I think this got attached to everyone packet this evening. Three major changes. One was toward the north Lancaster, the end of our City boundary up near Broad Street. There I currently a veterinarian hospital that is located there, it was zoned originally as community commercial we feel that it is in better alignment with the insight district and actually in that area that is an allowable use for a veterinarian hospital. I think it was an oversight when we did it. There is no other Community Commercial in the area, it's surrounded by residential. There is closer insight district closer to Dynalab. Based on those uses and other conditional uses that we have, it gives the City a bit more teeth on what could be there after the fact. This is just us preparing ourselves as if it were to happen. It allows us to be able to dictate a little easier. It aligns better with how we see uses being there. Additionally, we came and found that there is a parcel that was split a long time ago over on Oak Valley, that actually came up on our BZBA meeting. Where it was both insight and suburban residential. The gentleman wants to build a few homes out there. He will still probably need to go for some variances but



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we wanted to clean where that aligns because it's not two separate parcels anymore, its one. So we are rezoning all of that. Finally, there is a lady that would like to re-zone a parcel, this is also part of a BZBA, it happens to be on East Main Street, it's 8300 East Main Street. It used to be a very old home that was built and established in the 1800's. It was on septic and well. It caught fire a couple of years ago. She would like to build an A frame home that is out there. She did not get approval, she removed her application from BZBA. It's a \$1400.00 fee, and that is very large for someone that is looking at one parcel. So what we have decided to do is we included that into this packet allowing City Council and Planning Commission to make up that choice. We can always take it out if you decide to not approve that, but we are putting it in there. It would be surrounded solely by the insight district as well. Those are the three map changes, nothing huge. It's a totally of 4 to 5 acres that are in these map changes and really were just doing clean up.

Councilmember Baker

We knew there would be changes done down the road because it's a living document and we need to do clean up along the way.

Councilmember Cotner

It doesn't seem like major issues but it does seem like a time crunch on this. There has been a special meeting called, Planning Commission is meeting. Is there a clock ticking on this?

Director Bowsher

The Council meetings will go through the normal 3 readings. The problem is we want to make sure we are giving ample time, City law in our charter states that we only have to give 7 day notice, however the attorney and myself had numerous conversations and recent case laws of the supreme courts dictates you should be given 30 day notice. We are a home rule state that was over ruled by the Supreme Court case so we are just making sure that we are giving ourselves 30 day notice when we put those out. We missed this Thursdays meeting deadline, so what we did was set it up as a work session. An extra day that you typically wouldn't get for people to come out and speak on it and then we called a special meeting on the 22nd that we voted on. But it still follows the same timeline through City Council. There is no rush or emergency language. It's going through the same timeline, we just had to have that special meeting.



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Councilmember Cotner

That bring up another point, do we need to clean that up? To give 30 days, do we want to get that cleaned up somewhere along the way?

Attorney Shook

That's a little difficult because case law is changing consistently the state of Ohio, some of which are targeted at home law. Consequently we don't necessarily know where home rule begins and ends. With some recent case law from the Ohio Supreme Court suggesting that even some of our procedural rules will be subject to state law where it effects property rights. Out of an abundance of caution, followed the Ohio Revised Code time frame as compared to our charter time frame. Just to be safe.

Councilmember Cotner

You're comfortable generally speaking to keep it 7 days other than when were able to do 30?

Attorney Shook

No, we did this in the fall and even last year when we passed this whole new zoning code, we did 30 days just in case and we will continue to do 30 days to be safe.

Councilmember Cotner

The vet clinic, is it just the one parcel and will now be an insight district.

Director Bowsher

Yea, it's a two acre parcel just up to the edge, it's surrounded by residential, the comp plan called for residential medium, which would be apartments for town homes. Given its current use, we wanted to make sure it aligned better within the existing code. WE didn't feel community commercial would align with the surrounding potential but innovation would align with the current use and any future use potentially on that space.

Councilmember Cotner

Then if the vet clinic ever retires or says they are done, someone else would have to fit into the insight district?

Director Bowsher



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Correct.

Councilmember Cotner

The 8300, I watched that meeting, she pulled that?

Director Bowsher

Yes, she withdrew her application. What she was asking for was a use variance and based on the zoning code, you as City Council have regulated that's what you want a certain thing to be. We felt that was overstepping the bounds on that, City Attorney took a ruling on that. The Oak Valley one, it's really circumventing the entire process and needs to go through a zoning code change and since we were already in the process of doing that well before she submitted the application, we just felt it was easier to take both of those applications and put them on and if those were things that we did want to see changed, then we would at least let it go through that process and not charge someone additional money to go do that.

Councilmember Cotner

Yes, it makes sense for that to be residential back there. When talking about height of buildings, Seems like this one is a little too late for example, the apartments next to the church that are going to be significantly higher than residential that comes right back behind it. Will this help prevent some of those things in the future?

