

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

**Call to Order**

The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Huron City Council to order at 6:30pm. 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**

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

Staff in attendance: City Manager Matt Lasko, Law Director Todd Schrader, Service Director Stuart Hamilton, City Engineer Russ Critelli, OHM Engineer Larry Fridrich, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood (via Microsoft Teams) and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that the minutes of the work session and regular Council meeting of September 27, 2022 be approved as written.**

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:           Dike, Grieves, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp (6)**  
**ABSTAIN:     Hagy (1)**  
**NAYS:          None (0)**

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

**Presentation**

Presentation by OHM Advisor of designs options for the US Route 6 Phase 2 Project.

Mr. Critelli thanked Council and explained that this is a project that was programmed by the Ohio Department of Transportation through the local programs, and it is somewhat of a continuation of Project 1, which was completed recently. This would be Project 2 and covers US Route 6 from Williams Street westbound to the State Route 2 onramps and offramps. ODOT, similar to Project 1, has initially provided Urban Paving Program dollars to take care of the road. Through a traffic study that was part of Project 1 and Project 2 completed in 2012, the Center Street intersection's signal was determined to be not warranted, similar to Berlin Rd. The Erie Regional Planning Commission, our Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was providing funding for the signal removal, as well as modifications to that intersection to accommodate that signal removal. He said that they are going to walk through some scenarios to bring Council up to date. Mr. Critelli directed Council's attention to a Power Point presentation on the television monitor (a copy of this Power Point is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof by reference). The scope of Project 2 includes restoring and resurfacing the pavement, removing the unwarranted signal and revise the intersection geometry, upgrade walks and curb ramps to ADA standards, and possible realignment to accommodate bicycles and improve mobility. That would continue with that multi-modal feel.

OHM performed the necessary traffic study for Center Street, and he went through a few different takeaways from the detailed traffic studies for several scenarios of what can they do to make Center Street safer. This goes back to the fact that if they are removing the signal, what are the intersection's conflict points? They went through a scenario to evaluate each of the different scenarios, side-by-side.

For reference, conflict points include crossing conflicts, merging conflicts, and diverging conflicts. The goal is the reduce conflict points.

<u>Revision</u>	<u>Conflict Points</u>
Signal removal with no additional changes	48
Signal removal with additional striping	48
Signal removal with striping changes and Center Street one-way	42
Signal removal with Van Rensselaer as off-ramp	41
Signal removal with Van Rensselaer as off-ramp, Center Street one-way	36
Signal removal with Jim Campbell Blvd. closed off, continue multi-use path	30

As they completed this analysis, they wanted to further advance the safety, and held discussions with ODOT on how to move traffic away from Center Street. Mr. Hagy asked if Van Rensselaer was being used as the multi-modal path. Mr. Critelli said it's shown a little bit north of that street, but they would be using Van Rensselaer, and if they close out Jim Campbell, they still want to make that a multi-modal access, and they would create some sort of pedestrian gateway there similar to the Electric Trail (signage and so-forth). Mr. Claus asked if Center Street would still be 2-way, which Mr. Critelli confirmed, stating that making Center Street one-way wasn't going to help much.

OHM held meetings with ODOT to see if they would entertain pulling traffic away from the intersection west of Center Street. They looked at the limited access break (LA break). ODOT owns that right-of-way along the corridor, as this is a principal arterial. They presented this as full access to Jim Campbell Blvd., both westbound and eastbound. ODOT evaluated this option, they had meetings and ODOT would not accept full access due to safety concerns.

A scenario that they somewhat entertained is restricted right-in and right-out access to Jim Campbell Blvd. restricting no eastbound traffic access, but they didn't feel like that provided them the benefit needed if they are trying to close off Jim Campbell at Center Street. Their traffic study did scenarios going through town and how they are getting back to the east side.

