

PORT CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Port Clinton City Council held in the Linda Hartlaub City Hall Chambers. Lisa Sarty, President of Council, presided and the meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

The roll was called and the following council members were present: Pat Hovis, Margaret Phillips, Jerry Tarolli, Lisa Slobodzian, Beth Gillman, Roseann Hickman, and Gabe Below.

Mr. Below moved to adopt minutes for July 27, 2021, July 31, 2021, and August 2, 2021 with corrections provided; seconded by Ms. Phillips: all agreed.

The chair noted certification had been received regarding the compliance with the rules and notification of this meeting.

GUEST PRESENTATION None

PUBLIC COMMENT Tom Reed, 409 E. Second Street, Port Clinton, Ohio

Encourage Council to vote against the zoning change (Ordinance 19-21). He supports commercial developments within the City. However, he feels current traffic situation of Fulton Street is a concern, adding to it would increase additional traffic due to commercial property will be problematic.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL Currently there is no mask mandate. Council members and public are welcome to wear masks. This will be addressed on a meeting by meeting basis, based on what the Ottawa County Health Department recommends. If you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask per the CDC.

New Ordinance:

Ordinance 22-21, first reading. Administration asks that it be passed on the first reading due to being time sensitive. Ms. Shenker will advise further.

Ordinance 23-21, first reading. This ordinance will be assigned to the Finance Committee. Per Administration, it can go all three readings.

MAYOR'S REPORT

This past weekend was busy throughout the City.

- The 2021 National Match – Civilian Marksmanship Program ended this past weekend. Many of the participants from all over the country wanted to extend a Thank You to many of the new opportunities happening in and around the City of Port Clinton.
- Arts in the Park was a huge success.
- The Jerry Lippus Classic Car Show was bigger and better than past years.
- Visions VR (in PC Plaza) had an open house. Was well attended.
- The beach was packed; not only with sunbathers, but the local fitness group held their workout on the beach.
- The Art Garage (TAG) had the Eddie Adams: Vietnam Pulitzer Prize - winning photojournalist collection on display (on loan from Dublin,

Ohio). This display will be available to view through November 14, 2021. www.gpcaac.com for times and dates available.

- Meals on Madison (M.O.M.) was the busiest weekend of the year.

TAG will be having a Live and Online Art Auction on Saturday, August 21, 2021. This is to raise funds to continue to rehabilitate their building at 317 W. Perry Street.

Sunday, August 15, 2021, Public Safety & Athletes (formally known as Special Olympics) will be held at N. Jefferson Street, Pier. They will be arriving from Put-in-Bay around 4:30 p.m. Public welcome.

Out-N-About Columbus filmed a segment with Mayor Snider and Tracy Colston earlier in the week. This segment will be broadcast in Columbus on Sunday, August 15, 2021.

Just after Labor Day weekend, the Wetlands along Perry Street will be having activity to fix damage from the Memorial Day weekend storm. In addition to addressing new plantings.

Waterfront Walkway construction will begin after Labor Day Weekend. With a completed date of May 2022, weather permitting.

Boy Scout Troop 360 will be conducting a campout at Waterworks Park September 10 – 12th. Expecting 500 scouts and family members.

There is a significant amount of trees and driftwood piled at the High Ground. This is from several trees falling into the river due to a storm. The Boy Scouts will be conducting a bonfire Saturday, September 11, 2021, weather permitting. Community welcome to attend.

August 22, 2021, is Port Clinton Day at the Toledo Mud Hens game. The Jet Express is offering a ride to the game and admission to the game for \$50.00. Please visit www.jetexpress.com to make reservations. There is a nine-block walk to the stadium; golf carts will be available by the Jet Express for those who need assistance. You may purchase the admission ticket only by calling the Toledo Mud Hens Stadium (419-725-4367).

August 30, 2021 is the first day of school locally, which means Fall Sports. August 20, 2021, will be the first home PC Football game against Bellevue.

