

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order Public Hearing on the City's Application to Rezone the ConAgra Site (PPN: 42-61270.001) from General Industrial (I-2) to Mixed-Use Granary District (MU-GD)

The Mayor called the Public Hearing on the City's application to rezone the ConAgra site to order at 6:30pm on January 11, 2022 in Council Chambers 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.

Roll Call for Public Hearing

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for Public Hearing. The following members of Council answered present: **William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike, Matt Grieves, Joel Hagy.**

Swear in Witnesses

Mr. Schrader swore in all witnesses for the Public Hearing, which included William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike, Matt Grieves, Joel Hagy, Erik Engle and Matt Lasko.

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Mr. Lasko testified that he would ask Mr. Engle to provide some opening comments as to what is being proposed as part of this public hearing, and ultimately through later legislation in the regular meeting.

Mr. Engle testified that the City's application to rezone the ConAgra site is needed to fulfill proper development obligations. This application was initiated by staff this past November, and Council referred the application to the Planning Commission for review. During their November 24, 2021 meeting, the Planning Commission deferred any recommendation in order to adhere to certain guidelines regarding public hearings. A separate public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on December 15, 2021. There were no public comments made at that hearing. Ultimately, the Planning Commission recommended approval of that application based on what is being proposed by NAI Harmon, the developer chosen to develop that site. There were 2 recommendations made by the Planning Commission, one to approve and one to make certain amendments to the existing code, which is subject of legislation in the regular meeting following this hearing. The rezoning calls for changing the current designation from industrial I-2 to a mixed-use zone MU-GD. Any kind of industrial district prohibits residential, so that is the biggest reason necessitating the change. Mixed-use will allow a combination of commercial and residential uses. This was also a recommendation of the Vision 2020 Master Plan, as well. The code itself was written in 2015 to tee this up, and this is taking the next step.

Mr. Hagy asked if the small finger of proper extending toward the boat ramp will be included on the land swap is completed. Mr. Engle answered that once the land swap is taken care of, all of that property will still be combined under the same parcel number, and the end result will carry over.

Mr. Claus said that we have a couple of amendments later on the agenda. In this case, making motions to approve amendment of the ordinance will come later in the regular meeting. Mr. Schrader answered that the current intention, if Council so chooses, is to contemplate approval of the application to rezone and place it on its first reading only, to allow the process to unfold through two additional readings (non-emergency). Meanwhile, we have legislation contemplating the changes that were introduced in terms of the some of the classifications that will come later.

Mr. Dike asked if we go down this path with it being a granary district, when this development comes in will it be a planned unit development? Mr. Engle answered that it would not be a planned unit development. A planned unit development is an overlay district. This is its own separate zone – it would adhere to the regulations on that particular district. Mr. Dike asked if he foresaw any challenges down the road with this change. Mr. Engle said this zone comprises what the City and the community wants to see for that site. We obviously don't want to revert back to an industrial use that restricts the waterfront. This would only enhance what we want to accomplish in the Master Plan to engage the waterfront, create more public and green space, etc. He doesn't perceive future repercussions based on this zoning change. Mr. Claus added that this will be the only zone within the City that will have this zoning designation.

Mr. Tapp asked if there were any other questions for Mr. Engle. There were no further questions.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Claus to approve the City's application to rezone the ConAgra Site (PPN: 42-61270.001) from General Industrial (I-2) to Mixed-Use Granary District (MU-GD).

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

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Artino to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Call to Order of the Regular Meeting of Council

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:37pm on January 11, 2022 in Council Chambers at Huron City Hall.

Roll Call for Regular Meeting

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for regular meeting of Council. The following members of Council answered present: **William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Mark Claus, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike, Matt Grievess, Joel Hagy.**

Staff participating in the meeting: City Manager Matt Lasko, Law Director Todd Schrader, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle, City Engineer Russ Critelli and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Hagy to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 23, 2021 as written.

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

YEAS: Hagy, Claus, Tapp, Dike (4)
ABSTAIN: Grieves, Biddlecombe, Artino (3)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion was approved.

Audience Comments

The Mayor advised any audience members wishing to speak to approach the podium, state their name and address for the record, and they will have 3 minutes to address Council.