As a follow-up, ODOT suggested and recommended the roundabout scenario to be presented next. Mr. Hagy asked for clarification that ODOT said no to alternative 1, which was confirmed by Mr. Critelli. Mr. Critelli continued by saying they worked with ODOT to prepare a diagram of a single-lane roundabout, which would provide a few different positive benefits to the corridor. First and foremost, safety (for both the City and ODOT) by reducing speeds (required from a design standpoint to 35 mph going into the roundabout) in both directions. The 55mph current speed limit would be reduced to 35 mph. They also would have, typical of any roundabout, advisory posting speed signs within the roundabout down to 15 mpg – traffic is staring to become very controlled to navigate that roundabout. One of the key benefits is that the roundabout is moved to a point where it is far enough away from Fabens to have enough distance to create those transitions to the entries and exits. When you are exiting going eastbound on that roundabout, you are coming out of that roundabout at 20/25 mph, and they you are approaching Center St. That would alleviate the concern about the 55mph speed coming into town. They would continue the multi-use path along the north side of Jim Campbell Blvd. and tie it into the Electric Trail, and create another gateway up at that point. Another benefit to this option is that gives them the benefit of being able to close Jim Campbell Blvd. at Center St., reduced conflict points, and created a community gateway boulevard. The US 6 corridor is a principal arterial, but the traffic counts from 2012 to today have dropped from 12,000 to 11,000, and

they continue to drop. They just don't have the traffic volumes of an arterial capacity, which is beneficial to the community to create that boulevard. Mr. Claus asked if ODOT will let the City drop that speed all the way from Fabens Park. Mr. Critelli answered that speed would have to be restricted as cars approached the roundabout to have an adequate distance. This would benefit traffic entering Fabens Park, too. Mr. Claus asked if the speed on the bridge would change. Mr. Critelli answered that it would still be 55 mph on the ramp. There would be advance warning and signing. Mr. Hagy asked when Route 6 go back to 55mph headed westbound. Mr. Critelli answered that where State Route 2 ties into the ramp from US 6, that is the point where through traffic is hitting 55mph. You are still in a ramp lane all the way to Rye Beach Rd. so you have to transition, anyways, Mr. Tapp said the other scenarios have conflict points – is there an ideal amount of points to be reached? Mr. Critelli said the isn't, but the lower, the better. Unfortunately, from an educational piece, signalized intersections followed by stop signs, followed by yield signs, followed by roundabouts give decreasing conflict point results. That is historical industry data. Mr. Claus asked the reasoning for a single-lane vs. 2-lane roundabout. Does that depend on how many roads go off of it – in this case they only have three. Mr. Critelli answered that it is based on capacity – it goes back to traffic volumes, where the destination points are, and things like that, but this does not warrant a dual lane roundabout. Mr. Biddlecombe said with the current section that has been done with the bike lane, they have essentially taken the road down to one lane. In this scenario, it looks like they've got the single lane going into two lanes, then to a single lane through the roundabout, and then it goes back to 2 lanes. Going west, it is going to go back down to 1 lane to get on the highway. Wouldn't it make more sense to just have it be 1 lane the whole way? Mr. Critelli answered that from Williams to Center, there are 2 lanes existing now. The reconstruction cost to go to a single lane from Williams to Center so that you did not have to transition going westbound. Mr. Biddlecombe asked if the bike lane wouldn't just continue on. From Main to Williams right now, it is a sharrow. That sharrow lane will continue going west. ODOT is going to require that transition because the physical pavement is there right now. Mr. Biddlecombe said the bike lane is going to be north of the road at that point. Mr. Critelli answered that, right now, they have the bike lane crossing at Center Street, and then access to the north side of Jim Campbell. Mr. Claus asked if Van Rensselaer becomes the bike lane starting at Williams.... Mr. Critelli said that they have not yet finalized those details. The scenario will bring that bike lane and transition it to the west with the goal of getting to the Electric Trail. Mr. Hamilton added that, in general terms, they would like to get the multi-modal path along Jim Campbell. Mr. Artino said, based on safety issues, these last 2 options are probably the best. Mr. Critelli said this is ODOT's educational piece, and again, this is industry data (e.g., roundabout vs. traditional intersection results in a significant reduction in conflict points). It is a matter of operational conditions where you have stop and go positions, and as you yield, your attention is required to manage that ongoing traffic. There are 8 conflict points in the roundabout because there are 8 yield point entering and exiting on 4 sides. ODOT has gathered public opinion data from many, many roundabouts. The educational piece shows initial 30-34% acceptance, and at the end of 1 year in service, there is 70% acceptance. Mr. Artino said Phase 2 is a resurfacing project for the State, so who is paying for the roundabout (that's a lot more expensive...). Mr. Lasko explained that any additional costs over the road resurfacing and the removal of the signalization would come down to the City, not to say that they still wouldn't look for additional funding, since they have a little bit of time. The increased cost, assuming no additional funding, would be borne by the City. The City is in a good position financially, where they've got pretty significant general obligation capacity, but they have to prioritize this amongst other projects in the capital plan. There was always going to be some local contribution even if was just a straight resurfacing project, but the cost would increase and would be borne, without additional funding, by the City. Mr. Critelli added that they are planning to continue to work with ODOT to see what other funding sources may be available for this project. Mr. Hagy asked what the differential would be. Mr. Lasko said they don't know specifically, but it could be close to at least double. Right now, they are sitting on roughly \$1-1.1 Million in funding from the County and ODOT – this project would at least be double. Mr. Hagy said it be an incremental \$1 Million just because of a roundabout. Mr. Artino said he thinks the one at Berlin Road, when they were talking about that, would have been around \$800,000 – it was way up there. That roundabout couldn't be done because they had to acquire so much private property and a lot of utilities