TREASURER’S REPORT Not present

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT Ordinance 22-21, Ohio Attorney General and other local governments engaged in litigation against the top three pharmaceuticals companies. They sued for the damages for their negligence in distributing opioids to people who probably did not need them. There was a national opioid agreement (settlement) on July 21, 2021, and an OneOhio subdivision settlement that came shortly after. The Ohio Attorney General reached out to all the Counties, Cities, Townships, and Villages throughout Ohio on August 3, 2021, and requested that everyone who would like to receive funding from this settlement to pass an ordinance or resolution stating that they would like to execute the participation agreement. In our case a letter from the Safety Service Director and Ordinance 22-21 must be submitted by August 13, 2021. The City of Port Clinton stands to receive funds from the State of Ohio, approximately \$20, 000 in 2021. Potentially more to come later. The purpose for the money is to promote the use of abating the epidemic throughout Ohio. There is a long list of items it can be used for: education, Police Department, Fire Department, etc. This would benefit the City. Due to the August 13, 2021 submittal date, Ms. Shenker asked Ordinance 22-21 to be passed on the first reading.

SAFETY SERVICE Help with Others Program (H2O) currently has 67 participants.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT Not present

FIRE CHIEF REPORT Not present

Finance Committee:

Mr. Below:

The Finance Committee were assigned Ordinance 20-21 and Ordinance 21-21. The Committee has not be able to meet prior today’s third reading. Mr. Below will request Council to table these two ordinances until August 24, 2021. The Auditor has no issue with tabling these ordinances.

Economic & Community Development Committee:

Mr. Below:

The Committee met, August 3, 2021, and voted 2-0 to recommend approval of Ordinance 19-21 as written.

Ms. Hickman:

Environment and Public Works Committee:

Nothing to report

Ms. Phillips:

Safety Services Committee:

Nothing to report

Mrs. Gillman:

Arts and Culture:

Nothing to report

CORRESPONDENCE

Economic & Community Development Committee meeting minutes

Ms. Philips moved to approve correspondence as submitted, second by Mrs. Hickman. All Agreed.

THIRD READINGS

Ordinance 18-21

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE JUNE 2021 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE PORT CLINTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below moved to retain the emergency clause on Ordinance 18-21; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Below moved to adopt Ordinance 18-21; second by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 19 -21

AN ORDINANCE REZONING TWO PARCELS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 221 FULTON STREET AND 517 E. THIRD STREET AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON

Mr. Below moved to adopt Ordinance 19-21; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Ms. Slobodzian inquired if the either of the two parcels in question are in the designated community investment area? It was determined that she was inquiring about Community Reinvestment Area (CRA). Are there designated areas? Has the developer or landowner made a request for a CRA on these two properties? Mr. Colston stated they have not. Mr. Hatfield advised if they do submit for a CRA it will come to Council for approval and agreement. The schoolboard is also involved. This is all done prior to shovels hitting the ground. The CRA has to be submitted and approved prior to the construction or upgrading of the property not the plan submittal.

Mayor Snider advised the landowner or developer has not submitted the official plans as of yet. Just a preliminary plan was provided with the rezoning application; which was not required with the application.

Ms. Slobodzian advised that there are currently eighteen parcels zoned General Business (GB). Of the two parcels, she has no problem with the Fulton Street parcel. The East Third Street parcel she is concerned that going beyond the alley; would be moving GB into another quarter. Has some trepidation with that. Some may say we are expanding into the residential quarter.

Mr. Below advised that of the eighteen parcels only three are filled with businesses. The remaining fifteen are filled with homes. He does not feel that it is filled to capacity. Just because it has a GB designation does not mean it is guaranteed to see any new construction or add to traffic patterns.

Mr. Below advised Mr. Reed he obtained a report from the Port Clinton Police Department regarding traffic accidents around town and the Fulton, Second and Third Street locations.

Citywide, the PD responds to an average of 90-100 crashes of various types and severity per year, maxing out at around 114. In the 200-400 blocks of Fulton Street, there were six in 2020. Five involved no injuries; one involved a (visible) injury. In 2019, six, just two involved injuries. Going further back to 2016, three.