Joseph Catri, 902 Superior Drive, Huron, OH. Mr. Catri said that he has a couple of questions. He wants to know what the timeline is on the school signs for Berlin Rd. and St. Peter's, and what would be the chances of getting the eastbound traffic from the boat ramp to go under the bridge and out onto River Road so that they can go east. He asked Mr. Green that question years ago, and he didn't get back to him. Instead of holding up traffic if you want to go east, if you go under the bridge you can come out on River Rd. and go east. He said that the road is already there, but he doesn't know who owns the road where the marina is. Mr. Claus said that is railroad property leased to the marina (private property). Mr. Catri said the State has some property in between the railroad property so he doesn't know why we couldn't get into that – they are not using it. Mayor Tapp said the problem would be that you would be coming out a driveway that someone else owns. Mr. Claus said that is not a road, it is only a highway. Mr. Catri asked why the City of State couldn't get in on that, it's not like they are parking on that driveway. Mayor Tapp said that is something they could look into, but it's private property in that area. Mr. Catri answered that the State has a right-of-way that could be used. He wants to know when we can't do that. It's either that, or put up a stoplight. Mayor Tapp said he would find out the timeline for the school zone signs on Berlin Road and for St. Peter's.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ordinance No. 2021-48

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2021-48 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-34, ADOPTED DECEMBER 8, 2020, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES, AN INCREASE IN ESTIMATED RESOURCES, AND CASH TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS) 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 Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2021-48 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood said that in order to ensure the City's is in compliance with state law, expenditures and encumbrances cannot exceed total appropriations per fund at the end of the year. This appropriation measure is necessary by the end of year 2021. The appropriations adjustments set forth on the attachment pages are budget transfers among city funds and account line items to align appropriations with actual expenditures plus encumbrances for 2021. This appropriation measure was sent to Council on December 28, 2021 to meet the year-end deadline. Mr. Swaisgood made the adjustments prior to year-end and notified the State Auditors that we were unable to have the December 28th meeting. He is asking for retroactive approval of the final appropriations to show the Auditors that there was an intent made to have final appropriations approved by year-end in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

The 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 2021-48. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2021-48 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-1

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-1 (AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH ARDAGH METAL BEVERAGE USA INC.; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE UPON EXPIRATION OF THE 14-DAY REVIEW PERIOD PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTION 5709.83 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; 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 Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-1 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Claus to place Ordinance 2022-1 as an emergency measure.

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, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-1 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said that he happy to present this request to Council. It has been a long time coming, and we have been foreshadowing in many Manager's Reports. The City received a Community Reinvestment Area

tax abatement request from Ardagh earlier in 2021. At the time, they were seeking a 15-year 100% tax abatement. Through a series of negotiations and discussions with EHOVE and Huron Schools, we have been able to whittle that tax abatement request to a level in which the district and both Huron Schools and EHOVE would not be impacted. There will be later School Compensation Agreements that will speak to that. In essence, this is 100% tax exemption for 15 years. However, the school districts will be made whole through compensation agreements. The net tax abatement is approximately 25-30%. There is a series of minimum commitments that Ardagh has to make every year during the term of the abatement. They are looking to minimally have a 500,000 sq. ft. project, including both renovations and expansion, and are minimally committing to \$411 Million in investment, which includes acquisition, equipment purchases, site improvements, and renovations and expansion. They have also minimally committed to 211 new employment positions (these are not employment positions that are coming from other facilities). Finally, they will have a minimum annual payroll of just over \$16.5 Million. We are seeking approval of this abatement on their behalf. They will have an annual monitoring fee of \$2,500 because one of the things we do through the Tax Incentive Review Council every year is have them file a report in which they are evidencing that they are meeting these minimum commitments. We expect them to far exceed what is in the summary, but we do need to set those baselines so that we have something to gauge when reviewing them on an annual basis. We also included a minimum valuation, which means that during the term of the abatement, they can never request or appeal to have the property valuation be lower than \$9.5 Million. We are very happy with where we have been able to bring this project through negotiations with Ardagh to this point and for Council consideration.

The 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 2022-1. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-1 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-2

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-2 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 161.04 (A), EXHIBIT "A" POSITION AND SALARY SCHEDULE 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 Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-2 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Hagy to place Ordinance 2022-2 as an emergency measure.

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: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-2 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Swaisgood said he would like to address both Ordinance 2022-2 and Ordinance 2022-3. Ordinances 2022-2 and 3 relate to the position salary schedule and director's salary ordinances that are brought forward to Council on an annual basis for approval. This is primarily due to annual raise increases, which is 2% for all bargaining and non-bargaining employees for 2022. The significant changes to the salary schedule include creation of a Planning Director position, which is a potential internal promotional position. It is not an actual new position or new FTE. The other change to the salary schedule is the increase of part-time fire wage range from \$12-\$15 to \$15 to \$18, which will allow for flexibility in increasing part-time wages in the Fire Department. The director position increases set forth in Ordinance 2022-3 are either contractual or due to the city-wide 2% increase. The significant change in the Service Director position is due to the position not being filled for many years and no changes to that salary since then, and the potential for hiring a Service Director in 2022. We are asking for retroactive approval so these ordinances can take effect on January 1, 2022.

The 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 2022-2. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-2 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-3

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-3 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 161.04.1 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES 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 Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-3 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Claus to place Ordinance 2022-3 as an emergency measure.

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: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-3 was placed as an emergency measure.