would have to be moved. Mr. Lasko added that, not that they want to spent significant dollars on aesthetic improvements, but part of this project, in addition to reducing traffic speeds and creating more safety in the community and approaching the community, they also like the idea of converting this to a boulevard where you have nice lighting down the center of the median, which is a massive grass median at the moment. It would be nicely landscaped – they have an opportunity for a pretty significant and major gateway coming into town from the west. They also anticipate having several conversations with philanthropic partners who are very interested in partners like this to be able to assist in funding, as well. They think it is a great opportunity beyond just safety, but to become that gateway and entrance point for our community beyond are pretty significant improvements, as well. Mr. Critelli added that they coordinated with ODOT and what you see on the north perimeter south of Jim Campbell is the limited access physical fence barrier (owned by ODOT). Through negotiating with ODOT, they are willing to create this LA break, which is not typical, as well as create some aesthetic enhancements so that we're not looking at a chain link fence up and down the highway. Mr. Claus asked if they would allow the City to remove the fence. Mr. Critelli answered that they would create some sort of screen. The controlled speed is important. He drives and rides this portion of roadway, and it is a highway coming into the City, and it is tough to slow down. This would definitely, physically, start to control speeds and they are reconnecting the community through this intersection, as well as access to Fabens Park with the multi-modal and Electric Trail.

Mr. Biddlecombe asked, with the traffic count continuing to drop, has there been any talk with ODOT about just giving the City the right-of-way, altogether. Mr. Critelli answered that that was probably the preferred direction, but they quickly said they would grant the limited access and didn't consider giving the City the ROW. Mr. Artino asked if there has been any other discussion about bringing Jim Campbell out onto Route 2, or are they done with that? Mr. Biddlecombe said that's what the roundabout's for. Mr. Hamilton said the roundabout would be placed to provide access to Jim Campbell. Mr. Artino said he was talking about further down by Ohio or something like that. Mr. Biddlecombe said that's where this is going to be. Mr. Critelli said that it would actually be further west than Ohio St., it will be right across from Liberty (entrance to condos). Mr. Claus said there was discussion at some point about the roundabout being right at the walk bridge, that's where the turn is. Mr. Hamilton added that there wasn't enough room coming off and on the ramps to place the roundabout there. Mr. Critelli agreed, saying geometrically, they couldn't get that to work. Mr. Claus said since this is State Route 6, the State would own this, as far as a maintenance standpoint goes. Mr. Critelli answered that, just like US 6 Project 1, the facility within the corporate limit is still the City's responsibility maintenance-wise. That's where ODOT has these programs to bring funding forward to maintain these roads. He added that any improvements to the roundabout from an aesthetic standpoint would be a local responsibility. Mr. Hagy said he wanted to make sure he has this right – with alternative 1, ODOT said no, with alternative 2, ODOT said okay, but we don't like it because of the eastbound restriction. Mr. Lasko said part of the reason they didn't like it is because if you leaving Jim Campbell at that intersection to head east, you have to head west first, which gets you to Fabens. Right at Fabens there is a Michigan left, but their though was they are now pushing a ton more traffic to that Michigan left, which now has to turn around in the middle of 55mph traffic to get back into town. Although ODOT was okay with it, they didn't feel that was the safest option. Mr. Critelli said they brought that to ODOT's attention – they would be bringing more traffic closer to that high-speed ramp, and that's where they ended up with ODOT saying the roundabout is the better solution. Mr. Hamilton said that, ultimately, the roundabout is ODOT's preferred option. Mr. Hagy said it's their preference, but they won't give the City any increase funding.

