

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at Huron City Hall. The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for the regular meeting of Council. The following members of Council answered present: **Christine Crawford, Mark Claus, Sam Artino, Joe Dike, Trey Hardy and Joel Hagy**. Member absent: **Monty Tapp**.

Motion by Mr. Dike to excuse Mr. Tapp's attendance at tonight's meeting. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

Staff participating in the meeting: Interim City Manager Mike Spafford, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, City Engineer Doug Green, Law Director Todd Schrader, Fire Captain Doug Nash and Executive Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the minutes of the Council regular meeting of July 14, 2020 and Council work session and regular meeting of July 29, 2020 be approved as printed and received. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the motion passed.

Audience Comments

The Mayor asked the Clerk of Council to read comments delivered or e-mailed to her by residents.

Ms. Welkener read the comments residents providing statement in advance of the meeting regarding the following topics (copies the information provided by the residents is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"):

- **Alicia Roshong**, 28 Middle Avenue. Requested prohibiting guests from bringing their animals/pets into transient rentals.

The Mayor said that Council would take that under consideration through the committee working on the transient rental issues. He stated that he believes the City has a leash law, and asked Mr. Spafford to reach out to Ms. Rashong to letter her know we have that in place.

Old Business

Legal Discussion re: Showboat

Mr. Schrader said the quiet title action relating to the Showboat property was filed last week with the Erie County Court of Common Pleas, and doesn't have any information other than that. He will keep Council informed of any updates.

Legal Discussion re: ConAgra Land Swap/Easement

Mr. Schrader said that he and Mr. Spafford met last week about this matter, and they are making really good progress. They looked at the split maps and there are a few things still needed. Once the split is done, we can have the property deeded to the respective parties and have new parcels with new Permanent Parcel Numbers. The engineer is working on the consolidation legal descriptions and plat. He prepared proposed deeds yesterday for the transfer and will send them to Mr. Spafford for circulation after we get approval. They are making good progress, and it shouldn't be much longer.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2020-18

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2020-18 (AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY BY LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance 2020-18 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Dike that Ordinance 2020-18 be placed as an emergency measure.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll placing the ordinance as an emergency measure. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2020-18 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Spafford provided background information pertaining to Ordinance 2020-18.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2020-18. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2020-18 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2020-19

Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2020-19 (AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY BY LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Ordinance 2020-19 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Hardy that Ordinance 2020-19 be placed as an emergency measure.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll placing the ordinance as an emergency measure. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2020-19 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Spafford provided background information pertaining to Ordinance 2020-19.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2020-19. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2020-19 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 2020-52

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2020-52 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE BID AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RMH CONCRETE & FOUNDATIONS INC. FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS RELATED TO THE RYE BEACH PARK STORM SEWER PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND 40/100 DOLLARS (\$68,999.40)) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution No. 2020-52 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Spafford and Mr. Green provided background information pertaining to Resolution No. 2020-52. Mr. Dike confirmed with Mr. Green that this would be a 2-week project. Mr. Dike asked if there could be any potential hidden costs due to unknowns. Mr. Green said that he was relatively sure that there wouldn't be any additional costs. In response to Mr. Hagy's question, Mr. Green said that that work will be along the east edge of their park, starting on Shore Drive near Surf and running straight north to the lake. There is a section that was previously improved by some private property owners that will have to be tied into. There would be no disruption to Route 6 traffic. At one point they considered running catch basins all along Shore Drive, but the homeowners did not want all of the trees removed.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-52. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-52 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 2020-53

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2020-53 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE PROVISION OF INSPECTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE RYE BEACH PARK STORM SEWER PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,500.00)) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution No. 2020-53 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-53. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-53 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Motion

Mr. Spafford said that the City received a rezoning application earlier this year for a property near the boat basin to rezone from B-2 to B-3, which application not recommended by the Planning Commission and denied by City Council. As a secondary path forward, the applicant applied for a variance to allow first floor residential at the property, which was denied by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The matter is now before Council to consider the potential of amending the Zoning Code to allow residential uses in the property zoning district. To start this process, a motion from Council to refer this matter to the Planning Commission to have this discussion to make a uniform modification to the B-2 District. This would be considered a last straw effort because when you are modifying language withing a zoning district you are affecting every single property with in that district. The B-2 District is one of the smaller areas that incorporates Mr. Savage's property north around the boat basin, the South Port Development building, and there is a small portion just north of the boat basin, as well. It all loosely ties back to the urban renewal plan back in the late 1960's and early 1970's. The motion would be to refer the issue back to the Planning Commission as a subcommittee of Council. Mr. Dike asked if the Planning Commission will make a recommendation back to Council, to which Mr. Spafford answered that this would be a modification to the zoning language, as opposed to applying specifically to Mr. Savage's property. The way our Code lays out zoning regulations is that the City Council makes a recommendation to the Planning Commission for them to discuss it, and the Planning Commission discusses and makes a recommendation back to City Council for Council's vote to accept, modify or reject the recommendation. Mr. Dike asked where else the B-2 District is located in the City limits. Mr. Spafford said the area is fairly condensed near the boat basin, I-5's, South Port and the Anchor Point building, as well as a very small area near Pizza House. Mr. Schrader said that Chapter 1139 of our ordinances requires a public hearing, and he will be involved in that process as well. Mr. Claus indicated that there are some existing second floor grandfathered uses already in existence at Mr. Savage's property.