Director Bowsher

Great question. So if it was the existing application, that was 3 stories next to the one story, then yes of course this would help counteract some of that. When they changed their application to two stories and they pushed their set back off of the single family properties, they would then conform to that and it gave a little more breath to them to be able to do so. But it is to prevent future incidences like that of them getting approved, especially a standard single family. We have no other residential medium zones that can be developed on. The ones that were really taking a look at are the ones that are potentially even further out east than the Eastwood Development project and other areas like that. And ensuring that we are not going to cease something, if for whatever reason somebody came in and bulldozed some land and they built next to say Huber, they wanted to do three stories and push it all the way up. The goal of that would be that they need to make sure they are stepping it and they need to show proper height delineation between the buildings and bringing it further off of the set back. It's more than just the regular code.



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Councilmember Pyakurel

The 14 to 21 days, is that permits as well?

Director Bowsher

Just the major site plans. The rest of the applications will still do the 14 days. Anything subsequent after that major site plan will get 14 days if they need to resubmit for whatever reason. The 21 days is not necessarily for the staff here at City Hall but also the contractors, our City Engineer. To give them an extra week of time to be able to review. It also allows us to get the information out to planning commission much earlier than 7 days. If they have any questions, comments or concerns, thing that are egregious, they can get back to us a lot earlier. We're making the process a lot more user friendly because were allowed to put a lot more sets of eyes on a certain document, then just quickly trying to go through something. So, though our processes can be business friendly, we want to also make sure that we are being good stewards and that we are checking applications very thoroughly.

Councilmember Salvati

As far as those two map changes, since were in the Facebook Live time because of Covid, the last BZBA meeting, if you didn't get the chance to watch it, those two items were discussed in very minute detail. It would be a great primer for when we may get to the point that we have to vote on that. If you haven't had a chance to watch that meeting, it was a good one.

Director Bowsher

The few residents that did come out for the Oak Valley one were very much in favor of it being only residential. It was a win for the residents surrounding as well.

Councilmember Baker makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

An Ordinance Establishing Chapter 785 Medical Marijuana Facilities of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

Attorney Shook

This goes hand in hand with the zoning changes that were presented. Obviously, a couple years ago the general assembly in the State of Ohio legalized, with significant conditions, the use, production and dispensing of medical marijuana in Ohio.



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Consequently, it's anticipated that the City will be presented with potential commercial activity that will be designated as medical marijuana. Activity as a processor, dispenser or cultivator and code didn't address that. We have defined as pharmacy. Our obligation when we are enforcing or interpreting that code, is to interpret it in favor of the applicant or property owner. So if it's vague, the tie goes to the property owner. The medical marijuana dispensary would have fallen under the broad term of pharmacy presented by our zoning code. We wanted to make sure that we were taking some control over the situation. Similar to what other communities have done in Ohio since that law was passed. We are proposing and presenting chapter 785, which would license and regulate medical marijuana facilities. In addition with some of the zoning code changes, we have identified some commercial districts where medical marijuana facilities might be allowed. They are all listed as conditional uses, which means that they need BZBA approval, even in those districts where we have decided that they might be allowed. We have put on conditions in the zoning code under section 1105.13, factors that would need to be applied by the BZBA in determining whether to approve those. Those factors include location limitations, a facility cannot be located within 500 feet of another medical marijuana facility. It cannot be located within 500 feet of a park, residential district, school or park. In addition, this is a significant provision that the exterior of any medical marijuana facility would need to be properly screened so that its activities, with exception of any administrative tasks, occurring inside the facility, could not be seen by the public within the right of way. We wanted to make sure they couldn't tell exactly what was going on in there. It is also for security and public safety reasons. We presented what I think is a pretty comprehensive approach, both in our zoning code and in our business regulations to how we would approach these potential businesses coming in to our City.

Councilmember Baker

Ok, sounds like we are just trying to get ahead of it before it happens, which is a good thing.

Councilmember Cotner

I am glad to see a lot of work put in it and restrictions to make sure and I think its great plan but I have one concern. You obviously know the law but the last item of implied consent to search. That seems a bit governmental. If they are a legally operating business, state of Ohio are saying they are legally allowed to operate, are we over reaching by saying our Police can go in at will at any time?



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Attorney Shook

That is an excellent question and that was a question also raised by one of the members of our working group. This is what we can quote unquote pervasively regulated business. The United States Supreme court allows for administrative searches of those kind of these types of businesses, even without a warrant. In fact, the state of Ohio under chapter 3796, code where they legalized medical marijuana, also has a similar provision by where the Department of Commerce is able to inspect these premises. The reason why we put one in for the City of Reynoldsburg, even though there is one for the state is that we have found at times the state can get a little backed up. We found that for example with some gambling operations in the City, so we had to engage in some municipal self-help efforts, without being able to rely necessarily on the state.

Councilmember Cotner

I get that. I know any regulated business, mine for example, I have an annual inspection and I don't know when they are going to come and show up and I get that but it just still worries me a bit. I think we are pushing in that a little more when we are saying the Police Department has a right to show up at their business and search. I think there is still has to be a reason that we are going in. I think we are pushing a little on that last point of it.

Attorney Shook

I totally understand and appreciate that concern and if Council wanted to scale that back, I don't think that would be an unreasonable request.

