

WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 2, 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

Councilman Myers moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016 meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Knapic. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman shared brief details from his trip to Bühl, Germany and the LuK expansion; he stated it was a very productive trip and one that was very beneficial for the community. Also in attendance were Director of Administration Joel Montgomery and Chamber representatives, Mr. Justin Starlin and Mr. Mark Morrison. Wooster was in direct competition with two other facilities located in Fort Mills, SC and Pueblo, Mexico. Wooster secured the contract due to the \$1.5 Million offer from the State of Ohio. The City of Wooster was able to offer a job Creation Tax Credit, and the Enterprise Agreement that offered a 75% tax abatement of the property. The Wooster Growth Corporation was instrumental in being able to offer the tax abatement upfront instead of waiting till the end of the year.

The group was able to meet at the home office of LuK. They met with three of the board members of the Schaeffler Group, which is the parent company of LuK. LuK will be celebrating their 40th anniversary in our community next year.

While they were gone, the hospital had the ground breaking ceremony for their expansion. Also, Director of Law Benson represented the city at the Tree City ceremony. The City has received the Tree City award for 40 consecutive years and sets the example of what a Tree City ought to be. Christmas Run Park is still closed to the public. A soft opening will occur once finished and the city will join Kiwanis for a grand opening event during their Strawberry Social on June 14th. There will be a reception before the next City Council meeting to meet the new Law Director.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ANNEXATION OF MUNICIPALLY-OWNED PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CORPORATION LIMITS, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.14, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO PROSECUTE THE PROCEEDINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECT IT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic reviewed the supplemental materials attached to the legislation and reviewed where the City of Wooster purchased land located on Lincoln Way West which formerly housed the local offices of the Ohio Department of Transportation; and together with an adjacent parcel of land acquired in 2006, the two parcels can be utilized by the city's Public Properties Maintenance Division; The Council

is asked to authorize the Director of Law to prosecute the proceedings necessary to effectuate the annexation of the parcel.

Councilwoman Knapic 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). Councilwoman Knapic 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. 2016-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE OF ORDINANCE NO 2016-12 AND RESOLUTION NO. 2016-20 (Ansel)

Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2016-12 is amended to \$50,000 from \$125,000 to be transferred to the General Fund from the Capital Improvements Fund. Section 2 is amended to state Capital Improvements Fund instead of General Fund. Both amendments are intended to correct errors in the referenced legislation.

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).

3. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANT MONIES; TO APPLY SUCH FUNDS, IF AWARDED; AND TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Myers)

Councilman Myers shared the details about the grant the City of Wooster has the opportunity to apply for through the Ohio Department of Transportation for the construction of two, ten-foot wide connector trails, totaling 1.15 miles, through its 2016 Transportation Alternative Program. If awarded, the funds will cover approximately eighty percent (80%) of the costs of construction, and the balance will come from the capital improvements fund. With the deadline for application being sooner than thirty (30) days, this was declared to be an emergency as prompt action was necessary to initiate the process.

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-yes; Knapic-yes; Myers-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes). Councilman Myers moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri, 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).

4. First Reading – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR MAKING AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel shared details about the renewing the partnership agreement between the City of Wooster and Wayne County for the purposes of applying to the Ohio Development Services Agency to receive and administer grant funds for PY 2016/18. This was declared to be an emergency as prompt action was necessary so that the application could be submitted prior to the deadline of May 6, 2016.

Councilman Ansel moved to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading, seconded by Councilman Myers. 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).

5. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2016-28 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WAYNE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel communicated the Council's desire to authorize an agreement with the Wayne Metropolitan Housing Authority (WMHA) to administer consulting services relative to the application filed by Wooster for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program for 2016. This application is being made on behalf of Wooster's partnership with Wayne County. The Mayor authorized the City to enter into the agreement. This was declared to be an emergency as prompt action was necessary so that the application could be submitted prior to the deadline of May 6, 2016.

6. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2016-29 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW TO ENGAGE OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR REPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE LITIGATION OF A LABOR ISSUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Cavin)

Councilman Cavin motioned to move into Executive session to discuss sensitive personnel matters, 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 Cavin motioned for the Council to come out of Executive session, 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).

The purpose of the legislation is to authorize funds for outside counsel to handle a complex litigation matter involving one of the city labor unions. Due to the time sensitive nature of the litigation Councilman Cavin 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 Cavin 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 Ulbright congratulated the Mayor and administration for representing the City during their visit to Germany and encouraging LuK to increase their presence in the City. It was a fabulous message and tremendous good news for the community. He also congratulated the group on the Tree City award and the groundbreaking at the hospital.

Councilman Ansel congratulated the Administration for their work to make Wooster, Wayne County, again the top 10 micropolitan in North America. It is unbelievable. Prosperity is really a collaboration of everyone's hard work and the dedication to the City and municipal leaders. Ansel is very proud all of all their accomplishments, the \$100 Million dollar investment, the local Kiwanis community leaders going and resurrecting a premier playground for future generations of our city, and the 40 year track record of Tree City America. Thank you, keep up the good work.

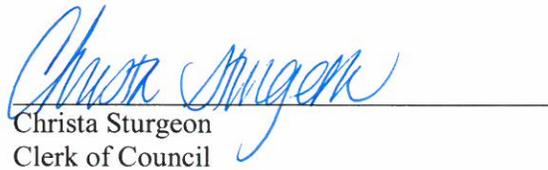
Councilman Cavin also wanted to congratulate the group on the great economic news and welcome the new clerk of court as well. President Buytendyk thanked Director of Law, Dick Benson, for all his work as acting Clerk of Counsel and echoed the sentiments of the previous council members and congratulating the administration on their outstanding achievements and work. He also complimented the council on the many things that they have passed with foresight and regard to lay the groundwork and foundation for the good things that have been happening in the City of Wooster. He recognized the councilmembers and Administration for the marvelous work they have done in the successes for the City.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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



Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council



Christa Sturgeon
Clerk of Council