Motion by Mr. Claus to refer this issue to the Planning Commission to be brought up at their next meeting to discuss and make a recommendation back to Council.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor, the motion passed and the matter was referred to the Planning Commission.

Resolution No. 2020-54

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2020-54 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH VEGA BAR AND GRILL LLC, DBA I-5's OF HURON, FOR A PORTION OF THE GROUNDS AND WALKWAYS SURROUNDING THE CITY'S SMALL BOAT MOORING BASIN IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,720.00) PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution No. 2020-54 placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Spafford and Captain Nash provided background information relating to Resolution No. 2020-54. Mr. Dike this engine would replace an existing engine. Captain Nash said the new engine will replace a much older engine, and will increase tank capacity by 500 to 750 gallons. It is bigger and allows for easier access to equipment. This new engine will most likely be located at the Township station. They have not yet decided if they will sell the old engine – GovDeals will not take the truck in on trade. There are companies out there that purchase used fire engines, but he is not sure what they can get for it. Mr. Claus asked if there was anything budgeted for residual value on the old engine, to which Mr. Spafford answered no. Mr. Dike thanked the Township for being a part of this on behalf of Council.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2020-54. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2020-54 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Spafford discussed the following topics:

- Update on Phase 2 of the Route 6 Project;
- Finance Committee Meeting/COVID-19 report;
- 2021 Budget Process- Workbook tool to build Council's goals and objectives into budget;
- US Economic Development Administration – CARES Act/OPWC funding for capital improvement projects, specifically, Sawmill Parkway and ConAgra Utilities;
- AMP Transmission update re: sale of transmission assets of the substation;
- Old Fish House – Joe Dike request for expansion of patio onto the Showboat property. This technically falls in line with a lot of the regulations set forth in the outdoor seating program we previously set up, but in an effort to be fully transparent, he wants Council's feedback on this request. Mr. Dike said Mr. Frederick approached him several weeks ago and said that he should try to expand so that people can be outside. He put together a drawing showing part of the fence would come down and he would put up a temporary fence. This must also go to the Board of Liquor Control for approval, and it would allow for him to be able to space out his customers. He wants to be very transparent – if Council says no, he is fine with that. It is been very busy the last couple of months, and it is getting a lot of attention down there. Mr. Schrader said that in looking at the two relevant ordinances, he doesn't think we necessarily have to go through this step of presenting and discussing before Council. By virtue of those two ordinances, you have authorized the City Manager to give this consideration. He contemplates with the quiet title action, enhancements to the site would be largest concern. All seating would be subject to safety, subject to insurance, etc. Mr. Dike said that this would be until November 1st, which is when he will be closing that place down, and everything would be returned to normal. He said the property line

issues is also being worked on as well. Mr. Schrader said that we are evaluating maps that were received and we are also going to market, if needed, to obtain another survey. We should make a fully informed decision of options in how to address any perceived/actual/potential/alleged encroachment, whatever the case may be. He wants to be sure that all ducks are in a row, including costs. Mr. Claus asked if the fence would only be accessible through the Old Fish House, which Mr. Dike confirmed. Mr. Hardy asked if other outdoor seating licenses involved public property. Mr. Spafford said only one license had been issued, and it related to using the property owner's own parking area. There have been license agreements for other public properties, but it usually pertains to signage. One exception is the I-5's lease of their patio area, which is a little different because it involved permanent improvements, and involves a lease. His one concern with the Showboat property is insurance coverage. The Mayor asked if there were any other questions on that issue.

