

City of Seven Hills

Record of Minutes of

COUNCIL MEETING HELD November 26, 2018

This Regular Council Meeting was called to order by President of Council Anthony D. Biasiotta at 8:48 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, Councilwoman-at-Large Kelly, Councilwoman-at-Large Stager, Ward 1 Councilman Biasiotta, Ward 2 Councilman Wrobel, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilman Greenwald, Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson, Building Commissioner Vittardi, and Engineer Collins. Absentee was Councilman-at-Large Elliott.

Motion to Excuse Absence

MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to excuse the absence of Councilman-at-Large Elliott from tonight's Council Meeting.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

READING AND DISPOSAL OF JOURNAL

MOTION by Ms. Stager, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 12, 2018, as printed.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Wrobel, to accept **Consent Agenda No. 1**, of November 26, 2018, as printed, if there is no division of the question.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wrobel, to accept **Consent Agenda No. 2**, of November 26, 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 last met on Monday, November 19, 2018, chaired by Council President Biasiotta, 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 Monday evening, December 17, 2018.

Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Greenwald stated that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, December 3, 2018. Mr. Greenwald said the minutes from the most recent meeting (November 5, 2018) are pending.

Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairwoman Kelly stated that the Committee last met on Monday, November 5, 2018, 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 Monday evening, December 3, 2018.

Police and Fire

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Elliott was not present. Council President Biasiotta stated that Chairman Elliott has been excused from tonight's Council Meeting, and would present his report at the next Council Meeting.

Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Wrobel stated that the Committee last met on Monday, November 19, 2018, and the minutes from that meeting are pending. Mr. Wrobel said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, December 17, 2018.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Committee Chairwoman Stager stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, November 5, 2018, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Ms. Stager said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Biasiotta stated that the Committee last met on Monday evening, November 19, 2018, and the minutes from that meeting are on file with the Clerk of Council. Mr. Biasiotta said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018.

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APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

There were no appointments or confirmations.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS

There were no communications, petitions, or claims.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 151-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH CAREWORKSCOMP OF DUBLIN, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THEIR PLAN FOR REDUCTIONS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUM RATES, FOR CAREWORKSCOMP TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY REPRESENTATION SERVICES TO THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH BWC RULES, AND TO REPRESENT THE CITY IN ALL RISK, PAYROLL, AND CLAIMS RELATED MATTERS BEFORE THE BWC.

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wrobel, to read Ordinance No. 151-2018 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 151-2018 was read by full title only for its third and final reading.

MOTION by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wrobel, to pass Ordinance No. 151-2018.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 151-2018 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 158-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TONY & SON PLUMBING COMPANY OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING AND INSTALLING ONE NEW A.O. SMITH CYCLONE HOT WATER TANK AND RE-PLUMBING OF THE TANKS, WITH APPURTENANCES, AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,540.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

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Ordinance No. 158-2018 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 159-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL, CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020.

Ordinance No. 159-2018 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 160-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH NORTHCOAST PROMOTIONS, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECRUITING, CONTRACTING, AND MANAGEMENT OF CRAFT, ART, AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOK OFF AND CRAFT SHOW ON OCTOBER 6, 2019.

Ordinance No. 160-2018 was read by full title only for its second reading.

Ordinance No. 161-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ‘ELECTRIC SUPPLY AGREEMENT’ ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH FREEPOINT ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMPETITIVE ELECTRIC ENERGY SUPPLY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to read Ordinance No. 161-2018 by title only for its first and final reading.

Council President Biasiotta stated:

“The purpose of the emergency is the lock-in at the advice of our energy consultant -- a lower electricity rate for the City of Seven Hills. This is not for the residents but for the electricity consumption of the City itself. And, our consultant recommended we lock-in for two years at the slightly lower rate than we are at today. So, we are acting upon that advice.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 161-2018 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Ms. Biasiotta, seconded by Ms. Kelly to pass Ordinance No. 161-2018 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 161-2018 IS DECLARED PASSED.

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Ordinance No. 162-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Stager, to read Ordinance No. 162-2018 by title only for its first and final reading.

Mr. Snitzky stated:

“This is an emergency because we are looking to get this grant money from NOPEC as quickly as we can. Some of the funds from this will be used to rebuild the sign down in front of the Recreation Center -- down by Ruby Tuesday’s. That is very gratifying.”

