

**WOOSTER CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**February 6, 2017**  
**7:30p.m.**

**I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA**

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at a little after 7:30 p.m. in council chambers. The following members were present: Jon Ansel, Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, Scott Myers, Craig Sanders, David Silvestri, and Jon Ulbright.

City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration, Joel Montgomery, Director of Finance, Andrei Dordea, and Law Director, Linda Applebaum.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Myers moved, seconded by Councilman Ansel to approve the minutes of January 17, 2017, regular meeting. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION**

The Mayor stated that he provided a summary of points for consideration concerning Ordinance 2016-27. He understood that Council had been flooded with information and hoped this would help. He said that there is a CRA application for deliberation. He added that this would usually come with a recommendation from Wooster Growth, but because of a conflict of interest that there would not be a recommendation to City Council.

A memorandum from the Mayor was received, and he requested two reappointments to the Income Tax Board of Review:

1. James Lanham
2. Greg Long

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri to approve the reappointments to the Income Tax Board of Review. Upon voice vote, both nominations were approved unanimously.

**IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC**

Council received a liquor license notice regarding a request for a new B class permit from Enzian Group, LLC, Smoke the Burger Joint, 2016 Beall Ave, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Ansel, not to request a hearing. Motion carried unanimously

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Councilman Ulbright stated that the Committee discussed the OHM layout and design for the Downtown Center Green. Construction will begin in the Spring.

Councilwoman Knapic stated the Laws and Ordinance Committee discussed the Meijer traffic study and electronic signage.

The following members of the audience spoke regarding Ordinance No. 2016-27:

Mr. Donald Williams, 537 Memory Lane, opposed  
Mr. Bob Reynolds on behalf of his clients, 839 Forest, opposed  
Mr. Mark Gooch, 1636 Gasche Street, opposed  
Ms. Janice Gallagher, 241 E. Beverly, opposed  
Ms. Lanie Wess, representing Meijers, 4454 Idea Center Blvd, Dayton, Ohio, in favor  
Ms. Betsy Ackerman, 2610 Monterey, opposed  
Mr. Crisman Jones, representing Meijers, 2929 Walker Ave, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in favor  
Mr. Greg Gehris, 345 N. Grant Street, opposed  
Mr. Addison Goodell, 100 Salter Road, opposed

The following members of the audience spoke regarding Ordinance No. 2017-05:  
Mr. Greg Gehris, 345 N. Grant Street, in favor

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Tabled- ORDINANCE NO. 2016-27  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, SO AS TO RE-ZONE LAND TO A C-5 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST MILLTOWN ROAD, BETWEEN COMMERCE PARKWAY AND OAK HILL ROAD (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Ulbright to remove Ord. No. 2016-27 from the table. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously (Ansel – yes; Cavin-n/a; Knapic-yes; Myers – yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; and Ulbright-yes).

Councilman Cavin recused himself from the discussion. Councilwoman Knapic explained her position and rationale against supporting the Ordinance. Councilman Ulbright added his points of concern for the zoning change.

Councilwoman Knapic moved, seconded by Councilman Ulbright to adopt. Upon roll call, the motion failed unanimously. (Ansel – No; Cavin-n/a; Knapic-no; Myers – no; Sanders-no; Silvestri-no; and Ulbright-no).

2. Second Reading – ORDINANCE 2017-02  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY THE ADOPTION OF A TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1169 (Knapic)

Councilman Cavin returned. Councilwoman Knapic stated that this Ordinance would allow for increased development in the Downtown.

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

3. Second Reading – ORDINANCE 2017-03  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN, ZONING, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, SO AS TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP AT 1039 PERKINS AVENUE (Knapic)

Councilwoman Knapic stated she spoke with Attorney Matt Long concerning the Ordinance and will leave it on second reading.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. First Reading - RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CONTRACT FUNDS (Sanders)

Councilman Sanders stated that during construction of the sanitary sewer replacement the contractor encountered a buried concrete headwall that increased the project cost above the approved \$50,000 limit. The legislation requested that Council approves additional monies that will not exceed \$52,500 for work performed.

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

1. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRAKE POINT RECOVERY CENTER LLC FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Myers)

Councilman Myers invited Mr. Jonathan Millea, Economic Development Coordinator, the City of Wooster and Mr. Ryan Sheridan, Owner and Executive Director of Braking Point Recovery Center to speak. The project will result in the hiring of approximately 50 staff persons to operate a recovery center for substance abuse, provide counseling and medical care in downtown Wooster.

Per President Buytendyk's recommendation, there will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 5:30 to discuss the CRA application.

2. First Reading - ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (Ansel)

Councilman Ansel reported that this is to appropriate funds received from the AEP Energy Saver program for energy efficient upgrades in the city's parks and downtown.

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

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

#### **IX. MISCELLANEOUS**

Councilwoman Knapic stated that the Wooster Police Department and the Wooster Fire Department would be collecting funds Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Buehler's for a memorial that will be located at the new safety center building. Councilman Ulbright congratulated those who attended the council meeting and for their participation. Councilman Silvestri thanked everyone for coming and for their input, calls, and emails. Councilman Sanders expressed that he had received more communication from the community on the rezoning issue than any other issue and he appreciated the feedback and the willingness of the community to share their thoughts. Councilman Myers added that he received an overwhelming amount of comments and letters and calls and he had spent countless hours researching the issue. He expressed that it was great to have the input and hoped more citizens would continue to reach out to their councilmembers on other matters as well. Councilman Cavin thanked Bill Sheron, CEO of the Wooster Community Hospital for the splendid meeting held earlier in the evening and for the exceptional job they do for the community. Councilman Ansel complemented the citizens of Wooster for their feedback and to the thorough and complete deliberation on behalf of council. He thanked Councilwoman Knapic for her summation of factors that influenced the unanimous vote. He expressed his appreciation of the Wooster Community Hospital and thanked them for their service and engagement in the Community. Councilman Ulbright added that the hospital is nationally recognized and that the citizens of Wooster can be proud.

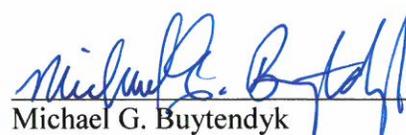
#### **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

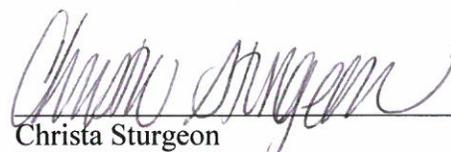
Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilman Myers, to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Ansel – yes; Cavin- yes; Knapic- yes; Sanders- yes; Silvestri- yes; and Ulbright- yes).

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

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Ulbright moved, seconded by Councilman Silvestri, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned.

  
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Michael G. Buytendyk  
President of Council

  
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Christa Sturgeon  
Clerk of Council