

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
January 11, 2016

President Doug Joseph called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Joseph, Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

ABSENT:

Invocation - Councilman Chris Long

Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council – Special Meeting – December 21, 2015

Minutes stand approved.

- b. City Council – Special Meeting – January 4, 2016

Minutes stand approved.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands approved

Community Comments and Requests

None

Communications

None

Reports

2016 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANS

Kirsten Carr: Good evening Mayor and Council Members. Thank you so much for having me here today. For those of you who are not familiar with MORPC, we are a volunteer association of local governments. We have about sixty members in a fifteen county area. Reynoldsburg is one of our members and your Economic Director Dan Havener is actively attending our commission meetings as a representative for your community and is doing a great job participating in regional collaboration. At MORPC, we work on all kinds of different issues related to our region, anything from energy and air quality to land use economic, water quality, pedestrian safety, planning, local food events. If you go to our websites, you can find a lot of the information that you need there. We have the transportation planning and funding agency for the area, and we do a lot of policy and government relations work as well. That is why I am here today, to talk to you about our Metropolitan Transportation Plan, or we refer to it as the MTP. I would like to introduce the plan to you and we are soliciting comments through February 15th as well. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is our long range transportation plan and it identifies regional transportation priorities, such as highway, bicycle, pedestrian transit projects, over the next twenty-five years. It is updated every four years and the plan is submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. It must be fiscally

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balanced, meaning that the project included must be financially feasible in the time frame of twenty-five years. So, as part of us doing transportation and funding, we function as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, or MPO, and in that regard, we only cover those two counties and the adjacent counties, Franklin, Delaware, and parts of Licking, Fairfield, and Union Counties. So, the City of Reynoldsburg is part of it. And, as part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, you are eligible to receive federal dollars for your transportation projects through MOPRC, and through our process. If you remember, I was here a few months ago talking about a project called inside 2050, where we discuss the demographic growth in Central Ohio, and that is really why we are doing the MTP. Our region is expected to grow over 500,000 people in the next forty years. For the MPO area alone, it is 300,000 people, and 200,000 new jobs. With a growing population and demographic changes, there becomes certain needs for our transportation infrastructure as well. But, the other reason we are doing the MTP, and why it is important, is for the allocation of federal and state transportation dollars. In order for a project to be eligible to receive federal and state transportation dollars, it has to be listed on the MTP. So, our team worked hard over the last year or so, to create the MTP. Here you see the timeline and the different milestones that were part of this, so we started stating goals which are basically broad statements of the vision that we want to aspire to, where we want the region to be in 2050. And, we created objectives which are essentially measures to track our progress to achieve these goals. We have benchmarks of where we are today so we can measure against them, and we set certain targets in terms of what we want to attain, and a variety of different metrics. A lot of land use variables fed into this process, and where we looked at our local communities' plans, including yours, to move forward. As I mentioned before, the plan is fiscally constrained so every project can be included. That is why we also developed a certain set of project evaluation criteria as well. I will talk about them a little further in a minute. Last, but not least, we also develop a set of strategies that really guide the work that we do at MORPC to again help accomplish those targets. Throughout this entire time, we had public input and review as well, and we set out eight newsletters about it. There are six goals that are really addressing the topics of energy consumption, natural resources, economic opportunity, sustainable neighborhoods, regional collaboration, health, safety, and welfare. So, a lot of project evaluation criteria were measured against it. One of the components of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, is our Active Transportation Plan, and the goal of that plan is to ensure that people can safely get around by walking, biking, or using transit. So, we had a very good steering committee, representative of our region that helped us come up with a plan and basically identify twelve regional key corridors that cross multiple jurisdictions, and really were in need of ensuring that we have sufficient bicycle, pedestrian and transient infrastructure around it, because of the land use nature of the population density, the percentage of people that didn't have cars around it, the key points of interest, and so forth. When we asked the steering committee what they wanted this plan to look like, they said, "please do not give us this large document that ends up sitting on our shelves. Just make it easily available and functional." So, we created this new tool which is an online story map, and if you go to morpc.org/atp, you can see it. It is very easy to peruse, and it has all the information on the app, but one of the key things is an interactive map, so you can zoom into a specific area/roadway, and look at crash data, the population density, traffic volume, points of interest, and anything that you may need to make a determination as to what kind of transportation facilities would be best for that area. Are shared