The 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 2022-3. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-3 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-4

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-4 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.01, TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP, AND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.02, TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE, REGARDING THE FINAL STRIPING PLAN AND SIGNAGE FOR THE US ROUTE 6 BICYCLE LANES BETWEEN BERLIN ROAD AND WILLIAMS STREET, 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 Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-4 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance 2022-4 as an emergency measure.

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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-4 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said that, much like the ordinance that came before Council over the summer, we are seeking final modification to the Traffic Control Map and Traffic Control File with the final striping plan and final signage plan for US-6. We need to be able to make these modifications and have recognition of the final traffic and signage plan so that we can enforce all traffic codes along the corridor that were part of US 6 Phase 1.

The 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 2022-4. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-4 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-5

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance 2022-5 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A “PERMITTED USES” TO CHAPTER 1127 “MIXED-USE DISTRICTS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HURON TO ADDRESS DWELLING UNITS IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, TO PERMIT TRANSIENT RENTALS, TO CONDITIONALLY PERMIT OUTDOOR DISPLAYS OR SALES, AND TO PERMIT PLACES OF WORSHIP/CHURCHES IN MIXED-USE ZONING DISTRICTS) 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 Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor, Ordinance 2022-5 was placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that this is the first reading for a series of zoning amendments, as relates to the Mixed Use – Granary District zoning district. As mentioned, the zoning district was created several years ago, specifically for this site. He gave the Planning Commission a lot of credit for thoroughly going through the zoning district and realizing that over the last 6 or 7 years there may be a few recommendations to make to Council to more appropriately modernize this zoning district. He highlighted those recommendations, taking into consideration that what we believe is being proposed by the developer is not now permitted, as it does not permit residential uses on the ground floor. This would be counterintuitive for a townhouse-type unit. What the Planning Commission recommended specifying to not allow residential uses specifically in commercial buildings so that if someone was building a single-family house or townhouse, that would be permitted. Secondly, the site is currently quiet to the possibility of transient rentals, and in conversations with the Law Department, given that it explicitly allows it elsewhere, the thought was that unless it explicitly allows it here, it’s probably disallowed. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is to permit it. As a side note, it is being allow in the zoning district, however, as the City and the community begin negotiations with NAI Harmon, we still have several abilities to restrict transient rentals, and may ultimately decide to do that, whether that’s through a development agreement or through a deed restriction. We would have that ability, but didn’t think we wanted to restrict that within the zoning code. Thirdly, knowing there is going to be some commercial and retail uses, we wanted to make outdoor displays and signage a conditional use. That way, we can vet individual situations to make sure it is appropriate for that site. Fourthly, which was not a recommendation from the Planning Commission but was addressed and brought up by Mr. Engle, is the need to allow places of worship and assembly halls at that site. We don’t anticipate that this will be part of the plan, but given its allowances through other areas in the community, it has been the recommendation that we allow it in the zoning code standpoint under Federal law.

Ordinance No. 2022-6

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance 2022-6 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HURON TO REFLECT THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 11.4 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CLEVELAND ROAD, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 42-61270.001, FROM THE CURRENT I-2 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) TO MU-GD (MULTI-USE GRANARY DISTRICT)) 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 Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor, Ordinance 2022-6 was placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Lasko reiterated that this was unanimously recommended by the Planning Commission in December to Council for consideration.

Resolution 1-2022

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 1-2022 (A CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GUARDRAIL UPGRADES AT SLM 18.69 (BETWEEN SHAWNEE PLACE AND KIWANIS AVENUE) AND 19.11 (BETWEEN EAGLE RIDGE DRIVE AND NEWPORT DRIVE) ON US ROUTE 6 IN THE CITY OF HURON IN ERIE COUNTY; AND TO PERFORM GUARDRAIL UPGRADES AT SLM 6.97 AND 7.09 (GUARDRAIL THAT CROSSES OVER MUD BROOK) ON STATE ROUTE 13 IN THE CITY OF HURON IN ERIE COUNTY) 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 1-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that this is the first in a series of three authorizations requested by ODOT from the City of Huron to perform certain improvements throughout the City. As Mr. Schrader summarized, Resolution No. 1-2022 involves replacement of guardrails on both Route 6 and Route 13. This work, per ODOT, is slated to occur during the sum of 2023. The City must provide authorization so that they can get it on their schedule.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 1-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 1-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 2-2022

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 2-2022 (A CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROUTE SIGN REPLACEMENTS ON ERI STATE ROUTE 2 SLM 15.97 (WESTERN CORP. LIMIT) TO SLM 17.30 (EASTERN CORP. LIMIT) IN THE CITY OF HURON OF ERIE COUNTY) 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 2-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this a second ODOT authorization request for the City of Huron. This work is slated for this upcoming summer.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 2-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 3-2022