- Transient Rentals – Heather Walters at Erie County is handling the bed tax collection efforts, and she asked that we refer all questions to her. Council members were provided with cards with her contact information to provide to anyone having questions regarding the newly implemented bed tax, and this card will also be provided to all new registrants. Mr. Swaisgood there are currently 43 receipted payments for registration fees. Mr. Green said that Granicus performed a quick search using their service, and found 107 current listings in the City. Staff is looking into the service they could provide to the City, which is a spreadsheet database including names, addresses, who is renting, and copies of the advertisement. That information can be sent out to those owners, give them a certain amount of time to sign up, and if they don't, they can work with the City's prosecutor using that evidence. One of the problems with the website is that you will see a picture of a living room, or there is a picture of the exterior, but no address given. This service will provide the address.
- Mudbrook Creek Buoys - Mr. Spafford said that we received a request from Mr. Gene Capizzi from the Hidden Valley Condominium Association regarding a No Wake sign and buoy placement within Mudbrook Creek. Back in 2018, the City applied for ODNR's Navigational Aid Grant Program for the area in front of Nickel Plate Beach and also for Mudbrook Creek. We received a grant for the open lake buoys, but did not receive the grant for the Mudbrook Creek buoys. Mr. Spafford had a conversation with the grant manager at ODNR this morning. He explained that we have two options: (1) we can proceed with refiling the grant application (November 1st is the deadline) with funding in place and have buoy deliver for next year if successful in the grant application; or (2) we can move forward at our own cost to do this as long as the buoys themselves are approved by ODNR – we can apply for that approval right now. The rough cost would be a couple thousand dollars. Mayor Artino suggested that we partner with the Huron Joint Port Authority as a project for them to endeavor in terms of buoy placement in the channel. Mr. Dike asked about signage. Mr. Spafford said signage was designated as a No Wake Zone back in the early 1990's. The hardest part from the geographic standpoint is where to locate the signs – the cost of the sign would be the City's responsibility. Property placement would be another potential hurdle and we would want to be sure we would be able to place the sign and maintain it. Ms. Crawford said that she recalls years back that there was a No Wake Zone sign just past HLM on the east bank. It was a good size and they did talk to us that round of applications. She inherited the buoy grant application in the Safety Committee and thought there was a neighborhood that wanted to jump in on the grants, but came late to the party. Mr. Claus said that was Chaska Beach, and we will be applying for the grant this year to replace their buoys that are in pretty bad shape. Ms. Crawford suggested that we do an inventory to see how many buoys are going bad, which was confirmed by Mr. Lobsinger. Ms. Crawford asked Ms. Welkener to set a Safety Committee meeting for the first part of September. Mr. Claus asked Ms. Welkener to note that Chaska Beach would be needing 5 buoys.
- Railroad Closures – Mr. Spafford said that as a railroad town, this happens and it make it tough, especially from an emergency services perspective. It is usually a last-minute notification and we

have little control. This one was frustrating as the initial report we gave to Council on what was communicated to us from the railroad was that no more than one crossing would be closed at any one point in time. We explained to them that we appreciate that because it would put us in quite a predicament in the event that happened. When we came in on Monday and realized they were all closed, it was quite a surprise to us. He had conversations with them and some of our fire department personnel had conversations with them as well. We employed ODOT to get involved through State Route 61 to try to get some feedback there but unfortunately, we did not prevail. Thankfully, it was a short-term issue and we were able to get through it without any issues. You can imagine the lack of comfort the fire and police department personnel have without having direct access to that service area for that amount of time. If we can avoid this situation in the future, that would be ideal. Ms. Crawford asked what kind of contingency we have – can we go plant a truck or crew on the other side of the tracks? Mr. Spafford said they had a lot of those conversations internally, but there is no good answer and the result is expanded response time. Because Route 2 has access from that direction, nothing is inaccessible, it adds time of 3-5 minutes.

- Transient Rental Changes - Mr. Claus asked if we have an anticipated timeline for the transient rental changes to be presented back to Council for discussion and voting. Ms. Schrader said that he talked to Ms. Leonard today, and it is his understanding that we will have something soon. He has asked for a hard deadline and will provide that to Council. She is working on it and there was some consideration in her mind that due to it being the end of the season, she wants to take her time to be sure that it is done comprehensively. Mr. Claus agreed that it being done right is the most critical given that we are pretty much at the end of the season. If it was April or May, then we would need to get it done right away. Mr. Hagy asked if there would be any way to restrict the number or size of dogs from the City's standpoint. Mr. Schrader said that he imagines there are already ordinances on the books to begin with. There is a leash ordinance that would at least regulate dogs on public property. Perhaps there could be a requirement to have a fence if dogs are allowed. Unfortunately, it would be impossible to enforce it. Mr. Schrader that they it must also be considered that the owners of these properties are assuming that risk if they allow pets, as long as what's happening there is not in violation of our ordinances on pets, leash laws, and things of that sort. Mr. Schrader said that any change would have to be applied to the City overall, to enforce on all owners.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Artino thanked the citizens for their patience with all of the construction going on. We can all agree that it will be very nice when it is completed.

