

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Call to Order

The Vice-Mayor called the meeting of the Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm on May 25, 2021 at Huron City Hall. The Vice-Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Vice-Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The Vice-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, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike and Joel Hagy**. Members absent: **Sam Artino and Trey Hardy**.

Motion by Mr. Dike to excuse Mr. Artino's and Mr. Hardy's absence from the meeting. The Vice-Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Member of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (5)
NAYS: None (0)

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

Staff participating in the meeting: City Manager Matt Lasko, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle, City Engineer Russ Critelli, Assistant Law Director Gary Ebert and Executive Administrative Assistant/Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dike that the minute of the Council work session and regular meeting of April 27, 2021 and the regular meeting of May 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

The Vice-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: Dike, Hagy, Claus, Tapp (4)
ABSTAIN: Crawford (1)
NAYS: None (0)

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

Audience Comments

The Vice-Mayor asked any audience members wishing to comment to state their name and address for the record, and comments would be limited to 3 minutes.

Ed Enderle of 804 River Road. Mr. Enderle stated that he is a Huron Township Trustee and his term is coming up at the end of the year and he is running again. He is looking for support. He said he appreciates all the support Council members give him. He referred to a letter he had written regarding the Route 6 corridor and would appreciate them taking it seriously. The Clerk said that Mr. Enderle's letter will be with all of the other letters being collected regarding the Route 6 project and bike lanes.

Judy Tann of 131 Wheeler Drive. Ms. Tann provided a handout to Council, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Ms. Tann said she took the opportunity this past week to attend a session put on by Lake Erie Shores & Islands titled "Shift Happens – The 10 Biggest Trends in Tourism and How to Tap Into That" held at Kalahari. Unfortunately, there was no representation from the Huron Chamber or the City. There were about 75 people in attendance. She said that she would not restate the information the handout, but it was an excellent presentation. She recommended that people contact the presenter and get his Power Point presentation from McKenzie at LESI. She has been interested in the growth and Main Street for 35 years or more, first with Molly McDougal's at Anchor Point (one of the original lessees) and then Captain Montague's for 20 years. The one thing that just struck her on this list of 10 was that downtowns are the life after 6pm, and we don't have that. She thinks it would behoove you to check into that. Mr. Tapp said that went over several of the item on this list at the work session before the Council meeting – their vision includes some of these things. Mrs. Tann said she is glad to hear that.

The Clerk stated the name, address and subject matter of a comment received via voicemail from **Brett Carmel of 1316 Jeffries, Huron, Ohio.** Mr. Carmel's voicemail stated: *I was wondering about the current situation with the bike lane. Since it affects so many residents in the community, why couldn't it be put toward a vote or put on a ballot so that everyone could have a voice and vote on the issue versus just a committee or council of 6 or 7. I ask that this be addressed at the next meeting.*

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2021-14

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance 2021-14 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE THROUGH HURON PUBLIC POWER) be placed upon its third and final reading.

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

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Crawford (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2021-14 was placed on its third and final reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said staff does not have anything additional to add, and there have been no alterations to the ordinance since it was first introduced.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2021-14. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Crawford (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2021-14 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect in 30 days.

New Business

Resolution No. 30-2021

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 30-2021 (A AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH LAKE ERIE ADVENTURE COMPANY, LLC FOR

COMMERCIAL BICYCLE OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO) be placed upon its first reading.

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

YEAS: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 30-2021 placed on its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this legislation is similar to the Scooter Ding Ding license agreement adopted at a prior Council meeting. This is a request from Lake Erie Adventure Company to install one commercial bike rack at the Boat Basin. The rack must be affixed to the ground at all times, the agreement can be terminated at any time at the City's discretion, and the bikes will be removed on a nightly basis. This agreement is for 1 year, renewable for 3 summers. The license fee is \$150 annually, which is payable in three installments June-August. The agreement allows installation of one A-frame sign for advertising. Bodily injury and property insurance is also required. There seems to be an uptick in alternative modes of transportation. We are looking at different ways for people to get around town, to our parks, beaches and other amenities.