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 3-2022 (A CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NAVIGATIONAL LIGHT UPGRADES ON ERIE US ROUTE 6 SLM 17.71 OVER THE HURON RIVER IN THE CITY OF HURON OF ERIE COUNTY) 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 3-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

This is a holdover from the December 28, 2021 meeting that was cancelled. ODOT is seeking local authorization to repair and upgrade the navigational lights under the US-6 bridge. This is slated to occur in the summer of 2023.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 3-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 3-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 4-2022

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 4-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF HURON, THE HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ARDAGH METAL BEVERAGE USA INC.) 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 4-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that he would be addressing the next two resolutions collectively. As previously mentioned as part of this project, Ardagh is agreeable to ensuring that both school districts remain whole from a tax receipts standpoint during the term of the abatement. It may seem strange that we are doing compensation agreements when the schools will be remaining whole, but the way the flow of funds is structured, is that EHOVE and Huron City Schools will bill Ardagh on an annual basis for the tax receipts that they believe they are entitled to, based on the ultimate new valuation of the property. What is important here is that the compensation agreements are worded in a way that both school districts are due what they normally would have received if an exemption was not in place. We are happy to be able to work with Ardagh and they are committed to getting compensation agreements in place with both EHOVE and Huron City Schools to keep them whole as part of this project.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 4-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 4-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 5-2022

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 5-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF HURON, EHOVE CAREER CENTER AND ARDAGH METAL BEVERAGE USA INC.) 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievies, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 5-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that it is important to note that Huron City Schools approved the compensation agreement at their board meeting in December, and that EHOVE approved their compensation agreement at their board meeting in December, as well.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 5-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievies, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 5-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 6-2022

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 6-2022 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES TO THE CITY OF HURON FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 82/100 DOLLARS (\$102,130.82) FOR THE AGREEMENT TERM JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022) 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, Grievies, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 6-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that due to the cancellation of the meeting on December 28th, there is a series of resolutions seeking ratification for agreements that the administration did execute, and this one of them. Our dispatching contract with Erie County was set to expire at the end of 2021. We entered into a new agreement with the Sheriff's Department for dispatching services for the City. In 2021, we paid roughly \$67,000 in dispatching fees to the Sheriff's Office. Under this new agreement, the cost is upwards of \$102,000. Even with the pretty significant increase, this is far less expensive than the City having dispatch services in-house. Over the summer, there was an advisory group that got together amongst all of the jurisdictions that are part of the dispatching group, and they analyzed the use of dispatching services, and what came out of that analysis is that Perkins and Sandusky were overpaying significantly for their portion of dispatching

services, and communities like Vermilion, Huron and some small jurisdictions were underpaying for the services. The group attempted to right-size that cost sharing coming into 2022, which is why we are seeking the increase. Moving forward, we believe that is important to have some predictability from an annual budgetary standpoint of what the City's costs are going to be. During the first quarter of this year, we anticipate sitting down with the Sheriff to see if we can get the framework of a multi-year agreement in place so that, budgetarily speaking, we have some predictability. As it relates to this increase, this was included in the budget for 2022. This is not a shock and something that we did not budget for.

Mr. Swaisgood said the funding mechanism for this contract is allocated between the General Fund (which is the Police Department) at 80% and the Fire Department Levy Fund at 20%.

Mr. Dike said that he would like to hear the responses the City gets as to the multi-year contract, as it may keep going up a considerable amount and he would want the City to get stuck in a position where it's take it or leave it. He doesn't know if there's a Plan B in the future, but it's something to think about. He knows we need great services for dispatch, because when people need them, they need to be responsive.

Mr. Artino thinks that dispatch does a great job for us, but thinks it would be up to the Chief and the Fire Captains to say that. He knows that it is still much lower than what we were previously paying when we were in-house, but with this size of an increase he would like to see a multi-year contract.

Mayor Tapp said that he is guessing that the Advisory Board is who came up with this. They looked into this, but moving down the road, he is hoping that we can say we didn't plan so much the first time, but we should keep an eye on that. The Mayor then asked Chief Lippert for his comments.

Chief Lippert said that he was a member of the Advisory Board, and when they started the regional dispatching, the cost sharing was based on call volume. Over the years, that turned out to be very unfair to the larger departments. If you're going to have your own dispatcher, they have to be there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Sandusky, Perkins and Huron were paying significantly more than smaller departments such as Bayview. Some of the smaller fire departments were paying as little as \$200-\$300 a year for 24-hour dispatching services. Sandusky and Perkins recently took a hard look at it and realized that it was unfair, and came to the Board. The Board's recommendation was to restructure how the services are billed. We may be paying more, but we are still paying significantly less than if we had in-house service. As the median hourly rate of all dispatchers increases due to raises, we will also see that in our next contract. We will still sit down with the Sheriff to get some assurance that that is the way it will be. In his mind and in the Advisory Board's mind, that is the way it will be.

