

City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD February 8, 2022

This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Phillip Kiriazis at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present and accounted for were Mayor Biasiotta, Director of Law Pignatiello, Director of Finance Petrunyak, Councilman-at-Large Elliott, Councilwoman-at-Large Kelly, Councilman-at-Large Kulju, Ward 1 Councilman Kiriazis, Ward 2 Councilman Martin, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilman Dell'Aquila, Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson, and Engineer Schmitzer.

Absentee was Building Commissioner Grassi.

Motion to Excuse Absentee

MOTION by Mr. Kiriazis, seconded by Mr. Dell'Aquila, to excuse the absence of Building Commissioner Grassi from tonight's meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Building Commissioner Grassi was excused from the February 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

There were no submissions to be entered into the Journal.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no submissions for the February 8, 2022 Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION

There were no Resolutions of Commendation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee Chairman Snitzky stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Snitzky said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

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Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Kulju stated that the Committee last met this evening, February 8, 2022, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Kulju said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairperson Kelly stated that the Committee last met this evening, February 8, 2022, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Ms. Kelly said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Elliott stated that the Committee last met this evening, February 8, 2022, and the minutes from that meeting are pending. Mr. Elliott said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Martin stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, and the minutes from that meeting have been submitted to the Clerk of Council. Mr. Martin said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairman Dell'Aquila stated that the Committee last met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Dell'Aquila said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service and Personnel Committee Chairman Kiriazis stated that the Committee last met this evening, February 8, 2022, and the minutes from that meeting are pending. Mr. Kiriazis said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no appointments or confirmations.

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COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

The Clerk of Council stated she received a copy of a letter addressed to the Service Department Supervisor, dated January 31, 2022, from Mr. Richard Knapper of 380 Scenic Lane, complimenting Service Department employee **John Porter** for his actions during a snow event on January 30, 2022.

Mr. Knapper's letter was read into the record by the Clerk of Council, and additionally a hard copy has been appended to these minutes, in its entirety (1 page), as an exhibit.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2-2022 -- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH DALENE M. PRIDE, AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CONSULTANT, TO CONDUCT A TWO-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AUDIT OF CERTAIN OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDS FOR, AND ON BEHALF OF, THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

MOTION by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to read Ordinance No. 2-2022 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 2-2022 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to pass Ordinance No. 2-2022.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 2-2022 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 8-2022 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$4,240.00, FOR THE YEAR 2022, REPRESENTING A CHANGE ORDER TO AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 39-2020 AND ORDINANCE NO. 103-2020, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN AMOUNT OF \$62,571.00 YEARLY TO WARWICK COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR FULL MANAGED SERVICES AND SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMPUTERS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS (monthly amount payable will now be \$5,567.59 for a yearly total in 2022 of \$66,811.08); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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MOTION by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 8-2022 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 8-2022 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to approve the emergency clause in Section 3 of Ordinance No. 8-2022.

Mr. Dell'Aquila stated the reason for the emergency provision is that the contract is for year 2022 and services are already being performed.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mr. Dell'Aquila, seconded by Mr. Snitzky, to pass Ordinance No. 8-2022 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2022 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 9-2022 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$148,368.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FOUR STALL ADA ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM PREFAB BUILDING, WITH APPURTENANCES, TO BE LOCATED AT MEIJER PARK, FROM CXT INCORPORATED, FOR FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION THROUGH SOURCEWELL CONTRACT NUMBER #081721-CXT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Kulju, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 9-2022 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 9-2022 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Kulju, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to approve the emergency clause in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 9-2022.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mr. Kulju, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to pass Ordinance No. 9-2022 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Martin commented on the next couple of Ordinances that are coming out here. These are all regarding bond issues. The Administration has been very prudent in seeking out bonds for infrastructure projects that have a twenty-to-thirty-year life span, under very, very inexpensive monies. These will be rolled over into future bonds and continue that process.

Mayor Biasiotta stated that we have a bond and a note. The bonds that we are taking are going long term and are locked in with low interest rates. Some other ones are doing the note, and when the rates are lower, we will roll those over. If there comes a time that it is not beneficial to the City, we have sufficient reserves so we can double-up or triple-up in paying them down. But for now, we will continue to borrow between the two's and the three's and with inflation between six and eight percent. It is the right thing to do.

