

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 16, 2016

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers. All members of City Council were present. City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Law Director Richard Benson, Fire Chief Barry Saley, Development Coordinator Jonathan Millea, and City Engineer Roger Kobilarcsik.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Knapic moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman shared his thoughts on the transportation discussion held earlier during the Health and Leisure meeting. This has been something the City has been working on for at least a year. It's been a part of the City since the early nineties. Due to increased gas prices, most of the providers were driven out of business. The Committee reviewed the transportation program to ensure it was fitting to the current needs of the City. The Mayor fully supports the changes and believes it's the right plan, at the right time.

Christmas Run Park is open. There was a soft opening last Friday. The grand opening will be June 14th.

The Mayor encourages council to support the EZ application concerning the LuK Enterprise agreement. This is a great opportunity for the City and will bring 250 new jobs to Wooster.

Lastly, the Mayor asked Council to approve Ms. Linda Applebaum as our new Law Director for the City of Wooster.

President Buytendyk moved for unanimous acclimation of the Mayor's nomination of Linda Applebaum to become the next Director of Law. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

- Change in stock ownership to El Campesino Enterprises, Inc. Liquor License.

Councilwoman Knapic moved to waive a hearing, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Councilman Myers, who chaired the Health and Leisure Committee meeting, reported there was great discussion on the proposed changes. Several service providers, as well as representatives of Community Action of Wayne/Medina Counties, were present.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Councilman Ansel would like to propose a schedule for consideration of the annual Tax Budget. The first reading will be of the 2017 Tax Budget on June 6th. On June 20th, before City Council session there will be a general review at 6:30pm. A public hearing will be held during the Council meeting, along with the second reading. On July 5th, the third reading will occur and a vote will take place, if it's not passed after the second review. It has to be passed by July 15th and has to be submitted to the County Auditor by July 20th.

VI. OLD BUSINESS [None]

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading- RESOLUTION 2016-30 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ulbright)

The City of Wooster desires to enter into a written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual winter road salt bid. The contract will require the City to purchase 90% of its salt from the awarded supplier as well as purchase a minimum of 4,000 tons of salt each year for the next two years. The City has never entered into an agreement such as this before. With an unstable salt market it is difficult to predict and budget salt prices from year to year. Partnering with ODOT will allow the City to purchase salt at a fixed price and minimizes the risk of paying higher prices. In past years, during severe inclement weather, salt had been hard to find and emergency salt prices were significantly above normal purchase costs. The City will have the availability to access more without paying the emergency price. With the contract, salt prices will be capped at 110%. The City can no longer reliably find cheaper salt through other resources.

Councilman Ulbright moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Cavin. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilman Cavin, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

2. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2016-31 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel stated that the municipal Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) reviewed the existing Enterprise Zone (EZ) agreements and recommended that all active agreements should be continued in effect. The 2015 active agreements have resulted in the creation of 162 jobs and retention of 2,492 jobs. The program is working exceptionally well.

Councilman Ansel moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt Resolution was passed 6-1 (Ansel-yes; Cavin-no; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

3. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2016-32 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WOOSTER TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT AGREEMENTS (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel explained that the TIRC reviewed the existing Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) agreements for the past year and recommended that all such agreements should be continued in effect. Since 2005, the agreements have resulted in \$27,893,792 in new property improvements, while creating 144 jobs and retaining 261 jobs, primarily in Downtown Wooster. Through this program, approximately \$1.3 Million was invested in residential community and development.

Councilman Ansel moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ulbright. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by

Councilwoman Knapic, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Note: Mr. Cavin had to leave the meeting to attend to an urgent personal matter.

4. First Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-33 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT CHRISTMAS RUN PARK; TO ACCEPT SUCH A GRANT IF AWARDED; TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Myers)

Councilman Myers noted that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has funds available for public recreation purposes. The City of Wooster would like to re-purpose the existing upper courts at Christmas Run Park for the use as pickleball courts. Tennis popularity has been on the decline while pickleball has been on the rise. If the grant is awarded, the new courts would mean possible tournaments and additional patronage for the City's businesses, hotels, and restaurants.

Councilman Myers moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Ulbright. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-absent; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Myers moved, seconded by Councilman Ulbright, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-absent; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Note: Mr. Cavin returned to the meeting.

5. First Reading- RESOLUTION NO. 2016-34 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION OF WAYNE/MEDINA COUNTIES FOR THE PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS (Myers)

The City would like to propose that Community Action of Wayne/Medina Counties (CAW/M) become the administrator of the Taxi Pass Program to create better and more efficient use and promotion. Funds have already been budgeted and approved for transportation service.

Ms. Knapic recused herself from consideration of the matter due to a client conflict.

Councilman Myers moved, seconded by Councilman Ulbright, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-abstain; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

6. First Reading- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-15 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH LUK USA, LLC, FOR CERTAIN TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel explained that the Enterprise Zone agreement would allow for the abatement of 75% of real property for ten years with the provision that LuK USA, LLC would remain in Wooster for an additional year for each year of the abatement. This agreement would retain 1,859 employees, while creating another 250 jobs.

Councilman Ansel moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Ansel moved, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Ansel-yes; Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Cavin offered congratulations to Ms. Applebaum. Councilwoman Knapic also wanted to welcome Ms. Applebaum as new Law Director and to thank the Mayor as well. Councilman Sanders announced that on June 13th at 6pm, at Council Chambers, they will have a Public Utilities Committee meeting to receive further updates regarding the work that is going on at the waste water plant with Quasar. Councilman Silvestri congratulated Ms. Applebaum to her appointment and to Ms. Sturgeon as Clerk of Council. Finishing up the evening, Councilman Ulbright congratulated the Council on the LuK Enterprise agreement and stated the repurpose of the tennis courts to accommodate pickleball would be a good use of the space. He also congratulated the new Law Director. It is fantastic and great news for the City of Wooster.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ulbright moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Silvestri. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Christa Sturgeon
Clerk of Council