

City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD September 24, 2019

This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Anthony D. Biasiotta at 8:07 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Motion to Excuse Absence

MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Mr. Greenwald, to excuse the absence of Councilwoman-at-Large Stager from tonight's Council Meeting due to illness.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

MOTION by Mr. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Martin, to accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held August 24, 2019, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to accept the Consent Agenda of September 24, 2019, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION

There were no Resolutions of Commendation.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, October 22, 2019. Mr. Snitzky said that the minutes from the previous meeting (September 17, 2019) are on file with the Clerk of Council.

Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Greenwald stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, September 3, 2019, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Greenwald said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.

Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairperson Stager was not present. Council President Biasiotta stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, October 8, 2019.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Elliott stated that the minutes from the last meeting (September 17, 2019) are pending. Mr. Elliott said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, October 22, 2019.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Martin stated that he had no report due to the fact that he was not present at the last meeting.

Council President Biasiotta stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, September 17, 2019, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Council President Biasiotta said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, October 22, 2019.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairperson Kelly stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, September 3, 2019, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Ms. Kelly stated that the Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday evening, October 8, 2019.

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Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Biasiotta stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday evening, September 17, 2019, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Biasiotta stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, October 8, 2019.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no appointments or confirmations.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

The Clerk of Council stated she would like to acknowledge that Council received a petition today, September 24, 2019, opposing proposed Amended Ordinance No. 126-2019. Mrs. Sekerak stated the petition was captioned:

“I am opposed to an ordinance requiring Seven Hills dog owners to leash and/or tether their canines on private property when attended to.”

and contained the signatures of 32 Seven Hills residents.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 110-2019 -- AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$26,866.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) HUSTLER SUPER Z HD 72” VX4 DECK 36HP VANGUARD MOWERS, WITH FLEX FORKS (\$24,366.00), AND ONE (1) DECK OVER TRAILER TANDIUM AXEL WITH FOLDING RAMPS (\$2,500.00), WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR USE IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, SAID PURCHASE TO BE MADE FROM BAKER VEHICLE SYSTEMS, OF MACEDONIA, OHIO, THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING CONTRACT (STS #800604).

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MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to table Ordinance No. 110-2019. **Council President Biasiotta** stated that the subject ordinance is proposed to be tabled until the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance No. 110-2019 was tabled.

Ordinance No. 119-2019 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A 2019-2020 MyCOM REGIONAL AGREEMENT (PARMA REGION) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING MyCOM IN CONNECTING GREATER CLEVELAND’S YOUTH TO COMMUNITY BASED QUALITY PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES.

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to read Ordinance No. 119-2019 by title only for its third and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 119-2019 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 119-2019.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 119-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 125-2019 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR RATE GUARANTEE AGREEMENT COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2020, WITH UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, FOR THE FURNISHING OF LIFE INSURANCE FOR QUALIFIED FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4.50/\$25,000 LIFE INSURANCE, \$0.50/\$25,000 AD&D, AND \$2.43/DEPENDENT LIFE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND GIVE FORCE AND EFFECT TO SAID LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGES; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600.00 ANNUALLY FOR SAID COVERAGE.

Ordinance No. 125-2019 was read by full title only for its second reading.

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Amended Ordinance No. 126-2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 505.01, DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 505, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF PART FIVE, GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to table Ordinance No. 126-2019.

Roll Call: Kelly, yea; Elliott, yea; Greenwald, yea; Snitzky, yea;
Martin, nay; Biasiotta, yea.

5 yea, 1 nay

MOTION CARRIED

Amended Ordinance No. 126-2019 was tabled.

Ordinance No. 128-2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 305, TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE, SECTIONS 305.01 AND 305.02, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, BY ADDING THERETO A “NOT A THRU STREET” SIGN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF EAST ENGLEWOOD AND W.9TH STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to read Ordinance No. 128-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 128-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Greenwald, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to pass Ordinance No. 128-2019 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 128-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 129-2019 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH STERICYCLE SHRED-IT, OF BRECKSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE 2020 SHRED EVENTS TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS; APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200.00 FOR SAID SERVICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Biasiotta, to read Ordinance No. 129-2019 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 129-2019 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

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Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 129-2019 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Resolution No. 25-2019 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (OML) POSITION ON H.B. 49 AND H.B. 5 (CENTRALIZED TAX COLLECTION) AND ASKING THE OML TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS AS A MUNICIPALITY SUPPORTING THE OML AMICUS BRIEF BEFORE THE OHIO SUPREME COURT.

Resolution No. 25-2019 was read by full title only for its first reading.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Dell'Aquila gave the following report:

Thank you, Mr. President -- just very briefly.

I was just informed -- and thanks to Finance Director Herwick -- the City of Seven Hills has successfully received a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. This grant is for the Fiscal Year 2019 Bullet-Proof Vest Partnership Solicitation. I just received a notice mid-day today that the City of Seven Hills has received matching funds of \$1,866.45 to apply toward the acquisition of new police bullet-proof vests. Thank you.

Council President Biasiotta responded by saying, "Great news."

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Director of Finance Herwick had no formal report.

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Director of Law Pignatiello had no formal report.

Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson:

I just wanted to wish Carol (Clerk of Council) a Happy Birthday today -- and our Law Director, Rich Pignatiello -- was yesterday. Happy Birthday to both of you.

Engineer Collins:

Yes, just briefly.

I wanted to report, besides the Hemlock Project, the 2019 Road Program is wrapping up.

We have a bid opening for the 2019-2020 Crack Sealing Program on October 4, 2019. As of now, we have three contractors that pulled plans.

That is all I have. Thank you.

Building Commissioner Houpt was not present.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Martin had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Snitzky:

Mr. Engineer, we had talked an awful lot about Hemlock and things like that, and I really appreciate your time. Have we heard anything else about lateral grants for the individual home owners?

Engineer Collins replied, "Yes. Unfortunately, we did hear back. The Northeast Ohio Sewer District did release their 2020 MCIP applicants. Unfortunately, both the John Glenn Project and the Hemlock Phase II programs were not funded for 2020."

Do we have any recourse to go back again like we did on our original grant, or not?

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Engineer Collins said, “No, the Service Director and I spoke with the Sewer District actually today on points and they made a mistake on the John Glenn one and actually we scored lower than what they had originally anticipated. Unfortunately, the Hemlock Project Phase II, we are trying to get the \$2,000.00 per resident, but it did not score high enough based on the other projects that were submitted across the region.”

Mr. Snitzky said, “Okay, thank you.”

Mr. Greenwald:

I would just like to wish both Carol and Law Director Pignatiello very Happy Birthdays. Thank you so much for all you do.

Ms. Stager was not present.

Mr. Elliott:

Happy Birthday Rich and Carol. Thank you for all your work.

Councilwoman Kelly, I appreciate your effort on the dog ordinance. I look forward to trying to make it work for all the residents in the City. I know you put a lot of time and effort into it. So, thank you for that.

Ms. Kelly responded, “Thank you.”

Ms. Kelly:

I just wanted to echo the words of the others. Happy Birthday, Carol. Happy Birthday, Rich. Many more. Thank you for all you do.

Council President Biasiotta:

Last but not least.....yes, Happy Birthday, Rich. Happy Birthday, Carol.

Thank you all for attending.

Thank you to all my colleagues for the work you put in and the work that they are going to do.

Have a good evening everyone.

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MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to adjourn the meeting.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

The September 24, 2019 Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Anthony D. Biasiotta, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____

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