Mr. Claus asked if these are electric bikes. Mr. Spafford said these are traditional bikes. Mr. Claus asked how the rental will be managed – is there an app involved? The lessee has requested to have someone there, which we are still exploring, but didn't know if they had settled on that, yet. He believes they would have someone there and then the bikes would be moved on a nightly basis. Mr. Hagy asked if the A-frame sign would come down every night. Mr. Lasko confirmed that the sign would come down every night.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further question or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 30-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution 30-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 31-2021

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 31-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST OF HURON 5K SERIES, FOR THE PLACEMENT OF BANNERS ON THE WALK BRIDGE OF US-6 HEADING EAST AND WEST ADVERTISING THE RIVER FEST 5K, ABBEY ROSE TRAIL RUN 5K, BGSU FIRELANDS FALCON FUND RUN 5K, ST. PETER SCHOOL SPOOKTACULAR 5K AND JUDI LIVELY MEMORIAL ANNUAL TURKEY DASH 5K EVENTS) be placed upon its first reading.

The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this resolution is asking for permission to place banners on the eastern and western faces of the walk bridge as relates to the 5k race series, which is a series of 5 races starting this summer through

Thanksgiving. The dates of those sign installations are included in the summary. Ms. Crawford said that she appreciates that the organizer put all 5 races in the same request.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further question or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 31-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Crawford, Claus (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution 31-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 32-2021

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 32-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, WITH SEELEY, SAVIDGE, EBERT & GOURASH CO., LPA FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR) be placed upon its first reading.

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

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 32-2021 placed on its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said the City has been under agreement with this safe firm with legal services for the past calendar year. Based on that level of service, they are recommended to enter into a new one-year agreement with Seeley Savidge Ebert & Gourash (SSEG) for the term of June 4, 2021 through June 3, 2022. A few alterations were made to add some level of detail to the initial agreement. The past agreement was at \$10,000 per month, and that covered 60 hours per month in service. One of the things learned over the past year is that the legal needs of staff and other things that pop up requires additional services beyond 60 hours per month. The two significant alterations to the agreement are: (1) the monthly fee will now be \$12,500, with no cap on hours; and (2) either party may terminate the agreement at any time with 90 days' prior notice. This contract does not cover legal fees relating to litigation. That expense will be billed separately and brought before Council if and when necessary. Mr. Ebert said their firm has had a great relationship with the City, and looks forward to the future.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further question or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 32-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution 32-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 33-2021

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 33-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F550 4X4 REGULAR CAB DUMP TRUCK TO VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF NINETY-NINE THOUSAND SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$99,006.00)) be placed upon its first reading.

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

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Crawford (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 33-2021 placed on its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this legislation seeks permission to purchase a 2022 Form F550 1-Ton Dump Truck for the Street Department from Valley Ford Truck Centers of Cleveland and Huron for a cost of just over \$99,000, which includes purchase of the base vehicle and also all of the alterations that are necessary, as well, to equip the vehicle. This will replace a 2012 F-550. We will keep that vehicle and replace a 2008 F-450. This has been budgeted for via the Street Department revenue and the Capital Improvement Fund. This purchase will update our fleet and falls within the 2021 budget.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further question or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 33-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy, Crawford (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution 33-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 34-2021

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 34-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JUDGE WILLIAM STEUK TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO FOR A TECHNOLOGY GRANT FUND AWARD OF SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 85/100 DOLLARS (\$72,687.85) TO UPGRADE THE HURON MUNICIPAL COURT'S CURRENT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM) be placed upon its first reading.

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

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 34-2021 placed on its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this resolution seeks acceptance of a grant and permission to apply for a grant for upgrade of the Court's case management system. Applications were made in past years, but this is the first time a grant was awarded. The amount of the grant is just over \$72,000, which should cover the entirety of the project, unless there are any cost overruns or changes once they get into the process.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further question or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 34-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution 34-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 35-2021

Motion by Ms. Crawford that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 35-2021 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JUDGE WILLIAM STEUK TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPT THE GRANT AWARD AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO FOR A TECHNOLOGY GRANT FUND AWARD OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$14,795.00) TO UPGRADE THE HURON MUNICIPAL COURT'S CURRENT VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM) be placed upon its first reading.