Councilmember Cotner

Even if there was a way to modify, not as much scale back. It just seems to me, the way it's written, if they are a legally operating a business dispensing medical, whether we like it or not, it's a legitimate business dispensing a medical product. That worries me that we can go in at will. That's a slippery slope there.

Attorney Shook

I understand. I think it probably sounds a little but worse when we're talking about the Police Department administering this particular chapter. In researching what other cities have done, they usually put that responsibility on their Safety Director. We don't have a public safety director here mainly because there is no fire department, so



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there is no need to have an additional administrative staff. It looks different when you say police department as opposed to administrative search.

Mayor Begeny

Deputy Chief clarified that this provision is also allowable for liquor permits as well. It's not anything that isn't already happening at establishments that sell alcohol.

Attorney Shook

Yes, they are a pervasively regulated business.

Councilmember Baker makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Laws & Court Committee meeting for June 28, 2021.

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

An Ordinance to Amend Section 505.17 Nuisance Conditions Prohibited Limiting the Number of Domesticated Animals Kept in a Residential District

Attorney Shook

This is why I presented a draft of section 505.17, subsections d and e. relatively consistent with some of the discussion we had at the last City Council meeting. I have also had the opportunity to have discussions with members of City Council generally and with committee specifically. What's presented is not proposed to be a final draft. It's presented to be furtherance of the discussion we had at the last meeting. At this time I would ask the committee to make a decision about whether they want to move this legislation forward or table it temporarily or permanently.

Councilmember Bryant

I have reflecting on this a lot since our last meeting. I think the intention is avoid another Scenic Drive and I think that's a wonderful intention to have. I was a little



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concerned that it would legislate to prevent something from happening that has already happened and have it happen again. I was a little disappointed to hear from one of our community members commenting at the beginning of the meeting that, that was not an isolated incident. Which is unfortunate and disturbing. As a pet owner myself, I don't know that I would anybody telling me how many I can have. With that said, we don't want our residents, neighbors, friends to be able to enjoy their backyard because anything I do on my property should not extend across the property line. Which includes smells and sounds. I don't know that I like a set number, given the wide variety of housing here. A house in Brookside probably can't house the same number of animals as a house out off of Taylor Road. I would be inclined to say if we are going to limit the number of pets we allow a resident to have, I feel like it should be on a square footage basis. If you have a house on Taylor you are more likely to have 2000-3000 square feet versus a house in Huber maybe where most of them have around or under 1200 square feet. Yes, so I have mixed emotions about doing this because we do have responsible pet owners in this town who are capable of caring for multiple animals. I don't know if we necessarily need to be in the business of regulating the animals in people's homes as long as what they are doing in their home is affecting their neighbors adversely.

Councilmember Pyakurel

After the last council meeting I went to 6 resident houses in my ward and none of them have any idea what we are talking about. 4 of them were saying 5 is the right number and the other 2 said it's none of our business, we know what to do. I did not give a number, they just gave their point of view. I still want to go back and talk to more people about what they want to say.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

I too am not an expert in terms of number of animals in a home. I have one dog. I asked neighbors and received their feedback. One young woman who is an animal lover, studying to be a veterinarian. Her first comment out of her gut was 5, as we further discussed, she shared that in terms of different animals, for instance cats, they are much more independent. They seek their own food. If they are out in the wild they travel in packs of 12 or 15. She was educating me. I have some notes here that I wanted to make sure I shared. She also talked about, in the case of having an animal that has a litter of puppies or kitten, would they have an opportunity to raise them to a certain point before they would be in violation. I know we discussed that. She also had another point she shared in terms of counseling. Would there be any sort of



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counseling if someone is in violation. Would be able to refer that family to some sort of counseling if they were animal hoarding or not caring for animals. She also brought up the point we discussed of those being grand fathered in. How would be keep track of neighbor A having 1 dog and neighbor B having 6 dogs, would this be a self-reporting to the City and how would we keep up with that? These were just points she brought up for us to consider.

Councilmember Cotner

The woman who spoke earlier about the German shepherds, she specifically said it was a kennel. Selling those dogs was the implication, not that they were the pets. Where is the differentiation?

Attorney Shook

Yes, a boarding house or a kennel is going to be a person or company engaged in some fashion of commercial activity. Whether it's housing them for a price, babysitting, or breeding them on the premise and selling them. It can be difficult unless they are out in the open about their commercial activity. I don't want to speak specially to that situation because we are aware of it. I think as the speaker mentioned, we have taken some enforcement action. It's still in more of an investigation zone. It can be difficult unless they are open about holding commercial activity on their property. Getting back to Councilmember Lawson-Rowe's point, with the resident she talked to, this law would be very difficult to enforce. There are a lot of laws that are difficult to enforce but the ones taking place inside the home are exceptionally difficult. We don't catch every speeder, thief or solicitor who is out without a license. Those are offenses that occur out in the open. This would be a difficult law to enforce and it would only be enforced in those extreme situations.