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roads enough? Do you need a bike route or do you need a multi-use path? Do you need a transit line, or not? And so, there is also a dictionary that talks about these different types of transportation facilities. The other piece is a cost estimator tool that was really done for the City Staff, as well as for you. You can go in and say you are widening a road but now you are thinking of adding some sidewalks as well. This helps you identify what the additional costs would be to add these sidewalks. So, you as decision makers can then work with staff to say, is it worth it to put an additional \$300,000.00 in this project, but at least we are going to get sidewalks on both sides. We are seeking input on that one as well. Here is an example of those key corridors and how it is set up. As I mentioned before, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Active Transportation Plan is fed by the local communities plans and by the regional document plans like COTA's Next Gen Plan where they are looking out forty years in terms of what the transit needs should be. The City of Columbus has a very detailed Connect Columbus Thorough Fare Plan process going on. In addition to it, we have developed an interactive map and solicited public comments as well. Any resident could draw a project on that and say what they wanted it to be. At the end of the day, we collected almost a thousand candidate projects for that 25 year period. As I mentioned earlier, they can't all be built because of financial constraints, so we started to use the project development criteria such as, does a project improve safety? Does it improve congestion? What about air quality? What is the land use for a certain area? Also taking in some qualitative data in terms of what we have learned about a specific project, and then, how much it would cost. We had about 550 roadway specific projects that were narrowed down to 309 projects. The subset of that for Reynoldsburg, you are reviewing today in terms of what we think should be included as part of the MTP. This is your screen shot for the City of Reynoldsburg, and beyond. Since I am a Reynoldsburg resident, I already have a comment because I know that Taylor Road is mentioned and I know Taylor Road is already being constructed, so it should not be on that long range transportation plan. Those are the type of comments we are looking for. But also, if you see a project that is not on there that you feel has higher value, or higher importance, please let us know. Or, if there is a project that you feel should not be on there, let us know that as well. You have a handout in front of you that lists the projects on the map, and also specifies what that project is intended to accomplish, and how much it is estimated top cost, as well. We have the candidate bike and pedestrian projects. They have not gone through the evaluation projects so this is still the very raw list. We are still interested in your input and feed back on those projects as well. As I mentioned before, we are looking for your feedback at this point. February 15th is the time frame for the first comment period and then we will take all the comments and send out a second draft. We have an open house on March 15th that we invite you to come and attend and be part of it. We have to adopt the plan in May 2016, to be compliant with ODOT standards. I get to present but I am really not the staff lead for this one, Maria Shafer is, and there is a very generic email that you can submit comments to as well, mtp@moarpc.org. Thank you so much for your time. Do you have any questions?

Parks & Recreation Report- Community Center

Ms. Bauman: Thank you President Joseph and Members of Council. Just an update on where we stand and what we have done up to this date. The City and the Hadler Company are currently in negotiations regarding the purchase of the pool property which includes the pool, the Bingo

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Hall, the banquet facility, and the house. Some preliminary meetings have taken place to gather insight from the community members as to the amenities that the citizens might want to find in a community center, or YMCA. We have toured the Groveport Recreation Center, and the Delaware YMCA. We have met with Phil Baldeuccim of Phil Baldeucci and Associates Marketplace Intelligence to discuss a survey that he is going to conduct to help identify the recreation needs, and the residents willingness to support a community center. The survey is going to be conducted the week of January 18th and it is going to be a random sampling of approximately 400 residents by phone, and then there is going to be an additional 300 residents that are going to be contacted that are currently members of another YMCA. The press release was sent out and should hit papers this Thursday. Once the survey results have been compiled, Phil Baldeucci will come back and present those to us, and we hope to have a Town Hall meeting sometime in February to release those. Any questions?

Councilman Long: A very large percentage of people no longer have a home phone. Are they taking that into consideration?

Ms. Bauman: Yes, they have a way to get cell phone numbers as well. He has that capability.

Council President Joseph: Thank you.

Ms. Bauman: Thank you.