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

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 35-2021 placed on its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this legislation seeks both permission to apply for and to accept a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court for just under \$15,000 for upgrade to the Court's video conferencing software. With all of the advancements in technology and learning to do business virtually, coupled with the fact that it has been difficult to transport people for arraignments from Erie County or Sandusky to Huron, the video conferencing software will be upgraded with 100% of those costs covered. Mr. Claus asked if these upgrades can be used by Council in chambers. Mr. Spafford answered that the equipment and software will be in the room, but the technology is fairly specific to the courts. There may be some opportunity to repurpose.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further question or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 35-2021. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Crawford, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Hagy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of adoption, Resolution 35-2021 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2021-19

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2021-19 (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2012-4 IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 5709.40 THROUGH 5709.43 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, TO AMEND AND CLARIFY THE CITY OF HURON'S DECLARATION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IS FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its first reading.

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

YEAS: Dike, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2021-19 placed on its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Lasko that back in 2012, Council approved a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) package covering 375 acres from Route 2 to Bogart Road, which included Sawmill Parkway and the Huron Corporate Park for future real estate tax proceeds to be able to fund critical infrastructure improvements. Unfortunately, we found that the TIF ordinance, once approved by Council, was not submitted to the Ohio Department of Taxation and, therefore, does not legally exist. He believes it is critical to reapply to get this TIF formally approved on projects that can be included in the TIF. In reviewing the original ordinance, there were both residential and City-owned parcels which are not eligible for inclusion in the TIF. We have reduced the number of parcels included from 79 down to 52, which almost exclusively includes the two corporate parks. This legislation will amend the original ordinance to include a new list of parcels so that future real estate tax revenue can be collected for infusion into capital infrastructure projects. This is a non-schools TIF, so the funds that the school districts will traditionally receive without a TIF will not be affected. The balance of those service payments will be sent to the City for deposit into a tax equivalent fund for future use on critical infrastructure projects. Mr. Lasko thanks Mr. Ebert and his team, as well as Bricker & Eckler out of Columbus, for their help to navigate this process. If approved, staff will take the next steps to send this on to Erie County, and then ultimately the Ohio Department of Taxation, for final approval.

Motion by Mr. Dike to place Ordinance 2021-19 as an emergency measure.

The Vice-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: Dike, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2021-19 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Dike asked how Council could make sure that this gets submitted to the State. Mr. Lasko said that responsibility rests with the administration to follow through on that – he is happy to provide updates in the Manager’s Report until the point that we get a final determination finding from the State of Ohio, which means it is legally binding and in operation. He will let Council know of benchmarks reached in the process as they occur.

The Vice-Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2021-19. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (5)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2021-19 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Vice-Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager’s Discussion

Mr. Lasko spoke on the following topics:

- ConAgra RFP/RFQ. We are out to RFP/RFQ on the ConAgra property, and have received a lot of questions and inquiries for documents, which is a good sign. The submission deadline is June 21st. One of the things we are doing in the interim is making sure when we get questions from a particular entity or firm, that those answers are being circulated to all of the firms on our mailing list so that everyone has the same information. We will continue to keep Council and the public apprised of the status.
- Cleveland Road Street Lighting Project. There was a pre-bid on May 18th – no bidders attended that meeting, but 4 contractors have pulled plans, hopefully for bidding on that project. We have not received any clarifying questions, which is a good sign. We intend to bring forth legislation to purchase the street lights in advance, which can help to condense the timeline for the ultimate installation of those lights.
- Speed Limit Radar Signs. The radar signs are now installed in front of the high school and in front of McCormick Junior High. Late last week, the beacons were installed on the back side of the signs in front of Shawnee School as well. We still are making small tweaks to the signs to make sure they are turning off and on and correct hours, which Mr. Spafford is navigating with the schools and the contractor.
- Route 6 Phase 1 and Phase 2 Update. We have completed design package and presentation documents highlighting proposed striping modifications along the corridor if the bike lanes are determined to be remaining, which is still up for conversation and public comment. They will be posted, if not already, to the City’s website, and the Sandusky Register did run a story this weekend with some of those renderings included. We included a link in the Manager’s Report for people’s access to the full document package, which includes renderings, some aerial views of what the corridor could look like if those alterations are in place, and some additional instructions on how one should operate within the lanes, as well. Crews were out last week to update and refresh the temporary striping. The striping

took a beating during the winter months, so crews were able to refresh a good chunk of that corridor. They were also out yesterday grinding around the catch basins, some of which sit pretty low. Those are now ground out so it is a smoother transition for anyone that travels over one of those catch basins along the corridor. Ms. Crawford asked if the catch basins were going to be painted. Mr. Lasko said they are not normally painted, but it can be looked into.

- **Zoning Code Planning.** The Planning Commission has asked the staff to add a discussion topic to the meeting scheduled for tomorrow, May 6th, relating to zoning regulations for single-family development in beachfront neighborhoods. The concern, generally, is that there could be a potential mismatch between the City's standard R-1 development standards and existing circumstances within those neighborhoods in terms of lots sizes and structure sizes, which were implemented prior to the City's incorporation. The administration will keep Council apprised of the discussion if anything further comes of it, and any modifications to the zoning code are subject to multiple meetings and Council approval. Mr. Spafford said they would provide an update after the meeting. The concern from the Planning Commission's standpoint is there are a lot of variance requests in this specific area. This is not an acknowledgment that this a problem, per se; they want to open it up the broader group to have a discussion about it. It is possible that nothing will come of it. If the Planning Commission decides that modifications are warranted, the proper procedures, including a Public Hearing, would be followed. Mr. Spafford said that there seems to be a disconnect between the types of development in the beachfront neighborhoods at the restrictions within those areas. Mr. Tapp asked if they are talking about variances that are being issued. Mr. Spafford said they are talking about variances in general – should there be further consideration in terms of relaxing certain zoning setbacks, design standards, etc., or not? Are the zoning regulations as they are written sufficient? This is based more on the quantity of variances being requested.
- **Fish Cleaning Station.** We are still working with engineering and ODNR officials on a potential agreement for the fish cleaning station. ODNR is preparing a draft agreement, and we plan to have the agreement before Council sometime after July 1st, which is the start of the State's new fiscal year. The hope is to have that fish cleaning station constructed next year and in operation by late summer, at the latest, which is a pretty aggressive timeline. The State is very supportive to see a few of these stations on the southern basin of Lake Erie. We will keep Council apprised of any updates.
- **Summer Programming.** In light of the recent rollback of COVID restrictions, we are moving forward with a number of planned events for the summer, albeit less than a typical year. Unfortunately, events planned early in the summer had to be pulled back and eliminated, as there was still uncertainty as it relates to some of the regulations that were in place. We are exploring the possibility of bringing back some events, possibly on different dates, and maybe scaled back from what they normally would have been. This is subject to availability of vendors, etc. As of this report, the event schedule will kick off on July 14th with the first Movies by the River (Toy Story 4). The Manager's Report includes a link to the current summer programming calendar. We are going to explore opportunities to see what, if anything, we can bring back – even if it is at a later date and maybe scaled back in size. We will keep Council and the public informed. Mr. Lasko thanked Doug

Steinwart and his team, and everyone they work with in the community, for looking at ways to see if they can bolster the previous set schedule for events.

- Sidewalk Repairs. Sidewalk repairs are underway from winter water main breaks. Most, if not all, of the street repairs have been completed.
- Water Plant Tube Settler Project. The bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2nd at 10:00am, and we hope to bring a contract to Council for consideration at the next Council meeting.
- Berlin Road Water Main Replacement and Resurfacing. Per Underground Utilities Inc., this project will start in June.
- Upcoming Meetings. Wednesday, May 26th – Planning Commission//Design Review Board (5:00pm in Council Chambers); Wednesday, June 2nd – Utilities Committee (5:00pm in the main conference room).

Mr. Dike asked if Council has any say in whether the River Fest happens, or not? He said that some individuals have the belief that we make that decision, and he wants it on the record that they do not. Mr. Lasko confirmed that Council has no control over decisions relating to River Fest.