Councilmember Cotner

Speaking of extreme situations, the situation at Scenic Drive, these were real people not just a house with a lot of animals. The pictures shown were not just a lot of animals but a clear picture of some hoarding challenges that they faced. Unless were willing to help them, it seems very difficult to say to an individual that's responsibly owning their pets, this is the number you are allowed to have by your government, I think we are stepping into an area that we shouldn't be. If they are hosing animal feces into the back of the yard then I think we can do something about that, but placing numbers is not what our government's role is. But making sure we enforce animal rights, and neighboring property owners' rights, there is a better way to go



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about and press that way. The professionals I spoke to this last week, I didn't find one animal professional who viewed this as a positive step for pets or people. Questions came up of well how many people can live in a house, how many generations can live in a house, how many gerbils can they have? And again, the multiple professionals that I spoke to about what a number looks like, they were indignant that it was wrong that we try to place a number. That made me think a little stronger on that and people in these situation need help more than us telling them how many pets they can have in their family.

Councilmember Salvati

I too have given way too much thought to this issue, especially as a non-pet owner. One of the things that has been mentioned a number of times is the size of the house. A person in a mansion could not be responsible for one dog, person in a small house might be able to easily take care of 5. So my approach began to be I don't want to get into any of that. People counting their neighbors dogs to see if they have 5 or 6. At first, I went all the way to I just didn't want this at all, because I thought we have other statutes like nuisances laws. So if they have smells, I would think that would constitute a nuisance, if dogs are barking at all hours, if the dogs are fighting one another on a zip line, that would be animal cruelty, we are going to be able to enforce other things. I went back and forth. Is this going to be one extra helpful thing? If I am going to support anything, it's going to be a number above anything that is absolutely bad. No one should have more than x number of dogs, period. I didn't know what that number was. Or the number I came to and if we voted on this legislation, that I might vote yes, I said 10 to 15 dogs and cats. I struggle to see any home in Reynoldsburg being able to have more than 15 or so animals without that raising an alarm. That was a number I mentioned to Attorney Shook. No more than 10 dogs, 10 cats, no more than 15 of any kind of animal. That's where I ended up, if we end up tabling this or not doing it all, I wouldn't be that sad about it. If this does come to a vote and the number is the 10 to 15 or 20 range, I would probably be supportive of it but absolutely no lower. I just don't want people counting, I want to know it's a problem.

Councilmember Bryant

Thank you. You're actually pretty close to where I ended up in this as far as numbers. About Scenic Drive, I think we can all agree that 40 is too many. I think we can agree 22 German Shepherds on a rope is too many. 18 is probably too many too, and that's why this is a problem. That's why I reached out to Attorney Shook last week to say is this something we really need to do. I feel like putting a number on this would be



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suggestive. I know what my house will hold, but I don't know what anyone else's will. I am inclined to say we should pass on this for now.

Councilmember Baker

Putting a number on this is a hard pill to swallow. It's like if a family wants to have 20 kids, why you would want to, I don't know. Child care is through the roof. They are allowed to have 20 kids, however by law you have to show that you are responsibly taking care of the children. Some people treat dogs and cats like members of the family, which technically they are. There should be something we can do where we are not limiting a person's right to have 10 cats or dogs without stepping on their rights but protecting the animal or neighbors from smells. Hopefully there is something we can do. This legislation needs some work, table it until we can come to a consensus. Something does need to be done.

Councilmember Bryant

Attorney Shook part of the conversation we had is that it's like trying to enforce a speed limit with no speed limit. I caught a little bit of the speaker when I was coming in but it sounds like they were pointing out a number of sections in the regular animal and fowl code that do address nuisance factors like noise. When we overhauled the chapter a couple of years ago, I think 15 minutes of sustained barking is sufficient to make a call to the non-emergency line.

Attorney Shook

Also a very difficult law to enforce. Even an offense like speeding where we have an objective number to use and our officers have tools and people commit the offense out in the open, those can even be difficult to enforce. Most have difficulties in one fashion or another.

Councilmember Bryant

The intention is good, we don't want to see another house like Scenic Drive but I struggle to put something like that in place when everybody knows their own financial abilities and space in their house. Do you have other ideas?

Attorney Shook

One thing we have talked about is whether we have a need for an animal control officer. Someone who is specially trained in these kind of situations. That's an ongoing conversation but one of the things we generally agree on is that there is not a



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need for a fulltime officer. Maybe a way to combine those responsibilities with a code officer. I think we need one two more code officers anyway. So that is another route that we can take the increase our enforcement capabilities.

Councilmember Bryant

I think I like that idea a little bit better.

Mayor Begeny

I've had that conversation with the Mayor in Whitehall and that's the process they use. It's basically part time code enforcement, part time animal control. IF we were to add up the number of calls outside of Scenic Drive that we have had for animal complaints, it's probably less than 5 in the last 16-18 months. However, there was one today about foxes. The video that came across was cute but I don't think they want the foxes around anyone else. Then you have the challenge of finding someone who is qualified, it's just not common having that dual certification.

Councilmember Bryant

Thank you. My understanding is that we had a part time animal control office until about 10 years ago. When we redid the animals and fowl chapter under the old administration that we explore the return of an animal control officer, ideally on a part time basis.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

Some neighbors are rescue animal lovers and they rescue different types of animals. That would be something else we would have to consider in the number and timing and so forth, if at all.