LEGISLATION REQUIRING ONE READING

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AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE EASEMENTS OVER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1118 BRIARCLIFF ROAD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY --- Clemens. Service Committee.

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Clemens, Ward IV
SECONDER:	Chris Long, At Large
AYES:	Clemens, Cotner, Long, Skinner, Cicak, Luzader, Spalding

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING CHAPTER 1301 DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION; CHAPTER 1305 PERMITS AND FEES; CHAPTER 1325 RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO FOR 1,2,AND 3 FAMILY DWELLINGS; CHAPTER 1335 FLOOD AND DAMAGE PREVENTION; CHAPTER 1339 OHIO BUILDING CODE; CHAPTER 1363 SWIMMING POOLS; CHAPTER 1507 OPEN BURNING; CHAPTER 1511 FIRE PREVENTION CODE; AND ENACTING SECTION 153.01 DEFINITIONS OF CHAPTER 153 FIRE DIVISION; AND CHAPTER 1501 GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1307 APPEALS AND VARIANCES; CHAPTER 1351 FENCES; AND CHAPTER 1395 MULTIPLE DWELLINGS, DORMITORY ROOMS, ROOMING HOUSES AND ROOMING UNITS. (SECOND READING 1/25/2016). --- Clemens. Service Committee.

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING CHAPTER 1131 DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 1143 ZONING CERTIFICATES; SITE PLAN; PLOT-GRADE-UTILITY PLAN; CHAPTER 1155 ENFORCEMENT; PENALTY; CHAPTER 1161 ZONING DISTRICTS; CHAPTER 1171 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR LOTS AND YARDS; AND ENACTING CHAPTER 1159 NONCONFORMING USES & STRUCTURES; AND REPEALING CHAPTER 1195 NONCONFORMING USES. --- Clemens. Service Committee.

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING CHAPTER 1103 DESIGN REVIEW BOARD; CHAPTER 1139 BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS; CHAPTER 1147 VARIANCES; CHAPTER 1193 "HD" HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT AND REPEALING CHAPTER 163 VILLAGE COMMISSION; AND CHAPTER 1194 HISTORIC COMMERCIAL OVERLAY. --- Clemens. Service Committee.

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING CHAPTER 1111 GENERAL PROVISIONS; CHAPTER 1115 PRELIMINARY PLAT; CHAPTER 1119 FINAL PLAT; CHAPTER 1127 STANDARDS; CHAPTER 1355 HOUSE NUMBERING; CHAPTER 1180 LANDSCAPING AND BUFFERING STANDARDS; AND ENACTING CHAPTER 919 TREES; PART 17 NUISANCE AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE: TITLE 1 PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TITLE 3 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; AND REPEALING CHAPTER 543 TREES AND NOXIOUS VEGETATION; CHAPTER 1367 ABANDONED OR INOPERABLE SERVICE STATIONS; AND CHAPTER 1369 NUISANCE ABATEMENT; CHAPTER 1389 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PLAN. --- Clemens. Service Committee.

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO: AMENDING CHAPTER 174 PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS; CHAPTER 509 DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND PEACE DISTURBANCE; CHAPTER 741 SOLICITORS; CHAPTER 905 STREETS GENERALLY; CHAPTER 909 SIDEWALKS; CHAPTER 913 PRIVATE ROADWAYS; CHAPTER 960 STORMWATER REGULATIONS; ENACTING CHAPTER 975 REFUSE COLLECTION; AND REPEALING CHAPTER 731 GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION; AND CHAPTER 732 RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, RECYCLABLES, AND YARD WASTE. (SECOND READING 1/25/2016). --- Clemens. Service Department.

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE FOR CITY AUDITOR, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND WATER DEPARTMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (FIRST READING 1/11/2016~ REQUESTS PASSAGE AT SECOND READING). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

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LEGISLATION FOR SECOND READING

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - 2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE". (SECOND READING 1/11/2016). --- Cotner. Finance Committee.

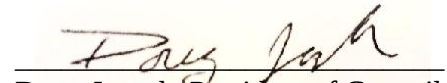
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Adjournment


April L. Beggerow, Clerk of Council


Doug Joseph, President of Council