Mr. Dike asked if what staff needs from Council is a choice of which alternative they want, or if staff just wants their input, because when people freak out in the upcoming weeks saying this is craziness, like any road project, he wants to tell them that he can do this or he can do that. Mr. Lasko said that because it's an ODOT project, it is going to have to go through a pretty significant public process anyways, this isn't something where they just ask Council for a recommendation and then bring a construction contract. There's an ODOT-required process for these types of projects. Mr. Critelli said that is an important point

to bring up. Because of the critical nature of the timing of the project, the project has moved on in timeline and there have been extensions of the funding allowed by both the Regional Planning Commission and ODOT. They have had scoping meetings with ODOT, and this project is programmed in ODOT's system to have construction start in 2025, which means design is starting now. Through ODOT's project development process, they have minimum requirements for public engagement and response. We were involved with the Phase 1 extensive public involvement and reaching back out to each and every constituent or somebody that made comment to provide them with responses, so ODOT would have to make sure that process happens in order to close what they call the "environmental document." They could not close or approval the NEPA document until adequate public involvement was performed. Mr. Dike said if you go down Jim Campbell at this time of year during the different football stuff, there are a lot of cars parked there. When the cars are parked on the side, and cars are coming both ways, somebody has to get way over onto the grass on the south side of Jim Campbell. With that, are we going to widen Jim Campbell so there is on-street parking, so there is enough room for a car to go eastbound or westbound while a car is parked. Mr. Critelli answered that in the scenario we have, Jim Campbell is closed at Center Street, so they have restricted vehicles coming from the east. Mr. Dike said if there is a football practice, you are going to have 25-30 cars parked on Jim Campbell, then you are going to have this roundabout where other traffic is coming, and it shows that there is a turning lane, there's a lane going east, a lane going west, but there's not enough width there. That's why he wants to make sure that that has been taken care of. If we say there is no on-street parking, then the schools are going to be jammed – where are they going to park all of those cars. Then we are looking at that coming at us....Mr. Critelli said he appreciates the comment, and he has experienced it, but he thinks right now we are too early in the process to make that kind of decision. As they go through the process of vetting the design details out. That may be something that flushes out during the process through public input, operational (how it functions and works) – they are not there yet.

Mr. Hagy asked if there is an option 4, or does it have to be one of these things. Can option 4 be repave and leave it exactly the way it is right now? Mr. Critelli said there is always a no-build option in ODOT's terminology. In this case, Center Streets signal was determined to be no warranted. If the City no-builds, which means that you leave the signal, you lose the funding from the Erie Regional Planning Commission for that signal removal and any modifications to the intersection, as well as there is some liability on the City's part, because you are now maintaining an unwarranted signal. Mr. Hagy said there are two options on the table – one is the restricted access eastbound, and the other is the traffic circle – is that accurate? Mr. Lasko asked Mr. Hagy if he was asking if there is an option where we just, in essence, repave what's there and leave it as it is from a flow standpoint. The answer is yes, you can just repave it. Mr. Hagy asked Mr. Critelli if ODOT would say no because you are not removing that streetlight. Mr. Critelli said they are two different things. ODOT's funding is for the Urban Paving Program. Erie Regional Planning is for the signal. If the scenario is just to repave and remove the signal, there's no harm and you just move forward, as that is what the program was originally programmed for – remove the signal, pave the road, and everybody goes away. Mr. Hagy said you can't do that because of the conflict points. Mr. Critelli said you can. From a design perspective, they see you are removing a signal and there are 48 conflict points in that condition. As the engineer is advising and through ODOT's review, he didn't think anyone was going to want to see that scenario. That's why they ended up visiting other alternatives. Mr. Lasko said one of the big things they are trying to accomplish with this is closing down Jim Campbell at its eastern terminus at Center Street, just because of how dangerous that 5-stop intersection is. We also then didn't want to force all of that traffic into the neighborhoods to the north, so they were trying to find another outlet for them directly onto Route 6 versus everyone going to Ohio Street, or Stowe, or back up Jim Campbell. They feel pretty strongly that the Jim Campbell closure at Center Street is absolutely necessary. Mr. Hagy said it has a ton of merit, he is just trying to add to what Joe was asking about – what are the alternatives? Mr. Artino asked if we did just eliminate the light and make it a resurfacing project, would the State allow us to reduce the speed coming in from the west? Mr. Lasko said they asked them pretty strongly if they start having signalization in the slip ramp to let traffic to start slowing down, and they absolutely (by the book) would not them slow down the speed limit, which was surprising to them.