He asked, does PCPD find there to be a disproportionate number of crashes along Fulton Street 200-400 block compared to other notable corridors within the City? No.

Fulton Street 200-400 block

2016	3; 1 visibly injury; 2 no injury
2017	5; 1 possible injury, 1 visible injury; 3 no injury
2018	4; 1 visible injury
2019	6; 2 possible injury; 4 no injury
2020	6; 1 visible injury; 5 no injury
2021	4; all no injury

These also include trucks being stuck at the railroad underpass.

Any traffic issues that are problematic now we need to address them. If there is a serious problem then lets fix it. The City has implemented traffic studies in the past. We have the City's commitment to work on any traffic issues if there any.

On the GB designation, the baseline permits no residential use; except when granted by the Planning Commission through a Special Use Permit. That means the GB district will reduce the number of families living on those two parcels. Construction of multi-family dwellings, apartments, and or condominiums require a Special Use Permit. That process includes several criteria's the applicant will need to satisfy. That is beyond Councils jurisdiction. Commercial use like stores, restaurants, etc. would be the only use permitted by the proposed zoning change. Anything further would need approval from the Planning Commission. The potential of new businesses and rejuvenation of the corridor is a worthwhile endeavor. Even if the conceptual plan falls apart. If one new business / new build and the only employee is the operator, he believes it is worth keeping the door open for that can happen.

In a past meeting it was brought up that, we are at capacity that cannot be done there. Mr. Below does not believe that is the case. You would be essentially saying to Mrs. Gagnon to keep her store closed to never open again. He does not see this a traffic safety issue.

Ms. Phillips stated initially she was against the rezoning of the two parcels. When Mr. Below provided additional information at the Special Council meeting, she started to reconsider.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 20-21

AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND FIXING THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY POSITIONS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below moved to table Ordinance 20-21; seconded by Mr. Tarolli.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 21-21

AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN SUPERVISORY POSITIONS CLASSIFIED AS NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON, OHIO, NOT COVERED BY A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND REPLACING ANY PREVIOUS ORDINANCES REFERENCING SALARIES FOR CERTAIN NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Below moved to table Ordinance 21-21; seconded by Ms. Phillips.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

SECOND READINGS

None

FIRST READINGS

Ordinance 22-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021, NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT WITH MCKESSON CORPORATION, CARDINAL HEALTH, INC., AND AMERISOURCEBERGEN CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Tarolli moved to waive the three required readings; seconded by Mr. Below.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to retain the emergency clause; seconded by Mrs. Hickman.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Mr. Tarolli moved to adopt Ordinance 22-21; seconded by Mr. Below.

Results of a voice roll call are as follows: Ms. Phillips, yes; Ms. Hovis, yes; Ms. Slobodzian, yes; Mrs. Hickman, Mr. Tarolli, yes; Mr. Below, yes; and Mrs. Gillman, yes. Motion carried 7-0: per Mrs. Sarty

Ordinance 23-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-21 OF THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON AND ADJUSTING ACCOUNTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PORT CLINTON.

No action taken – Ordinance 23-21 will be moved to second reading on August 24, 2021, at the regular scheduled Council meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Gillman – Nothing to present

Ms. Slobodzian – Nothing to present

Ms. Philips – Many are using the concession stand at Lakeview Park. The park has been crowded. We are doing well.

Mrs. Hickman – Nothing to present

Mr. Tarolli – Has the beach wheelchair been used as of yet?

Mr. Colston advised, no.

Ms. Hovis – Nothing to present

Mr. Below – The water portion of the infrastructure improvement, what should residents should expect next.

Mayor Snider advised the below ground portion we are still searching for additional funding sources. The final diagrams are being put together with the assistance of Mr. Petersen and Mr. Bacak (City employees) with Poggemeyer Design Group.

There will be a lot more activity depending on above ground portion from the results of the November 2, 2021, ballot.

There will be visible work starting the first quarter of 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Phillips moved to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Hickman. With all those in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Sandra Ostheimer
Clerk of Council

Lisa Sarty
President of Council