Mr. Martin said that interest rates have never been this low in his life; it is the right thing to do.

The *Fiscal Officer's Certificate*, dated February 8, 2022, signed by Director of Finance Richard Petrunyak, pertaining to **Ordinance No. 10-2022** was distributed to all Elected Officials prior to its proposed passage.

Ordinance No. 10-2022 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING PINNACLE PARK DRIVE AND OLD ROCKSIDE ROAD BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND REHABILITATING THE PAVEMENT BASE, CURBS, A BOX CULVERT AND OTHER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, DRIVEWAY APPROACHES AND SIDEWALKS, ADJUSTING RADIUS CUTBACKS, MANHOLES AND CATCH BASINS, PREPARING THE SURFACE, SURFACING AND RESURFACING AND INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND SIGNALIZATION, WHERE NECESSARY, IN EACH CASE TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE AND INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 10-2022 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 10-2022 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to approve the emergency clause in Section 18 of Ordinance No. 10-2022.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis, to pass Ordinance No. 10-2022 as an emergency measure.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2022 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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The *Fiscal Officer's Certificate*, dated February 8, 2022, signed by Director of Finance Richard Petrunyak, pertaining to **Ordinance No. 11-2022** was distributed to all Elected Officials prior to its proposed passage.

Ordinance No. 11-2022 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,735,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING, IN COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, THE CITY OF PARMA AND OTHERWISE, MCCREARY ROAD AND CERTAIN OTHER DESIGNATED STREETS IN THE CITY BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESTORING AND REHABILITATING CURBS, CURB RAMPS, DRIVEWAY APPROACHES AND SECTIONS OF THE PAVEMENT BASE, WHERE NECESSARY, ADJUSTING AND REHABILITATING MANHOLES AND CATCH BASINS, PREPARING THE SURFACE AND RESURFACING, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 11-2022 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 11-2022 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to approve the emergency clause in Section 18 of Ordinance No. 11-2022.

Mr. Snitzky stated the purpose for the emergency provision is for the reason previously cited by Councilman Martin.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Elliott, to pass Ordinance No. 11-2022 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022 IS DECLARED PASSED.

The *Fiscal Officer's Certificate*, dated February 8, 2022, signed by Director of Finance Richard Petrunyak, pertaining to **Ordinance No. 12-2022** was distributed to all Elected Officials prior to its proposed passage.

Ordinance No. 12-2022 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,610,000, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING, IN COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND OTHERWISE, CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY RECONSTRUCTING, RESTORING AND REHABILITATING CURBS, CURB RAMPS, DRIVEWAY

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APPROACHES AND SECTIONS OF THE PAVEMENT BASE, WHERE NECESSARY, ADJUSTING AND REHABILITATING MANHOLES AND CATCH BASINS, PREPARING THE SURFACE AND RESURFACING, TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kulju, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 12-2022 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 12-2022 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kulju, to approve the emergency clause in Section 18 of Ordinance No. 12-2022.
Ms. Kelly stated the reason for the emergency provision is that we are taking advantage of low interest rates.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kulju, to pass Ordinance No. 12-2022 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2022 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 13-2022 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT THROUGH ABRAXIS SALT LLC AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON ENDING APRIL 30, 2022; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Dell'Aquila, to suspend the Rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 13-2022 by title only for its first and final reading.
Roll Call: all yea **MOTION CARRIED**
Ordinance No. 13-2022 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Dell'Aquila, to approve the emergency clause in Section 4 of Ordinance No. 13-2022.
Mr. Martin said when it snows it is important that we can get the job done, and they have done a good job, and for the Police and Fire to do their jobs. This is for emergency money so that they can continue to do their jobs.
Mr. Dell'Aquila wanted to add that this expenditure is no doubt due to the amount of salt that has been used because of the heavy snowfall that we have had. Over the years, in driving through the area, when I enter or exit Seven Hills it is obvious, because the quality of snow plowing in our City is so superior.

