

City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD June 4, 2019

This *SPECIAL* Council Meeting was called to order by Council President Anthony D. Biasiotta at 7:42 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present and accounted for were Mayor Dell'Aquila, Assistant Director of Law Tobin, Director of Finance Herwick, Councilman-at-Large Elliott, Councilwoman-at-Large Kelly, Councilwoman-at-Large Stager, Ward 1 Councilman Biasiotta, Ward 2 Councilman Martin, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilman Greenwald, Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson, Building Commissioner Vittardi, and Engineer Collins.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to waive the twenty-four-hour delivery requirement for:

Ordinance No. 83-2019 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH SNIDER RECREATION INC., OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING AND INSTALLING THE SLIDE AND THE CLIMBER AT THE JOHN GLENN PLAYGROUND; APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$6,612.00 FOR SAID REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

and to amend the Agenda by entering Ordinance No. 83-2019 onto the agenda as Item No. D-3, as an emergency measure.

Council President Biasiotta stated:

“This is an emergency measure that we are adding to the agenda, waiving the twenty-four hour rule because we have a deep cut in the slide at John Glenn. It is unrepairable and it is a safety risk to the children that do use that slide. That is the reason for adding the emergency provision this evening.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

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There were no questions or comments from the audience.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

Ordinance No. 81-2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1121.09, MAYOR TO APPOINT ASSISTANTS, OF CHAPTER 1121, ADMINISTRATION, AS CONTAINED IN TITLE THREE, LOCAL BUILDING PROVISIONS, OR PART ELEVEN, BUILDING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPECIFYING GUIDELINES AND COMPENSATION FOR AN ASSISTANT BUILDING COMMISSIONER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Ms. Stager, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to read Ordinance No. 81-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 81-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Ms. Stager, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to pass Ordinance No. 81-2019 as an emergency measure.

Mayor Dell'Aquila stated:

“I want to thank Council for considering both Ordinances this evening, Ordinance No. 81-2019 and Ordinance No. 82-2019. As Council is aware, we currently have a provision in our Seven Hills Codified Ordinances, Section 1121.09, which does provide, since 1965, that the Mayor is authorized to appoint an Assistant Building Commissioner, Plumbing Inspector, and Electrical Inspector. However, in reviewing that ordinance and compensation ordinances that exist within the City, there is no compensation provided for that position, which raises an issue.”

Mayor Dell'Aquila continued:

“We have recently received notice from our existing Building Commissioner, Rich Vittardi, who has done such a great job for this City, that he wishes to retire. After receiving that notice from him, we began searching for another Building Commissioner. We are fortunate to have another gentleman who does have his credentials, his licensure, who I intend to nominate this evening with Council's concurrence, I hope. The idea here is.....if I am able to persuade Mr. Vittardi if he would be willing to stay on, on a part-time basis, up to sixteen-hours a week, to fill the position that has existed since 1965 without compensation. In order to do that, obviously, we have to pay him, which is what this is about. The goal is, that once and if Council does approve all of this, we will then have two, part-time employees working to fill those positions. They both will complement each other since they have different licensures. In some instances, they will be able to do some outside inspections.”

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Mayor Dell'Aquila continued:

“One will be able to fill in for the other, and neither one of them is going to be requiring any benefits, like medical insurance. Together they will be earning significantly less than the average salary throughout the area for a full-time Building Commissioner. As I say, we are going to be then providing our residents full-time coverage for significantly less than is experienced in other communities. Again, I thank Council for considering both of these Ordinances and I request their passage.”

Council President Biasiotta stated:

“I would also like to comment and just give a summary. High-level – both people are retirees, neither will be receiving benefits. The total of both salaries together is significantly less than any Building Commissioner, generally speaking, in the area, or well below the median, I should say to be specific. Last but not least, it is very similar to a job program where Commissioner Vittardi brings his electrical permit and the Commissioner has the credentials and it allows the City to meet all of the State requirements for the many, many permits that are required of a Building Commissioner. It is an ideal situation for both individuals and it is certainly a bargain for the City of Seven Hills.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 81-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 82-2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.091, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 151, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THE COMPENSATION FOR AN ASSISTANT PART-TIME BUILDING COMMISSIONER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Martin, to read Ordinance No. 82-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 82-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Martin, to pass Ordinance No. 82-2019 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to read Ordinance No. 83-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.

Council President Biasiotta stated:

“I would like to add the reason for the emergency tonight is that the slide is broken and it is a safety issue. We want to remedy this as soon as possible.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 83-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to pass Ordinance No. 83-2019 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 83-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.

OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

OTHER BUSINESS

Appointments and Confirmations:

Mayor Dell’Aquila:

Mayor Dell’Aquila stated he would like to make a nomination for the position of Building Commissioner. Mayor Dell’Aquila stated he would request that Council concur with the appointment of Mr. Robert Houpt as Building Commissioner.

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MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Stager, to confirm and accept the appointment of **Roger H. Houpt** to the position of City of Seven Hills **Building Commissioner**.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Roger Houpt's appointment to the position of Building Commissioner is hereby approved.

Mayor Dell'Aquila stated that he had a second request for the appointment of former Seven Hills Police Lieutenant, Jeff Gezymalla, to fill the current vacancy on the City of Seven Hills Civil Service Commission.

MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta seconded by Mr. Elliott, to confirm and accept the appointment of **Jeff Gezymalla** to fill the current vacancy on the City of Seven Hills **Civil Service Commission**.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Jeff Gezymalla's appointment to the Civil Service Commission is hereby approved.

Mayor Dell'Aquila thanked Council for the confirmation of both appointments.

OTHER BUSINESS (continued):

Mr. Elliott:

MOTION by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Biasiotta, to authorize an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$2,895.00, payable to Greenscape USA, of Parma, Ohio, for sod to be delivered and installed at Calvin Park.

Mr. Elliott stated:

"This is for all three fields. It is basically a safety hazard, to cover up the stone that was placed there several years ago, for drainage that did not work properly. This will help keep the new infield dirt in place."

Council President Biasiotta stated:

"This enables the installation to begin immediately."

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Martin had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Snitzky had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Greenwald:

I would like to congratulate Mr. Houpt and Mr. Gezymalla on their appointments. I think after talking with both of them, they are very qualified for those positions.

Ms. Stager had no miscellaneous comments.

Ms. Kelly had no miscellaneous comments.

Council President Biasiotta:

I want to publicly thank our Service Department. Our annual Park Maintenance Program is well underway. There is some to go, but I want to give credit to some of the items that have been accomplished so far.

The certified playground mulch has been installed on all of our playgrounds at this point. I was over earlier today at North Park taking some pictures -- it looks great. In addition, over at North Park, we have dug out and re-did the sand at the volleyball court. This is the first of many updates and TLC that is on schedule, and has been on schedule, for North Park. Some we will see in a matter of days, and others in a matter of a week.

In addition, we have some upgrades planned for general maintenance for John Glenn.

We are all familiar with the really, really good things happening at Calvin Park. I invite the public to join us on Opening Day this coming Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Mayor Dell'Aquila:

Just a point of clarification -- Mr. Houpt will be coming on as our Full-Time Building Commissioner. I may have misstated 'part-time' because he is not deriving any benefits, but he will be full-time. Thank you.

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Council President Biasiotta replied, "Thank you for the clarification. The Building Commissioner is full-time. I think Mayor Dell'Aquila had the faux pas because neither are receiving benefits. The Ordinance speaks to the clarity that it is the Full-Time Commissioner.

There was no further business brought before Council.

MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

The June 4, 2019 Special Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Anthony D. Biasiotta, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____

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(Edited C. Sekerak)