Attorney Shook

Yes, that's something that was put in the latest draft, there are exemptions and so forth. One for dogs and cats under the age of 6 months, one for dogs and cats that are kept and harbored, pursuant to a rescue agreement with a shelter or a humane society. Another exemption for the dog or cat that is kept or harbored at the date of the ordinance. Those are the three exceptions that were built into the draft that was presented.



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Councilmember Bryant

I am going to move that we table the ordinance to allow for time to inquire about an animal control officer. I do feel like we have a pretty comprehensive chapter on animals and fowl. Which is not to say it shouldn't be subject to change or amend. A lot of those matters in regards to nuisances can be dealt with, with what we already have.

Councilmember Bryant makes a motion to table the ordinance. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries and the ordinance is tabled.

An Ordinance Authorizing the City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the City's Fixed Asset List of the Police Department

Deputy Chief Grizzell

Yes, this is the old paddy wagon that is out there, its 27 years old, over 75,000 miles. It's been used for various roles on the department. Surveillance at one time. Recently it's been used for prisoner transport. When we have a very resistant, combative, violent person. It's really not safe anymore at this point.

Councilmember Baker

Is this the paddy wagon with the 1970's light?

Deputy Chief Grizzell

Maybe, it has all of the old logos on it.

Councilmember Bryant makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries.

An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 121-19 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Equivant for Courtview Software, to Waive Competitive Bidding, Appropriate Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

Clerk of Courts Leslie Clark

A couple years ago I came before Council to ask for new software for our court computers. The computer software was supposed to be implemented in 2020. The company Equivant fell behind and then Covid hit, so we did not get it in. We do have money that was appropriated that we use for the yearly maintenance that we still have



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in our budget. You had asked about public access and ability to pay online with our current software, we did get a quote and that's included in the packet. There are very little changes to it. The change is adding of a hosting fee. We will use the cloud for a server, which was recommended by the IT Department. Other than that it's basically the same contract from the previous.

Councilmember Bryant makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for first read. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for June 28, 2021.

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

An Ordinance to Amend Section 1399.05 Exemptions to Vacant Property Registration of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reynoldsburg

Attorney Shook

This is a minor change to our vacant property registration ordinance, which has worked very well over the past year since Council passed it. This is to give discretion to the Service Director who over sees the program. To grant exemptions where there are no observable exterior code violations. Then there are other circumstances that might warrant an exemptions so that people property aren't on the vacant property registration. We had a couple situations come up through the registration process that might have warranted an exemption. We felt it necessary to give that discretion to the Service Director. That is the only change we are proposing.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

An Ordinance Authorizing EMH&T to Conduct Survey, Design, Engineering & Bidding Services Police Department West Parking Lot and Appropriating Funds Therefor



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Director Dorman

This ordinance as you know, we are trying to move before Councils recess in August so we don't have to have any type of emergency reading. This is in hopes of the CARE funding being released fairly soon. The Auditor spoke a couple months ago of appropriating these funds into a separate account that we would use for this project as well as the following one. Councilmember Cotner may be familiar in the past, other cities I have worked for, and it's fairly odd to have an open parking lot for the police vehicles and their personal vehicles. Typically, as they are bringing equipment to the cruisers and coming and going, as well as a Sally Port that connects to the Police Department. What we're looking at is getting a design for a fence that would go around the parking lot with access gates that would be used by card readers that we already use for their building as well. No new software. There is also a need to expand the parking lot. Chief Baker and Deputy Chief Grizzell and I have talked about this as well. Now that they are almost at full staff, which is great but there is a need for additional space. We would also like to move some City vehicles over there as well that are not currently secured overnight. This again would be for the design on the perimeter fence as well as expanding the parking lot, which would be to the north toward that parks and rec space that is not utilized. Another major improvement it would include is a car port. I provided some photos as an example, not that we proposing but just as examples. It keeps the cruisers covered during the winter months, they don't have to go out shovel, de-ice, and warm-up the cars. We would also have some security lighting under there as well.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries.

An Ordinance Authorizing EMH&T to Conduct Survey, Design, Engineering & Bidding Services for a Traffic Signal Interconnect and Preemption System Along the Main Street Corridor (Brice to Waggoner Roads) and Appropriating Funds Therefor

Mayor Begeny

This comes to you from a number of concerns that the community has expressed for a number of years. Apparently there is traffic in Reynoldsburg, I did not know if you were aware of this. Occasionally, it gets backed up and that doesn't include when we have actual construction on Main Street. In anticipation of the America's Recovery Act coming in, I engaged in some brief conversations with EMH&T, our City