Mayor Tapp thanked Chief Lippert for the explanation and reiterated that the actual cost is the primary driver since we have to have someone there 24/7. Chief Lippert said that it should have been looked at a few years into this, but it was never reviewed.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 6-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 6-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 7-2022

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 7-2022 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS/HURON LOCAL 4168, HURON, OHIO FOR THE CONTRACT PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024) 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, Grievies, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 7-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that this resolution seeks ratification of a new 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF. He acknowledged all of the hard work that went into these negotiations - on the fire side, Jerod Smith, Charlie Ruggles and Kevin Bower and on the administration side, Mr. Swaisgood and SSEG to put the contracts together. It was a very smooth process and he appreciates everyone's transparency, openness, and a desire to get to a fair agreement for the next 3 years.

Mr. Swaisgood the new 3-year contract begins on January 1, 2022, and included wage increases and healthcare benefit changes similar to the police contracts that were recently approved by Council. Wage increases are 2% for 2022, 2.25% for 2023 and 2.5% for 2024, and similar to the police union, the Juneteenth holiday was added, as well. In addition, the City also re-established the education and incentive pay, which is a 1-3% added rate to their salary if they acquire so many hours toward a degree that is pre-approved by the Fire Chief or Fire Captain, in this case. That benefit was taken away 6 or 7 years ago. The City also agreed to increase comp time maximum allowed to hold. Mr. Swaisgood thanked the fire union and, specifically, Jerod Smith in the Fire Department, for his efforts in working with the City and Union to ensure that a fair deal was made.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 7-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grievies, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 7-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 8-2022

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 8-2022 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR EXTENSION OF THE 2019-2021 AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO OC 8/LOCAL 2024 ("AFSCME") COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT) 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 8-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that AFSCME requested a simple Memorandum of Understanding until Council could consider the agreement, due to cancellation of the last meeting in December. The legislation requests Council's ratification of the execution of this MOU extending the terms 2019-2021 contract until the new contract could be approved by Council at tonight's meeting, and if for whatever reason it was not approved, this would extend the existing contract on a day-to-day basis until there was a formalized agreement.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 8-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 8-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 9-2022

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 9-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 2024, AND OHIO COUNCIL 8 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 9-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Resolution 9-2022 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 on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to passed, and Resolution No. 9-2022 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko explained that this legislation seeks approval of a new 3-year contract for the year 2022 through 2024 for AFSCME. Mr. Lasko acknowledged everyone that contributed to the negotiations, which went very smoothly. He specifically acknowledged Mr. Swaisgood, Jason Gibboney, Gary Ebert, Mark Jacobs, Anthony Jones and Jay Bogel (from their bargaining unit and AFSCME representation).

Mr. Swaisgood said that similar to the police union and fire union, wages over the 3 years are 2%, 2.25% and 2.5%. We were also able to keep the healthcare program consistent among the 3 bargaining units and non-bargaining unit. That is a good thing for the City and its employees. Similar to the police and fire contracts, Juneteenth was added as a holiday. In addition, now that the water plant went to 24/7 operations, which happened in May of this year, the City agreed to a shift differential of \$0.64 per hour for water plant employees working nights and weekends. Finally, a third personal day was added, which brings them to similar terms with the police and fire union contracts.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 9-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 9-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 10-2022

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 10-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HURON AND THE HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT) 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: Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 10-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that he would be addressing both Resolutions 10-2022 and 11-2022. These resolutions relate to compensation agreements for Huron City Schools and EHOVE Career Center, respectively, as relates to the Sawmill Creek Resort project. We are currently going through the process of annexation to that the City can supply, as part of the project, some financing to the tune of \$2 Million to Cedar Fair. However, there will also be additional TIF revenue over the course of the 30 years that will be receipted by the City for major infrastructure improvements within the City in and around that facility. As part of that project and as part of the tax increment financing (TIF) package, the City made a request to the school districts through compensation agreements to receive less tax revenue than they otherwise would have received if the project moved forward without a TIF in place. EHOVE and Huron City Schools have both approved their Compensation Agreements in the summer of 2021. He stressed that the existing tax revenues currently being received by those districts from the property are not being impacted, They will received everything they are getting now. This reduction only relates to the new revenue relating to the renovation. The City has verbal agreement, which will be memorialized, with Cedar Fair on what they are going to pay on an

annual basis on top of which they are currently paying, which is \$450,000. From this amount, Huron City Schools will received \$112,500 and EHOVE's share is \$6,750 annually, which equates to 25% of the new revenue stream for Huron City Schools and 1.5% for EHOVE during the 30-year term of the TIF.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 10-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 10-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 11-2022

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 11-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HURON AND EHOVE CAREER CENTER) 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: Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 11-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 11-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 11-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 12-2022