For the Good of the Order

- Ms. Crawford – Commented on Mr. Hagy's nice tribute to the Jones family. He also asked for the City's patience and agree that the Route 6 project can be frustrating, but the worst of it is over. Having a front row seat and talking to some of those guys she learned that the center lanes were definitely the bigger part of the project. It is going to me amazing when it's done. Hats off to keeping together. With regard to the railroad crossing issue, if we run into that again is there anything we can do? We can't head it off because they will do what they want to do. As soon as we are aware of such a situation, we need to communicate with the community – she got a couple of calls relating to that. Ms. Crawford said that she and her husband do not have children – the household-by-household crisis we are going to face with the school situation will require patience and understanding from all of the community to help those families that are dealing with that.
- Mr. Claus – Regarding the City Manager search, Mr. Claus asked if there is any anticipated dates when the Committee will be sending their recommendations back to Council. Mayor Artino said we have two dates for interviews, which are tomorrow night and next Monday. He imagines the Committee will then meet as soon as possible and go from them. Mr. Claus asked if it would be in September

sometime. Ms. Crawford asked if we will be picking up travel expenses for interviewees. Mr. Spafford explained that the first round of interviews would be virtual.

- Mr. Dike – Mr. Dike gave his condolences to the Jones family – they have done a lot of great things for this community.
- Mr. Hardy – Nothing.
- Mr. Hagy – Mr. Hagy asked for an update on the City Manager search. Mr. Dike said that tomorrow evening the Committee would be conducting some interviews and they will have more to report in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Dike said there are a total of 20 candidates, and have narrowed it down to some very strong individuals. After the first round of interviews, they will determine if they have some competent individuals to pass on to Council for consideration, or if they have to go back out to seek additional candidates. Mr. Dike said they have narrowed the list down to 8-10. Mr. Hagy asked if the USCS consultant made her presentation to the Township. Mr. Dike said the Port Authority had a meeting and Teresa Snyder did come in to present. We reiterated a lot of the points she made to us. John Zimmerman was there, but the Trustees were not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Zimmerman recommended that he and Rob Moore come to the next meeting to give an overview of everything. That next meeting is in the beginning of September, and the one comment is that he thought we should talk to them and obtain their feedback to report back to Council. Mr. Hagy asked why Ms. Snyder didn't present to the Township. Mr. Dike said it wasn't possible due to all the restrictions relating to COVID-19 – they didn't have anything quick enough to set up. Mr. Hagy expressed his condolences to the Jones family on the passing of Bob Jones, Sr., who passed away this week. Mr. Jones was a lifelong resident of Huron, in fact his father ran the Street Department for quite a while and had some colorful stories about helping him with the streets. He was an incredible guy. He took a small family farm and turned it into an international business. He employs hundreds of people in the local area. For those of you who knew him, you will agree he is going to be missed.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Claus to adjourn the meeting.

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Artino, Dike, Hardy, Hagy, Crawford (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of August 11, 2020 adjourned at 7:29pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 25 AUG 2020

Upon approval by the City Council, the official written summary of the meeting minutes will become a permanent record, and the official minutes shall also consist of a permanent audio recording, excluding executive sessions, in accordance with Section 121.01(III) of the Administrative Code.

City Manager

From: awolph <awolph@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 11:56 AM
To: City Manager
Subject: Transients guests for VRBO and air BNB

I am writing as a very concerned citizen, a home owner and also a registered VRBO owner. My name is Alicia Roshong; I live at 28 Middle Avenue. I have a neighbor who lives at 27 lake Ave and is an unregistered Vrbo/air BNB renter. She has tenants that go to dog shows and our homes are very close together. The yards are contiguous. My biggest concern is the fact that her tenants have animals that run into our yard, go to the bathroom in our yard run across the front of the Lake, and are extremely disruptive, and even at times, threatening.. It is to the point that last summer we were held captive in our own home and we have lived there for 26 years, as we were concerned to go in our yard and deck, to enjoy our waterfront view. As VRBO owner myself, I actually have it completely fenced in and my biggest requirement is no smoking and absolutely no pets. To bring in outside animals that are almost always not kept under control, especially since these people are there for only a few days, and do not really care about the homeowners who live there, my biggest concern and input as a homeowner is to please prohibit guests from bringing in their animals. I can understand if there might be one animal under 10 pounds but that is never the case. I am asking this that this be presented at council. Again, I am a Huron business owner and resident. I sincerely thope you see the importance of my concerns.

Sincerely,
Alicia Roshong

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone