REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 – 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Nick Augustine called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. City Council convened for a regular meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Nick Augustine, Lori DiNallo, Mario Rodriguez, and Christine Shoop were present. Jim Fodor and Paul Hach were not able to attend.

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to excuse Paul Hach and Jim Fodor, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro, Law Director Jim Lyons, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, Police Chief Dan Waterman, Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett, City Engineer Leanne Exum, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Water Pollution Control Superintendent Kevin Aiken, Recreation Supervisor Justin Gollin, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Mr. Augustine asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Nick Augustine.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Boehm, of Glenwood Drive, President of Painesville Little League, addressed Council regarding the concerns and issue of the concession stand at Recreation Park. He was informed that the City contracted with a vendor to operate the concession stand at Rec Park without notice or conversation. He stated they are being evicted and is concerned about this due to having built that stand with their own funds, volunteering, and having a long history with the community. He spoke of the value of relationships and experiences for having this connection to the community and kids, and talked about the concerns and losses to the community, to the youth, and to the little league, as well as, loss of financial support.

James Pemberton, of South Saint Clair Street, addressed Council regarding the concession stand at Recreation Park. He was advocating on behalf of Rob Boehm and the Painesville Little League concession stand. He explained the value of having community involvement and the affect it had on his life. He had concerns about having the concession stand privileges revoked and allowing a third-party to utilize it instead. He believes the little league should not be forced to end their operation and not be able to provide affordable food items for the community and kids. Additionally, the little league will not benefit from and receive help to offset the cost of their operation.

Jennifer Janke, of Brentwood Drive, addressed Council regarding the concession stand at Recreation Park. She is part of the Painesville Little League as a parent and volunteer for the past seven years. She explained several situations where kids were being provided meals due to the affordable for the kids, and had concerns that kids would not have the opportunity to receive food, if the Little League is not there.

Mr. Augustine replied that Council will take everyone's comments into consideration, discuss, and get back to the speakers. There will not be any actions taken in respect to any comments this evening. They were thanked for coming to tonight's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT: None

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 RESOLUTION

3rd Reading* – A Resolution approving the creation of the Land Acquisition Fund for the 2025 Operating Budget, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 01.06.25, 2nd Reading 01.27.25)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this reading number three for the creation of the land acquisition fund for the purpose of economic development. The next piece of legislation on the agenda would be the approval of the transfer from the general fund to this land acquisition fund. No other changes have been made from prior meetings.

Mrs. DiNallo moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Augustine answered "Yes". Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION 11-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE

3rd Reading* – An Ordinance to authorize additional inter-fund transfer of funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Painesville, State of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 01.06.25, 2nd Reading 01.27.25)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this particular ordinance is for a million-dollar transfer from the general fund to the newly established land acquisition fund for fiscal year 2025. The other transfer is $25,000.00 from the general fund to the newly created senior services fund.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Augustine answered "Yes". Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE 03-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #3 ORDINANCE

2nd Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 937.57(a) of the Code of Ordinances relating to Sewer Rates, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 01.27.25)

Water Pollution Control Superintendent Kevin Aiken spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is the second reading on the sewer legislation. It was recommended to go to third reading.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #4 ORDINANCE

2nd Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 933.19 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Water Service Rates, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 01.27.25)

City Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this legislation recommends a water rate for a five-year period. The rates are 0% in 2025, 0% in 2026, 5% in 2027, 5% in 2028, and 5% in 2029. This item should go three readings.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #5 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve remaining funding needed to complete AMI deployment including the Master Services Agreement and Amendments for participation in the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Program by and between American Municipal Power, Inc. and the City of Painesville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 01.27.25)

City Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated as explained last week, this would allow us to do the final deployment for AMI. There was a PO for $900,000.00 in 2024 that was closed in December. This will reallocate the funding, as well as approve the amendment to the agreement to the existing or prior agreement.

Mr. Augustine asked for a motion to amend the legislation.

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to amend the legislation to add the Fourth Amendment to the AMP Contract which modifies the services AMP will provide the City as detailed in the Fourth Amendment. (6th WHEREAS, and Section II), seconded by Mr. Abney.

On roll call, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, and Mr. Augustine answered "Yes". Motion carried.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #6 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise and to enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the lowest and best bidder for police patrol car upfitting and outfitting, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the police are purchasing three new patrol cars this year. To get those patrol cars on the road, it is needed to the proper equipment and graphics on the cars. The total cost estimation for the three cars is $97,560.00. It was being asked for permission to advertise a request for proposals on upfitting and outfitting and to accept the lowest and best bid. This can go three readings. The patrol cars should be on the road by the end of the year.

This will go to second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons had no report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: He congratulated the DPO for receiving accreditation for the seventeenth year. They are an important part of the City; and He also thanked the water distribution department for their service in fixing several large breaks.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM; Elm Street Sidewalks Public Meeting is Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 PM in Courtroom #1; and City offices are closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Abney thanked the Little League and guests that spoke and attended tonight's meeting.

Mrs. DiNallo "dittoed" Mr. Abney's comment.

Mrs. Shoop greatly appreciated the resident that called regarding large icicles hanging off the bridge. She also thanked the Little League representatives for attending tonight's meeting.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone who watched and attend tonight's meeting. He also thanked the Little League representatives for attending tonight's meeting.

Mr. Augustine also thanked the Little League representatives for attending tonight's meeting. He participated in Little League in his youth.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Augustine asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Shoop answered "Yes". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:25 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Nick Augustine
Vice President of Council