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 12-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HURON AND THE HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT) 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 12-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that he would be addressing both Resolutions 12-2022 and 13-2022. He explained that this is very similar to the Sawmill Creek project that was just discussed. This relates to the future ConAgra redevelopment. As the City went through the developer selection and interview process this summer, one of the things we heard universally across all the developers we interviewed was the need and request for the public and the City to take care of several infrastructure investments – everything from utilities to and through the site, public roadways and any type of seawall or revetment that is necessary at the site. We had some developers request that the City install the green space, as well. One of the reasons we liked NAI Harmon is that they are agreeable to not only investing in and building out the green space, but also maintaining it long-term. Between utilities, roadways and sea wall repairs and reconstruction, we are talking several millions of dollars. Outside of some type of drastic measure to come up with those funds, what really makes sense is a TIF structure, which we have done and put in place on Sawmill Creek. We made that presentation to Huron Schools in December, which they were supportive of and approved the Compensation Agreement before Council for consideration. Per the Compensation Agreement, the Huron City Schools would be receiving 25% of all future real estate tax proceeds from that development for the next 30 years. Also very similar to Sawmill Creek, EHOVE is agreeable to the Compensation Agreement at the administrative level to the same 1.5%, and it will be going before their Board for consideration tomorrow. The terms of both Sawmill Creek and ConAgra are identical as relates to what the districts would be receiving. The remaining 73.5% would be receipted to the City so that we can retire the debt for the future infrastructure improvements that are needed at that site. One of the things they heard universally from both EHOVE and Huron Schools was that right now, given that this is publicly owned, it is not tax-producing at all and has not been tax producing for over a decade. The idea that we are able to get something from this site for the next 30 years for the school districts was very important, and he thinks that they saw the value in that, as well.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 12-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 12-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 13-2022

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 13-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HURON AND EHOVE CAREER CENTER) 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 13-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 13-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 13-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 14-2022

Motion by Mr. Grievess that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 14-2022 (A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2010-46, ADOPTED JUNE 22, 2010, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PERTAINING TO A TWENTY-FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION LEASE FOR PUBLIC USE OF THE U.S. WEST PIER IN 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: Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 14-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that this resolution relates to a request brought to the City by the Army Corps of Engineers and relates to a lease that was originally entered into in 2010. More specifically, this relates to the safety ladders and pier safety devices that were recently installed on the pier. We previously received written authorization from the Army Corps to make those installations, but the Army Corps thought it prudent to formally amend the lease to not only permit their installation retroactively, but to also request that the City be responsible for the maintenance of those devices. Mayor Tapp asked if the lease included a release from liability for them. Mr. Lasko answered that he is sure that is included in the underlying lease.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 14-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 14-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 15-2022

Motion by Mr. Grievess that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 15-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SERVICE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO AND POLICE CHIEF ROBERT J. LIPPERT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 11, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED

EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE AND 20/100 DOLLARS (\$87,755.20)) 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: Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 15-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko explained that this resolution relates to the employment contract of Police Chief Robert Lippert. He believes there was an original 3-year contract entered into in 2017 or 2018 that also had two 1-year extensions totaling 5 years. We have now exhausted those 5 years, so we are seeking to enter into a new agreement, which would extend through the end of 2022. The underlying language from the original contract remains unchanged, with the primary change being an increase in base salary equivalent to the 2% that all administrative employees received as part of the 2022 budget – that is where the \$87,755.20 comes in.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 15-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 15-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 16-2022

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 16-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THREE (3) PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERED PROCESS SYSTEMS, LTD FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRIC ENGINEERING AND PROJECT COORDINATION SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF HURON RELATING TO THE HURON PUBLIC POWER EXPANSION PROJECT IN A COMBINED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$121,940.00)) 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: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 16-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that we are excited to present a series of design contracts to Council for which is a pretty significant beginning for the expansion of Huron Public Power to a potentially larger customer base. Secondly, he was not there, but he believes these proposals were provided to and vetted by the Utilities Committee back in December.

Mr. Swaisgood explained that this resolution includes three proposals that are linked and specific to the expansion to Huron Public Power (HPP) in an amount not to exceed \$121,000 for all three proposals combined. These proposals were discussed during the December Utilities Committee meeting, some Finance Committee meetings and also during the budget meeting where we talked about the Capital Improvement Plan. These three proposals are before Council tonight for approval, which if approved will approve the EPS proposals (the City's current electrical engineering consultant; Mr. Mike Spacek would be the lead engineer on these projects). The engineering services to be provided would include: engineering and project management services to add power capacity and redundancy at the substation, which includes a third transformer; the engineering and project services related to the underground conduit system from Rye Beach Road to the east end of Sawmill Parkway for future HPP cables, any city-owned lights on Sawmill Parkway, and the future city-owned broadband cables; and engineering services to design infrastructure and equipment within and outside the substation to expand HPP's distribution system not only down Rye Beach Road and down Sawmill Parkway, but also under the railroad tracks and across the highway into Sawmill Creek resort, if possible. That third and final proposal, although it is included in this proposal, will be something that is done last and we may not see that work done in 2022. The main reason for these proposals is due to Sawmill Parkway and to get under the tracks to being the expansion of HPP.

Mr. Dike asked what type of potential the City sees as far as customer base goes. Mr. Swaisgood answered that the estimate is anything down Sawmill Parkway can be picked up, Sawmill Creek Resort and expanding on to government buildings, schools, library, etc. The expectation is in order to get those customers, we have to get down those roads first. Mr. Dike said he thinks things are going in the right direction. Mr. Claus asked if the expansion would potentially include picking up Firelands BGSU on the way, or is that not possible since they are in the Township. Mr. Swaisgood said that HPP could pick up Firelands BGSU because they are already south of the tracks. Mr. Swaisgood said that there is already a line up to the railroad tracks. Mr. Tapp asked if the expansion would allow the City to go as far as it wants, or would further expansion be required. Mr. Swaisgood answered that with the design that is contemplated, this would be expanding all the way throughout the City of Huron on the west side of the river. That is the purpose of combining these three proposals together to complete the full expansion and it is more cost-effective for the City.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 16-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (7)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 16-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Board and Commissions Appointments

Motion

Motion by Mr. Claus appointing Scott Slocum to the Board of Building and Zoning Appeals for a term of 5 years; and appointing Scott Slocum to the Tax Incentive Review Committee.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

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

Motion

Motion by Mr. Claus reappointing Gary Boyle to the Planning Commission for a 4-year terms; David Finger to the Huron Joint Port Authority for a 4-year term as a City appointment; and Bryan Edwards to the Huron Joint Recreation District for a 2-year term as a City appointment.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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: Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (7)
NAYS: None (0)

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

Motion

Motion by Mr. Artino appointing Councilmembers to boards and commissions as set forth on Exhibit "A" to the January 11, 2022 Agenda Item VII.c. for 2-year terms.

A copy of Exhibit "A" referenced above is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)

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

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Lasko spoke on several topics:

- Sawmill Creek – Based on the continued redevelopment of Sawmill Creek resort and all of the investments south of there in both of our industrial parks, the City has begun conversations with the ODOT regarding safety and traffic control updates and upgrades along Cleveland Road and Rye Beach Road, with major emphasis at the Cleveland Road and Rye Beach Road intersection. We will be meeting with the staffs of ERPC, Huron Township and Erie County in the upcoming weeks, who likely have significant interest in additional upgrades to the Cleveland Road corridor heading west of town, primarily at the Camp Road and Perkins Road intersections. Based on a traffic study that was done a few years ago, coupled with all the major investments in the area, we believe that a pretty significant project would be of interest to ODOT for what they call a Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) application, which is specifically for catalytic infrastructure projects that are at or above \$12 Million. We are in discussions with other jurisdictional partners about making application through the TRAC application process in May of 2022 for significant upgrades to the entire corridor.

- Electric Vehicle – We have had a lot of internal discussions with staff, and at this moment for the January round of grants, we are recommending to not make application. We are going to continue researching future funding rounds. However, we believe there is much more research needed in terms of preferred locations, assuming it is a public space in which we are going to be taking away public parking spaces, for at least 5 years. We also need a better understanding of ongoing maintenance responsibilities for these charging stations during and after the 5-year grant program is over. There will be future funding rounds, but we found that we are a little unsure and uninformed to be able to make application in January. We are going to continue to have conversations if it makes sense for some place in this community. There are other charging stations in and around Huron, specifically on Route 250 and there is also one at Motel 6 on Rye Beach Rd.
- Joint Sidewalk East to Huron Green Project with Huron Township – As mentioned in previous management reports, we are hoping to get through the design process this year and hopefully construct in 2023. However, we plan seeking Council approval to make application to the Erie Regional Planning Commission, specifically the Metropolitan Planning Organization, for supplemental funding for the project. They just released an RFP, which is due on February 25th, seeking transportation alternative projects, which are primarily bicycle and pedestrian projects, as they do have some dollars that they want to put into sidewalk and bike projects. They have \$280,000 available, and we have the ability to ask for upwards of \$93,414, of which we will be making the full request.
- Local Street Resurfacing – We have received a proposal from OHM to update our Pavement Condition Report “PCR”, which we have executed and they will start that work in early 2022. We want to use the PCR as our main tool for major catalytic street resurfacing in 2023 and beyond. We want to make sure that we are addressing local street resurfacing in the interim, and we originally set aside \$200,000 as part of the 2022 budget. However, based on budget surplus at the end of the year in the General Fund, the recommendation has been made to move another \$300,000 into local street resurfacing for 2022, for a total budget this year of \$500,000. We have just begun discussions with OHM and our Streets Foreman to come up with a list of recommendations for Council’s consideration for 2022, understanding that this will bridge us until we are able to do a pretty significant bond issuance in 2023/2024.
- Ice Skating Rink. The rink has been filled, and thanked all of our donors, but also the Parks & Recreation Department and Fire Department, who used 18,000 gallons of water to fill it. It was a cold day, but everyone did a tremendous job. We will need several of below freezing temperatures, and are not going to commit to a specific day yet. With the upcoming forecast of 10 straight days of cold weather with very little snow, he hopes to have it open in a few days. Once it is open, we will put it out on every single channel possible so that the public is aware. The rink is equipped with lights for the evening hours.
- Fish Cleaning Station – We are taking our final look at the design documents, which Mr. Critelli and his team have circulated. We should have our final review in the next couple days, with a plan to formally begin the bidding process for the project at the end of the month. We are taking a very quick and hard look at potentially purchasing some items directly, as opposed to bidding it all out as one entire bid package, because there is a pretty significant lead time with certain items, much like the streetlight project where the City purchased the streetlights in advance to cut down on the lead time to receive the materials.
- Emergency Knox Boxes – These are emergency boxes used by the fire department and other emergency personnel that allows them to safely access the unit/residence without doing any damage. The City was only using one system, but based on feedback of a bigger need in the community, we did purchase 5 more systems, which are now in possession of our fire department. They have a process in which individuals can lease those out on an ongoing basis. We don’t have a lot of them, so we ask that people that request those have a demonstrable need. If think it is