Mr. Dike asked if anything has been discussed, with the recent incident at Sports Force, regarding parents acting poorly at our baseball tournaments – are we asking them to have any type of security to keep an eye on things? Mr. Lasko said that he realizes there have been some recent events, unfortunately. One of the things the City has asked is the tournaments to use means to up security, but because the contracts were already set for this year prior to this conversation, we weren't able to force the issue and require it. We are absolutely looking into a security requirement for next summer's season.

Mr. Claus asked if the new full-time police officers have been hired yet – does the process take 1-2 months for the physical and psychological testing. Mr. Lasko said it has taken a month or two to get the candidates through the psychological and the physical, and believes there will be a change to that update at the next Council meeting. He believes one person is very close to being through the process to the point where the City is extending an offer letter.

Vice-Mayor's Discussion

Vice-Mayor Tapp thanked Mr. Enderle and Mrs. Tann for coming to the meeting and providing information.

Regarding the bike lane, the Vice-Mayor said there will be a public hearing, and urged everybody to email your comments to the Clerk.

The Vice-Mayor said there will be an executive session, but does not foresee any action by Council following that session.

For the Good of the Order

- **Mr. Claus** – Thanked City Architecture and Restart Smart for working with Council on the Vision 2020 Expansion, as well as staff, who have put a lot of time into this. He looks forward to that

moving forward and getting together a nice package. Thanks to Mr. Enderle for being here, and also thanked the Township for all they do collaboratively with the City and we want to make sure to continue that relationship.

- **Mr. Hagy** – Nothing.
- **Ms. Crawford** – She has been approached by several citizens, and also read about it on a social media platform, asking when the stop signs were installed at the River Road crossing. Mr. Didelot said that he thought that it has been 5+ years – if the crossing doesn't have cross gates, a stop sign is required. Mr. Tapp said they are enforceable because there was a deputy sitting close by there. She asked if Carmeuse is continuing to remove the slag piles – the answer is yes. She received an invitation to the economic development cohosting with LESI about the Monday event, and she would have loved to have been there. They really do provide some very valuable information. She thinks that we have missed some opportunities to partner with LESI. Huron is back in that travel guide (rear page placement). LESI is genuinely a partner to the region through the folks who are advertising in the publication, as well as to the City. She doesn't know if we need a designee, or if we want to talk about if someone wants to go, but there is some very valuable information that transpires at these meeting. She doesn't know if it's a collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce or a member of Council, but she thinks we are missing another opportunity to take advantage of our involvement with that group. We are part of Lake Erie Shores & Islands, and it does extend from Vermilion beyond Ottawa County. She hates to watch us miss very valuable opportunities, even if we walk away from one of these things with one little tidbit. To Mr. Tapp's point, in his statement to Mrs. Tann, we are on the same page, and we might be overlooking just one little extra spark that could be a freebie for us.
- **Mr. Dike** – Condolences to the families of the victims of the traffic accident that happened over the weekend – it is very said to hear that. Thanks to Mr. Enderle – good luck in the upcoming election and thank you to him and the Township trustees for everything they do. It's exciting to see the boat basin opening back up. Fish Huron Ohio is hosting another tournament – Cabela's National Walleye Tour – on June 23-24. There will be over 100 boat in this tournament – it will be very exciting, and will be more so when we have the fish cleaning station.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Dike to move into executive session to protect the business information of an applicant for economic development assistance or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project, and to invite Mr. Ebert, Mr. Lasko and Mr. Spafford.

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

YEAS: Dike, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (5)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a unanimous vote in favor of the motion, Council moved into executive session at 7:16pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 7:58pm.

Adjournment

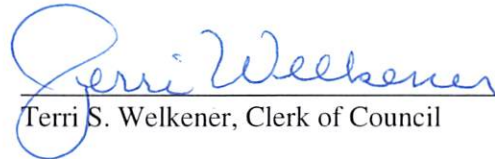
Motion by Mr. Dike to adjourn the meeting.

The Vice-Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: **Dike, Hagy, Crawford, Claus, Tapp (5)**

NAYS: **None (0)**

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Vice-Mayor declared the meeting of May 25, 2021 adjourned at 7:58pm.



Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 22 JUN 2021

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