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 162-2018 was read by full title only for its first and final reading.

MOTION by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Stager, to pass Ordinance No. 162-2018 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 162-2018 IS DECLARED PASSED.

Ordinance No. 163-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH PHILIP TOMBERLAIN II FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIRECTING THE ROOKIE ATHLETIC YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Ordinance No. 163-2018 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Ordinance No. 164-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE PART-TIME PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS (K. Rodrick, T. Verderber, A. Toth, S. Laurenzi, L. Johnson, D. McKowski, and M. Serrano) AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING VARIOUS CLASSES AT THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION CENTER FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Ordinance No. 164-2018 was read by full title only for its first reading.

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Ordinance No. 165-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COVERALL HEALTH BASED CLEANING OF VALLEY VIEW, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS RECREATION AND FITNESS COMPLEX FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019; AND AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,104.00 FOR SAID SERVICE.

Ordinance No. 165-2018 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Ordinance No. 166-2018 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, WITH WARREN FIRE EQUIPMENT, OF WARREN, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING SCOTT RIT PAK III EQUIPMENT, AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$12,020.00 FOR SAID PURCHASE.

Ordinance No. 166-2018 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Ordinance No. 167-2018 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT, AND ENACT THE 2018 REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTER.

Ordinance No. 167-2018 was read by full title only for its first reading.

Resolution No. 27-2018 – A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN FUNDS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS.

Resolution No. 27-2018 was read by full title only for its first reading.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE

Kathy Patterson, Laura Lee Lane, made the following comments:

“I simply would like to know, who would be best to advise me about the energy change? Who could explain NOPEC and the other options that I have?”

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Council President Biasiotta responded:

“The best to start with is, I would call Tony Terry, our Community Services Director. If he is not able to answer your questions, there is a Help Line for NOPEC. If you hang out until after the meeting, I will give you my card as well.”

Mrs. Patterson stated:

“Yes, well -- NOPEC was no help. That is where I started, and all they did was just tell me that they were the best ones. That’s what they did.”

Council President Biasiotta replied:

“We’ll help facilitate that. If Tony Terry, our Community Services Director, can’t get you to the answer that you want, I will more than happily intervene. Just hang out after the meeting, and I will give you all my information.”

Mr. Snitzky asked:

“Did you go on the ‘Apples-to-Apples’ thing on the computer? There is a website that is called ‘Apples-to-Apples’, and I can’t remember the rest of it. It compares the different electric rates and gas rates based on who your current supplier is, which would be First Energy. There is a website that you can go to that gives comparisons.”

Mrs. Patterson stated, “Okay. Thank you.”

Mayor Dell’Aquila added:

“I am told that ‘Apples-to-Apples’ is the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio website -- PUCO.”

Mrs. Patterson thanked everyone once again.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR-SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Dell’Aquila had no formal report.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Director of Finance Herwick had no formal report.

Director of Law Pignatiello had no formal report.

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Director of Public Service and Properties Johnson:

Mr. Chairman, I would just like to urge residents to please make sure that you get your leaves out on the curb within the next week or so. We are trying to wrap that up.

Engineer Collins:

My latest report is on file with the Mayor's Office.

Building Commissioner Vittardi had no formal report.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Wrobel had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Snitzky had no miscellaneous comments.

Mr. Greenwald:

I would just like to say, "Go Browns -- Go Buckeyes -- and stay out of the snow!"

Ms. Stager had no miscellaneous comments.

Ms. Kelly:

Yes, Council President, thank you.

Just a reminder -- this Sunday, December 2, 2018, is the VFW Children's Christmas Party. It will be held at the Recreation Center between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Council President Biasiotta:

I will just reiterate what the Service Director said -- our Service Department is doing a great job. There have been a lot of compliments about the leaf pick-up this year. Thank you, Service Director. Please pass that on to our workers at the Service Garage. Job well done -- but not quite finished yet.

We have completed two passes of the City. And, earlier today, on the South end of the City, our Service Department has started the third pass for leaf pick-up. So, if you haven't already done so, please move with a sense of urgency to get the leaves to the corner. The last pick up from the City is underway.

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

Roll Call: all yea

MOTION CARRIED

The November 26, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Anthony D. Biasiotta, President of Council

Attest: _____
Carol L. Sekerak, Clerk of Council

Date: _____

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