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Engineer to discuss the possibility of different ways we can improve traffic flow in the City. What they came up without getting too technical is wireless radio transmitters that will connect all of the traffic lights from Brice Road to Waggoner Road. It would allow for easier flow of traffic in and out of the City based on the time of day. So if your leaving Reynoldsburg in the morning, it's going to be a lot easier out toward 270, same coming in the other way. In addition, conversations with Chief Sharps with TTFD have come about with what is known as a preemption system. What you have seen is well all pull over to the side for emergency vehicles, the idea is the emergency vehicles could click something to turn all of the lights green as they approach an intersection which improves safety for all fire and EMS services. This could be the difference in life and death in all honesty with the timing and dealing with traffic. Reduces the risk with vehicles who may not be paying attention. Between those two things to improve everything on Main Street as well as the safety functions, this was the perfect use for the America Recovery Act funds. Given the amount of construction going on with the paving, we figure if we were messing everything up now, let's keep going with it and get all of this stuff done at the same time. IF passed by Council the traffic counts and study would begin after school starts so they can get accurate of a count as possible. From there is just depends on the process and the time it takes to get materials, we would hope to get it done this year.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

An Ordinance Authorizing EMH&T to Conduct Survey, Design, Engineering, & Bidding Services for the Graham Road Multi-Use Trail/Sidewalk Extension (Palmer Road to Livingston Avenue) Project and Appropriating Funds Therefor

Director Dorman

We talked about reusing our sidewalk funds and finding these missing links in the City where we have sidewalks that go to nowhere. This was a project that we have talked about in the past. This would be the sidewalk on the East side of Graham, right in front of Livingston House. It cross the creek and go up to the 5 corners. We had some great conversations with the Franklin County engineer office late last year as well. They control that bridge and they have been willing to do the design for the bridge and construction in house, they have their own crew. If you're lucky enough to get ahead of the schedule, they are willing to do some of that work occasionally. That



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will save the City quite a bit of money, the crossing is the most challenging part of this project. This will authorize EMH&T to go out and start doing the design work and survey work. They have agreed to share that data with the County engineer and they can use it to develop their plans. With a goal of going into design sometime next year.

Councilmember Pyakurel

Thank you. That has been, the bridge has been very difficult for the people. I think this is an excellent thing, thank you.

Councilmember Baker

This has been a long time coming. We have been trying to get sidewalks for a long time up Palmer Road with the residential and businesses there, there has been increased traffic. And for the safety of it, walking up and down the side of the road in the dirt. I'm glad to see this is happening and kudos.

Director Dorman

I think its important too as we start to program that park more and the Livingston House, we had the Artist Makers Market over there which was great and the concerts. Eventually there will be a need where the parking lot is not big enough and they will want to park off site somewhere and walk and that provides them that ability to just go and park. The metro park is such a key aspect of that area as well, we want to provide that connectivity.

Councilmember Strickland

I would like to thank you for collaborating with the engineers and coming together and having those conversations.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

An Ordinance Authorizing EMH&T to Conduct Survey, Design, Engineering, & Bidding Services for the Hill Road Methodist Cemetery Improvements and Appropriating Funds Therefor



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Director Dorman

Yes, I know we had some correspondents from someone from the public about this earlier. We have done a few project with cemetery and historic ones as well. This is the cemetery that sits up around the VFW. There is no fence around, just a few small areas around some plots. AS the City looks at development that will occur to the north of this site, as well as improvements we want to do Quarry Park as well as Waggoner Road, we want to make this an attractive area. My background is in landscape architecture, when we were in college, we typically went and walked cemetery, because that's the only place trees grow in their natural state and never get touched. They plant them, they grow and maybe they get trimmed. A cemetery is a great place for people to go and walk their dogs. We go and study them. It's a nice place. You don't want it to feel like a fortress or prison yard, but we want to define the area and give it some security. We want it to fit with the history as well, whether that's a powder coated aluminum fence or wooden fence with columns and a gate. Once we get through this, we will share that with Council. There is the option of adding lights to the columns as well.

Councilmember Strickland

I know we did hear some information about maybe some vandalism happening, has anything happened at this location?

Mayor Begeny

I had conversation with the Deputy Chief and Chief Baker today. They cannot find anything within recent memory, however the resident who was very passionate about this, brought it to my attention earlier this year. Said that this past the hill can be used for sledding which is great but it may have caused damaged to the head stones as well as maybe some other things. Now whether that was reported in or evidence was found is not the case. The reality is a fence around it is something that would be needed for the historical value over time.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

Please tell me the difference between this historical cemetery and the other one there on behind the strip plaza. The reason I am asking is because that cemetery is fenced. I was walking the other day and resident can only access that cemetery during business hours and we must contact Parks and Rec.



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Mayor Begeny

I am familiar with it. I think there has been some confusion in the past on whose jurisdiction this cemetery belongs to. I was under the impression this is Truro Townships area, however we have found out that this is not the case. I would like to think this is just something that has slip through the cracks. In the past 30-40 years it was turned over to the City and then all of the sudden people forgot about, we thought it was Truro and they thought it was ours. Now we know it's ours. It would probably be under the same operation, if you wanted to access it, you would contact Parks and Rec. I don't believe we have had too many request for that specific cemetery but I will check with the Director tomorrow.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries.