### **Audience Comments**

The Mayor directed members of the audience having comments to approach the podium, state their name and address, and advised that they would have 3 minutes to make their comments.

None.

### **Old Business**

#### **Ordinance 2022-48 (third and final reading)**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that Ordinance 2022-48 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE SERVICE DIRECTOR (WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CITY MANAGER) TO ENTER INTO WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY AGREEMENTS WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER FOR THE DELIVERY OF POWER/ELECTRICITY TO HURON PUBLIC POWER CUSTOMERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its second 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 a majority in favor of the motion, Ordinance No. 2022-48 was placed on its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

#### **Motion by Mr. Hagy to place Ordinance No. 2022-48 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 2022-48 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton explained that because of the nature of power and how volatile the market is, and how quickly the pricing moves on this, they looked at taking this power and letting the City Manager and/or the Service Director purchase power, when needed. In the past, they have lost some good deals by waiting for the next meeting – two weeks out, and your prices can double. What this does is authorizes the City Manager and/or the Service Director to sign those contracts on behalf of the Council. Council will be full updated on these prior through the Manager's Report.

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 2022-48. 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 2022-48 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Ordinance 2022-50 (third and final reading)**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that Ordinance 2022-50 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD A NEW SECTION 121.03- ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND POWERS TO CHAPTER 121 (COUNCIL); REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 131 (CITY MANAGER) IN ITS ENTIRETY; REPEALING AND AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 159.05– NORMAL PURCHASE PROCEDURE AND SECTION 159.06– EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF CHAPTER 159 (DIVISION OF PURCHASING); PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDINANCE BY COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) be placed upon its third and final 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, Grieves, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of the motion, Ordinance No. 2022-50 was placed on its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance No. 2022-50 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 2022-50 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Hamilton stated that the City Manager tasked staff with going back to look at some processes to try to make them more efficient. What this does is helps staff react more quickly to residents' requests. They are bound by the normal financial limits and will include things like signage, agreements to use City property, etc. Council will be kept up to date on these items, and this ordinance will come back to Council for consideration on a yearly basis. Council will have the chance to vote it up or down depending how they like it.

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 2022-50. 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 2022-50 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

## **New Business**

### **Ordinance No. 2022-52**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-52 (AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, PURSUANT TO AN ANNEXATION PETITION FILED WITH AND GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO, AS PROVIDED IN OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.022) 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-52 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said this is the last piece of legislation related to the annexation component for Sawmill Creek Resort. The Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved the annexation of the twelve parcels in early August. There is a statutory 60-day waiting period before the City could formally accept those parcels into the City limits, which this legislation looks to do. There are some recordings that must be done with the County over the next couple of days to make it official. He envisions one final, related piece of legislation coming to Council before the end of the year, which would be the issuance of the subsidy payment to Cedar Fair as part of our Service Payment Agreement and TIF Agreement with the County.

### **Motion by Mr. Artino to place Ordinance 2022-52 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-52 was placed as an emergency measure.

The Mayor asked if there were any further questions or discussion on the motion for final adoption. There being none, he directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2022-52. 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, Ordinance 2022-52 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

### **Ordinance No. 2022-53**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-53 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-41, ADOPTED DECEMBER 14, 2021, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND**



**OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR CASH TRANSFERS) 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 2022-53 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Swaisgood explained that this appropriation measure for changes to appropriations specifically related to the Marine Patrol Grant, the Capital Equipment Fund, the Information Technology Fund and the General Fund transfers. The Marine Patrol Grant is a transfer of budget between the overtime budget, as that whole budget they try to use throughout the year, and the other expense is related to fuel. This will pay for fuel for the rest of this year in the amount of \$1,500. He is also requesting supplemental appropriations related to an IT server upgrade, Resolution 91-2022 later on in the agenda. That \$78,000 additional budget is being requested out of the Capital Equipment Fund and the Information Technology Fund, and in addition to that, a General Fund transfer for \$45,000 is being requested into the Information Technology Fund and Capital Equipment Fund. That is specific to the IT server purchase, as well. Although the \$45,000 is coming out of the General Fund, this project will be reimbursed and paid for through other operating funds and put in the budget for next year, since this full project of \$78,000 does touch every single department. To fund it right now, if approved tonight, he is asking for additional appropriations for all of those areas.