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Mr. Dell'Aquila concluded that he wanted to thank the Service Director and his employees for such a commendable job in keeping our roads clear.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION

by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Dell'Aquila, to pass Ordinance No. 13-2022 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2022 IS DECLARED PASSED.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Biasiotta gave the following report:

Mayor Biasiotta wanted to thank Council for the quick passage of the salt ordinance. We are using more because it is snowing more, and your quick action will help us with the needs of the people for the remainder of winter.

Unfortunately, it seems that at every meeting I am offering condolences on behalf of the City of Seven Hills. Tonight is no exception. Last week, the wife of former Councilman Tom Kraynak lost his wife, Kathy, of many, many decades. Our deepest condolences to former Councilman Kraynak on the loss of his wife.

Also, our condolences on the loss of resident Bill Rees. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and friend to many on this panel. So, my condolences on behalf of the City to his wife, Laurie, and family.

Also, we extend sympathy to our employee, Todd Stimetz, and his family on the tragic loss of his niece and her newborn earlier this week.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Director of Finance Petrunyak

Director of Finance Petrunyak said that a hard copy of the budget packet for 2022 has been distributed to Council. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15th. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to him.

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Director of Law Pignatiello had no formal report.

Director of Public Service & Properties Johnson

Director Johnson thanked Council for the passage of the Road Salt Ordinance this evening. By comparison in 2020, we purchased 1,332 tons all year. This year we have purchased over 1,346 tons, and we are only halfway through the winter. It is a dramatic increase.

Engineer Schmitzer had no formal report.

Building Commissioner Grassi was not present.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Kulju

My condolences to those who have recently lost loved ones. A tough situation to be in, and my thoughts and prayers to the families.

A good job to the City for keeping the roads clear -- and to the Police and Fire, as well.

Mr. Elliott had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Dell'Aquila

I want to express my condolences to Laurie Rees and the entire family for the loss of Bill Rees. I always thought very highly of him.

In particular, I want to express my condolences to Tom Kraynak and his family. We served together for many years with the City. He was on Council, and I was Mayor. He was highly respected and always a gentleman. Even in those instances in which we disagreed, he was never disagreeable. My thoughts and prayers are with him.

Mr. Martin had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Snitzky

It seems like every week that someone I worked with in the City has passed away. Mr. Tom Kraynak was always a gentleman and had a sense of humor. Bill Rees did good things for the City over the years.

It is Valentine's Day this month -- be sure to remember the ones that you love and the ones you loved in the past.

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Ms. Kelly

Ms. Kelly offered her condolences to the Kraynak family, and to Laurie Rees on the loss of her husband, Bill. He was a good guy with a salty attitude that was appreciated.

My condolences to Todd Stimetz and his family on their tragic loss. I am so very sorry. It seems wherever we are, we are surrounded by tragedy these days.

Director Johnson, I commend you and your staff on a job well done. It is a hard job and long hours and thank you for the dedication.

Council President Kiriazis

I commend the Service Department and Director Johnson for the great job with the roads. I have heard comments from other cities that our roads were better than the other cities.

Council President Kiriazis said if there is no other business to come before Council, I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

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

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

The February 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Phillip Kiriazis, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____

Transcribed 02/15/2022
Judy Goslin, Assistant Clerk of Council
(Edited Carol Sekerak)

01/31/2022

attn: Supervisor, Services Dept.

My name is Richard Knapper and I live on Scenic Lane. On Sunday, the 30th, I was shoveling my driveway. I was about to enter my home when one of your large, heavy duty, snow plows came down the street. The amount of snow he deposited on my driveway apron was about 4 times the previous amounts, total. (The previous trucks were of the pick-up style and unable to remove the harden pack snow.) As I was in the process of clearing the apron, the plow was returning. As he passed I gave him a "thumbs up". What surprised me, he stopped!! The driver got out of his truck and came over to me. He noticed that some of the pieces were large and I think he thought it would be difficult for me. I thanked him for stopping and told him I do it for exercise. He got a little smile and said he understood.

I want, for you, to know what kind of kind, courteous, and caring people you have, not only working for you, but who, also, represent the city. Also a big thumbs up" to the person who saw in him the kind of person he is, and hired him.

I'm enclosing 2 copies: 1 for his personnel file and 1 for your file.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Knapper". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Richard Knapper
380 Scenic Lane
(216) 447-8386

The employee is JOHN PORTER