An Ordinance to Accept an Unrecorded Deed of Utility Easement (24 Square Feet) from Meyersco Builders, LLC, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman

This is part of the Main Street phase 1 project. Which is from Davidson Drive down to Jackson, which we are going to be starting the week after the fourth. We have asked the contractor to wait until after the holiday. It's been enough of a headache right now with Columbia Gas out there and the demolition of the old Vick's pizza. We appreciate everyone being patient with us out there. ODOT is pretty much done with paving in the Licking County portion in our district. The Franklin County portion will start the end of July and it will be night time work. We will put that on our website. ODOT will be re-paving the Franklin County Main Street portion, Route 40 beginning I think July 27th. It will be night time work. Hopefully they will be off the road and cleared by the time you come to work. The next items, 6 through 11 are all relating to pieces of property that the City needed to do this project. The one we are talking about now is the Visiting Angels sight. There is an old traffic signal there suspended by a wire. Most traffic signals in the City are suspended by a mast arm. When we redo the street were going to put one of those signals in here so it will match the street scape that you see on Main Street. We are also widening that intersection to allow better turning movements onto Lancaster. This allows us to put that traffic signal back behind the sidewalk and onto the property.



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Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a single read emergency. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

An Ordinance to Accept an Unrecorded Deed of Utility Easement (24 Square Feet) from Robert E. Kenyon, Jr., and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman

This is the property to the west of Visiting Angels, I think it was an antique sale. Items 6 and 7 are easements, meaning the property owners still own the property but we have the right to go in and put the signals there.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a single read emergency. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

An Ordinance to Accept an Unrecorded Right-Of-Way Deed (0.003 Acres) from Kevin Patel, LLC, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman

This is the property to the east, on the southwest corner of Jackson and Main Street. Once again and pole goes there that we are installing for pedestrian access.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a single read emergency. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries.

An Ordinance to Accept an Unrecorded Right-Of-Way Deed (0.014 Acres) from Jack and Leshan Sun, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman

This is the Happy Dragon, the City was hopeful we would have the property done prior to but the transaction was no complete. AEP is wanting to get out there and we need to get the pole moved so the contractor can get out there. Within the next several weeks hopefully the property will be signed fully in our name.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a single read emergency. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries.



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An Ordinance to Accept an Unrecorded Right-Of-Way Deed (0.005 Acres) from Trivium Reynoldsburg Developments, LLC, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman

This is the southeast corner of Jackson and Main. There is a Methodist church that recently sold to Trivium, I believe is the new owner. Once again this is for a traffic signal pole and as well as a signal cabinet. One thing I should mention too is were trying to get all of our traffic signals to have a batter back up system that they operate when we have a storm and lose power. They don't have to use unnecessary man power to traffic control at the intersection. So part of the upgrade would include the back-up system.

Councilmember Baker

The walk signal that's in front of Prost, is there any talk about switching it out and getting something more effective.

Director Dorman

Yes, I think when we redo this project, you have to understand that curb line is coming out and it's being narrowed, those signs will be out in traffic more and be more visible. I think that will help and when we re-stripe it too it will define the median a lot better. You are going to notice with the trees and the landscaping. The feel of that is going to make people just go slower. The signal will be pushed out further about 5 feet into the road.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a single read emergency. Second by Councilmember Pyakurel. Motion carries.

Roll Call: Councilmember Cotner: Abstain, Councilmember Lawson-Rowe: Aye, Councilmember Pyakurel: Aye, Chair Strickland: Aye.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Right-Of-Way Deed (0.017 Acres) to the City of Reynoldsburg to be Filed with the Franklin County Recorder's Office, and Declaring an Emergency



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Director Dorman

This area is Memorial Plaza, yes we have to dedicate our own property to ourselves. It is a dedicated right of way.

Councilmember Strickland makes a motion to forward the ordinance to Council for a single read emergency. Second by Councilmember Lawson-Rowe. Motion carries.

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for June 28, 2021

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Baker, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Strickland, Chair Salvati and President Jenkins.

An Ordinance to Amend the Personnel Procedure Manual Regarding Fleet Safety Policy Medical Marijuana, and Juneteenth Holiday

Director Boller

As you know a few weeks ago we asked for changes to the PPM, since the federal government has now deemed Juneteenth as a federal holiday, we would like to add that as a paid holiday for employees.

Councilmember Baker

Will this substitute for another or is this an addition?

Director Boller

An addition.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

I was like to publicly recognize the City of Respect for recognizing this holiday. Since it is under the umbrella of the Emancipation Proclamation, is one of the most important events our country has witnessed in American history on the Juneteenth story highlights the sub story of the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation and celebrating Juneteenth as a holiday reminds us how far we have come and how much further we need to go. It shares the story of the slavery era did not end when the



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Emancipation proclamation was handed down. It shares the story also of our ancestors and offers those untold and unshared stories and the progression of American history.

Councilmember Salvati makes a motion to amend the ordinance to add the Juneteenth holiday. Second by Councilmember Strickland. Motion carries.

Roll Call: Councilmember Baker: Aye, Councilmember Bryant: Aye, Councilmember Strickland: Aye, Chair Salvati: Aye.

Councilmember Baker

Thank you to the Mayor for putting this forward.

Councilmember Salvati makes a motion to forward the amended ordinance to Council for a second reading. Second by Councilmember Bryant. Motion carries.

