ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 – 7:30 PM

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

City Council convened for an Organizational Meeting and Regular Meeting in Council Chambers with the following in attendance: Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Lori DiNallo, Jim Fodor, Katie Jenkins, Paul Hach, and Christine Shoop; City Manager Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager Derek Feuerstein, Law Director Joseph Gurley, Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

Mrs. Danielson explained the City Charter provides that in even years, City Council shall meet within three days after the third day of the year to organize. Before the organizational nominations, swearing-in the newly elected and re-elected Council At-Large members to 4-year terms would be conducted.

Mrs. Lori DiNallo was sworn in as Councilwoman At-Large, effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025, by Joseph Gurley with Clerk of Council holding the Bible.

Mr. Jim Fodor was sworn in as Councilman At-Large, effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025, by Joseph Gurley with Clerk of Council holding the Bible.

Mr. Derrick Abney was sworn in as Councilman At-Large, effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025, by Joseph Gurley with Mr. Abney's mother holding the Bible.

Mrs. Danielson then called for nominations for the Office of President of Council.

Mrs. Jenkins nominated Mrs. Christine Shoop, seconded by Mr. Fodor.

Mrs. Danielson asked if there were any more nominations for President of Council.

No other nomination was given.

Mr. Fodor motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins. All Council Members were in favor by responding "Aye". Nominations were closed.

Roll call for their vote was performed.

Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Hach, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Shoop voted for Mrs. Shoop. Motion carried to elect Mrs. Shoop by a 6-0 vote and was elected President of Council for a two year term from January 3, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

Mrs. Danielson congratulated Mrs. Shoop and turned the meeting over to the Council President for the Vice-President nominations.

Mrs. Shoop asked for Vice-President nominations.

Mrs. Jenkins nominated Mr. Jim Fodor, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo.

Mrs. Shoop asked if there were any more nominations for Vice-President of Council.

No other nomination was given.

Mrs. Shoop asked for a motion to close nominations.

Mr. Fodor moved to close nominations, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins. All Council Members were in favor by responding "Aye". Nominations were closed.

Roll call for their vote was performed.

Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Hach, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Shoop voted for Mr. Fodor. Motion carried to elect Mr. Fodor by a 6-0 vote and was elected Vice-President of Council for a two year term from January 3, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

President Shoop stated that concludes Council's organizational meeting and Council will move directly into the regular council meeting.

On roll call for attendance, Mr. Abney, Mr. Hach, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Shoop were present. Mr. Augustine was not able to attend.

Mrs. Shoop asked for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Mrs. Jenkins moved to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Mr. Hach. All Council Members were in favor by responding "Aye". Motion carried.

Mrs. DiNallo gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Shoop asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted for: Regular Meeting 12.20.21.

Mrs. Jenkins motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hach.

Mr. Hach, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Abney, and Mrs. Shoop answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rick Beamer, of Painesville, expressed his concerns about COVID and the Painesville City School's protocols. He wanted the Council Members' opinion on in-school learning or packets for learning. Mrs. Jenkins addressed his concerns stating that Painesville City Schools will be in-person learning, and that City Council does not have any authority on the School Board decisions pertaining to COVID protocols.

Committee Report: None

Legislation:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2021-A CODIFIED ORDINANCES INCLUDING NEW MATTER CONTAINED THEREIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was given second read.

Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson stated this is an ordinance to adopt and approve the 2021-A Codified Ordinances. They have been reviewed and approved by Department Heads and are ready to be added to the Charter. This legislation may go three reads.

This will go to third read.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT AN OPT-OUT NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was given second read.

Assistant City Manager Derek Feuerstein stated this is legislation to place ballot language, which Council requested, on the ballot in May. This can go three readings.

This will go to third read.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was given first read.

Cathy Bieterman stated the Ohio Department of Development has recently announced a grant for Site Revitalization to enhance economic development. The City is applying for funding for the assessment, clean up, and redevelopment of the former hotel site located at 257 East Main Street. If the City is approved through the $1 million allocation provided to Lake County, 100% of the cost is covered. If the City is awarded the funds outside of this allocation, then a twenty-five percent (25%) match is required, which would be approximately $37,500. Originally, this project was slated to be funded with the funds the City received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The approval of the legislation would allow us to submit the grant application. The Administration recommended the approval of this Resolution and requested a waiver of the three (3) reading rule as well as declaring an emergency. The grant provides complete funding for those who apply early, and then requires a twenty-five percent (25%) match for those following those first few requests. In order to meet appropriate deadlines, the suspension of rules and emergency allows the City to move quickly for these funds.

Mrs. DiNallo motioned to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins.

On roll call, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Abney, Mr. Hach, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, and Mrs. Shoop answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. DiNallo motioned to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins.

On roll call, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Abney, Mr. Hach, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, and Mrs. Shoop answered "Yes". Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 01-22 is ADOPTED.**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Departmental Presentations: None

Administrative Reports:

Law Director Joe Gurley had nothing to report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis commented on the following items: The City received notification from State Senator Jerry Cirino's office that they will be soliciting for State Capital Funding. The City plans to submit two request for funding, one being for an amphitheater and the other for a splash park, both located at Recreation Park; An executive session will need to be scheduled to discuss the Cost of Service Electric Study; Safe Route to School program will be holding a virtual meeting on Wednesday, January 5th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Information can be found online at our website; the City received information from ODOT and continues to work with Burgess and Niple regarding State Route 44 Interchange and additional information needs to be provided from NOACA to continue moving forward; CDBG Grants applications were sent to local businesses to apply for grants to make improvements to the exterior and interior of their building, up to $30,000. Applications are due Monday, January 10th. Contact the Economic Development Department if interested; and a new Polaris Ranger is now available and operating for police officers to use for downtown patrols.

Clerk's Correspondences:

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:30 PM, and City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Closing Comments:

Mr. Abney thanked everyone for attending tonight's council meeting, and he encouraged residents to be part of the solution in some of the decisions and attend the meetings.

Mr. Hach congratulated Derrick Abney, Jim Fodor and Lori DiNallo, and he looks forward to working with everyone this year. He congratulated Mrs. Shoop on her presidency and Mr. Fodor on his vice-presidency.

Mrs. DiNallo congratulated everyone and thanked everyone for attending tonight's ceremony. She spoke about an event at the Lake Erie College for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 17th. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Fodor welcomed Derrick Abney on board and congratulated Lori DiNallo. He stated he looks forward to working with the people on the council to improve the quality of life for the Painesville residents and give the hope for tomorrow. He stated a community is one that looks out for one another and continues to help one another. He looks forward to a prosperous 2022.

Mrs. Jenkins congratulated everyone and is looking forward to working with the team in the coming years. She also shared information about the John F. Clair Award and the application is available on our website which is due January 31st. She thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Shoop thanked everybody for their support for presidency. She welcomed Derrick Abney, Lori DiNallo and Jim Fodor. She also congratulated the winners of the lighting contest, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Jenkins made a motion to excuse Mr. Augustine from the council meeting, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo. All Council Members were in favor by responding "Aye". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

Mrs. Jenkins moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hach.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Hach, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Shoop were all in favor by answering "Yes". Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Samantha Danielson
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Clerk of Council

Christine Shoop
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President of Council