something that goes fast this year, we have already started discussions to purchase additional units, if the demand is there.

- **Personnel** – We have concluded all interviews for the Service Director/Director of Operations positions. As mentioned, we had both job descriptions out there. As we went through the process, we felt that it really made sense to combine those positions into a singular position. We had a great pool of candidates to choose from. Based on those interviews, we have a preferred candidate, who we will be presenting to Council at the next meeting for consideration under the Service Director title, which is a chartered position and needs Council's affirmation of the recommendation. We have started the process to onboard a new police officer, which was in the budget for 2022. We hope to have someone very quickly for the addition to the police department. Lastly, as part of the 2022 budget, we made arrangements to convert the current part-time Zoning Inspector position to a full-time Zoning Inspector position. We have begun that process and hope to have that position formalized and filled in February.

Mr. Dike said that some people from out of town had mentioned how awesome to have a fish cleaning station here in Huron. He anticipates this really putting Huron on the map to have that resource there for them to use. He is excited to see that come to fruition. Mr. Dike said that he has heard nothing but strong comments on how the new officers are great and that we have been able to gather some individuals to come to our community. Mr. Dike thanked Mr. Swaisgood for helping the Port Authority to get through their annual report.

Regarding the lock boxes, Mr. Claus asked if the City was able to lower the cost. Mr. Lasko said that there are less costly systems available, but the issue becomes having multiple sets of keys that are carried by our safety forces, and then you have to consider the transitions between shifts. The recommendation was made to stick with the Knox Boxes that we already use, which are used in many local jurisdictions. Understanding that it could be cost-prohibitive for certain individuals, the decision was made to purchase these units and lease them, at no cost, the citizens in need. Our safety forces felt it was so important to ensure the uniformity of the system, that the City has purchased the units.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp thanked everyone for their patience with the large agenda. He took responsibility for that because he was ill and there weren't enough members of Council available for a quorum. He appreciates all of the hard work that Mr. Lasko and his staff are doing. He said that we would find out timeframes on school zone warning lights on Berlin Rd. and St. Peter's. Mr. Engle will look into the other issue that was brought up about the boat ramp.

He has received a lot of comments on the ice rink, but the weather determines how that is going. Hopefully, it is going to get cold enough to freeze today.

For the Good of the Order

- **Mr. Biddlecombe** – Thanked staff. He said that he received an email from a resident who wanted it to read it on the record. "To all members of the Huron City Council: Your help with bringing a positive result to the Mudbrook Creek no wake situation is greatly appreciated. Please accept my thanks of all involved on the public end. Sometimes, persistence pays off. Again, thank you and best wishes. Gene Capizzi, Hidden Valley Drive, Huron." Upcoming high school sports home games:
Swimming – home match on January 26th
Boys' Basketball – January 11th
Girls' Basketball – January 13th
Wrestling – January 19th
Bowling – January 11th, January 18th and January 20th.
Go Tigers!

- **Mr. Claus** – Thanks to staff for all of their hard work. He is looking forward to the ice rink and was wondering if Mr. Swaisgood put skates for all Council members in the budget.
- **Mr. Artino** – Nothing.
- **Mr. Dike** – Nothing.
- **Mr. Grieves** – Nothing.
- **Mr. Hagy** – Nothing.

Executive Sessions

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dike to adjourn the 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, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of January 11, 2022 adjourned at 8:03pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 22 FEB 2022

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