Consent Agenda for Emergency Adoption

75-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER PAVING FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE 2021 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --
- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

76-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2021 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --
- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.



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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

77-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH VISU-SEWER, INC. FOR THE 2021 SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

78-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2021 SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY -- - Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

79-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE FUNDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Salvati. Finance and Administration Committee.



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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

80-2021

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Salvati. Finance and Administration Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

81-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN UNRECORDED DEED OF UTILITY EASEMENT (24 SQUARE FEET) FROM MEYERSCO BUILDERS, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

82-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN UNRECORDED DEED OF UTILITY EASEMENT (24 SQUARE FEET) FROM ROBERT E. KENYON, JR., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.



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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

83-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN UNRECORDED RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED (0.003 ACRES) FROM KEVIN PATEL, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

84-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN UNRECORDED RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED (0.014 ACRES) FROM JACK AND LESHAN SUN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY - -- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

85-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN UNRECORDED RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED (0.005 ACRES) FROM TRIVIUM REYNOLDSBURG DEVELOPMENTS, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

Councilmember Cotner requested that this Ordinance be removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote.



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RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kristin Bryant, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe
ABSTAIN:	Cotner

86-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED (0.017 ACRES) TO THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG TO BE FILED WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Shanette Strickland, Councilwoman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

Consent Agenda for First Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO --- Baker. Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 785 MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG --- Baker. Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 505.17 NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED LIMITING THE NUMBER OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS KEPT IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT --- Bryant. Public Safety, Law and Courts Committee.



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RESULT:	ITEM HELD
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO REMOVE EQUIPMENT FROM THE CITY'S FIXED ASSET LIST OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT --- Bryant. Public Safety, Law and Courts Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 121-19 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EQUIVANT FOR COURTVIEW SOFTWARE, TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING, APPROPRIATE FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Bryant. Public Safety, Law and Courts Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1399.05 EXEMPTIONS TO VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMH&T TO CONDUCT SURVEY, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, & BIDDING SERVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEST PARKING LOT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMH&T TO CONDUCT SURVEY, DESIGN, ENGINEERING & BIDDING SERVICES FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECT AND PREEMPTION SYSTEM ALONG THE MAIN STREET CORRIDOR (BRICE TO WAGGONER ROADS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.



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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMH&T TO CONDUCT SURVEY, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, & BIDDING SERVICES FOR THE GRAHAM ROAD MULTI-USE TRAIL/SIDEWALK EXTENSION (PALMER ROAD TO LIVINGSTON AVENUE) PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EMH&T TO CONDUCT SURVEY, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, & BIDDING SERVICES FOR THE HILL ROAD METHODIST CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL	Next: 7/12/2021 6:30 PM
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Consent Agenda for Second Reading

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Louis Salvati, Councilman
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 373 BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG TO REMOVE BICYCLE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS --- Bryant. Public Safety, Law and Courts Committee.

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 2000 MXU METERS FROM SENSUS FOR THE UPGRADE PROGRAM AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.



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AN ORDINANCE TO CERTIFY NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH 54 SCENIC ROAD IN THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL PROCEDURE MANUAL REGARDING FLEET SAFETY POLICY MEDICAL MARIJUANA, AND JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY --- Salvati. Finance and Administration Committee.

Consent Agenda for Third Reading

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember
SECONDER:	Louis Salvati, Councilman
AYES:	Cotner, Baker, Bryant, Strickland, Salvati, Pyakurel, Lawson-Rowe

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AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT PLAN FOR THE SPRING HILL FARM DEVELOPMENT, SECTION 2, PART A --- Baker. Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.

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AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT PLAN FOR THE SPRING HILL FARM DEVELOPMENT, SECTION 2, PART B --- Baker. Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.

89-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY NUISANCE COSTS (2020) FOR COLLECTION BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY NUISANCE COSTS (2020) FOR COLLECTION BY THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR --- Strickland. Public Service and Transportation Committee.



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AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE BRICE ROAD/MAIN STREET TIF FOR AGENCY TRANSFER TO ALLOW FOR PAYMENT TO THE REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT --- Salvati. Finance and Administration Committee.

Other Council Matters

Councilmember Baker

I dropped the ball at the last meeting but I want to thank all the first responders, nurses, doctors and teachers. We are still in a pandemic but its ending. I also want to thank the African American Wellness Walk for attending the PRIDE festival and offering wellness screenings.

Councilmember Pyakurel

Your dance in the Farmers Market Councilmember Baker.

Councilmember Lawson-Rowe

I would like to personally and publicly congratulate Councilmember Pyakurel for completing his very first 5K at Reynoldsburg Juneteenth and our littlest competitor Alex Shook for competing his very first 5K in baseball cleats. He ran the 5K with his Dad, congratulations!

Upcoming Meetings

June 17, 2021 BZBA
June 22, 2021 Special Planning Commission
June 28, 2021 Council
July 1, 2021 Planning Commission
July 12, 2021 Council
July 15, 2021 BZBA
July 26, 2021 Council

Adjournment

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Leanora Jenkins, President of Council



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Mollie Prasher
Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council