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 2022-53. 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 2022-53 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Ordinance No. 2022-55**

**Motion by Mr. Grieves that Ordinance 2022-55 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 915.19 RELATING TO WATER RATES; REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 915.20 RELATING TO WATER FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS; AMENDING AND REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 915.21 RELATING TO MULTIPLE USERS OF METERS; AND REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 915.22 RELATING TO TANK WATER SALES) 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: Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-55 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Gibboney explained that this legislation has a couple different pieces to it. Ultimately, it brings together the recommendations of the Utilities Committee, the Finance Committee and the Council work session held previously as it relates to the rate structure being proposed for the next 10 years. That proposal, again, is a 5% increase over 10 years, with 3-year reviews (and that is a very important part). Also, they have language in there repealing water rates for sprinkler systems. That is for fire suppression systems. They are not metered systems because that would restrict the flow during a fire event, and there are very few (less than 2 dozen) of those systems within the City. The managing and billing of those few accounts on an annual basis simply doesn't relate to what they net in return. Also on the repealing list is tank water sales in Section 915.22. That is the pen stock that formerly was located at the water plant, and was a coin-operated system. That system was found to be derelict by the EPA approximately 10 years ago. The expense for improvements needed to meet modern backflow on a tank water dispenser such as that, would far exceed any gain received. That system has been taken down as of several years ago, and this legislation removes the language from the ordinance. There was some polishing of language on various elements. They are creating and defining a standard meter size for multiple units, so if you have a home in Old Plat that was split at some point in time and become a duplex of sorts, you would have one service line entering that home. That service line size, if it's 1 inch, would have an availability charge for the 1<sup>st</sup> unit, and any subsequent units would follow the standard meter size, which is 5/8" x 3/4", the most common residential size. They also have some cleaning up of the rate tables that defines non-resident water rates (those are non-contractual, e.g., Thunderbird Golf Course, that exist outside the City, but they are not covered under any wholesale contract). They are actually defining those in the rate tables instead of vaguely alluding to them, as it was before.

Mr. Dike what the difference is between a resident and a non-resident. Mr. Gibboney answered that there are certain areas, e.g., down Bogart Road – some of the Schlessman properties as you get outside of the City limits – where the City is the only potable water main within a certain grasp. Being that they are outside the City, they pay the non-resident rate. If they are not within the City proper (they don't pay City taxes, trash, etc.), they will pay the non-resident rate. It would be the same for Thunderbird Hills Golf Course.

Mr. Dike asked if a transient rental is paying more a citizen that lives here year-round. Mr. Gibboney answered, no, everything is equal. Mr. Dike asked if they could do that. Mr. Gibboney answered that they could, in theory. Mr. Dike said he was just curious and thanked Mr. Gibboney.

#### **Resolution 86-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 86-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY, OHIO FOR GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) COST SHARING FOR THE PERIOD OF 2023-2028 IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 93/100 DOLLARS (\$7,280.93) ANNUALLY) 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, Grieves, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 86-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle explained that this is a pretty routine agreement with Erie County regarding our continued participation in GIS services, as well as the software. The County manages all of it, and we tack on, in a way. If you look at Exhibit A-2, we are looking at a \$14.48 difference based on the last round of agreements. It is pretty consistent, and it is based on the 2020 Census. The reasoning behind the 6-year cost agreement piece of it is that the County uses that as leverage to maintain consistent prices, which has proven to be successful.

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 86-2022. 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 86-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 87-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 87-2022 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRUASSURE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF 2023 DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE) 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, Grievess, 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 87-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko stated that for the last 2 years, the City has been in a multi-year agreement with TruAssure, who provides their dental coverage for City staff and employees. After internal conversations and looking at pricing, they are proposing to keep TruAssure for 2023. In the review, you will see that there is no increase in premium for 2023, which is a positive for the City and its employees. Along with the no-increase in premium, there are no changes in coverage, as well, for their employees. He asked if Mr. Swaisgood wanted to add anything. Mr. Swaisgood said he had nothing to add other than there is no increases to any of the rates with TruAssure, so the cost has stayed consistent over the past couple of years, which is a good thing, particularly with how the market is right now for medical coverage. There is no premium increase for both TruAssure and VSP, which is coming up next.

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 87-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 87-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 88-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 88-2022 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AND ENTERING INTO A 2-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH VSP VISION CARE FOR THE PROVISION OF 2023/2024 VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE) 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 88-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko stated that this relates to the City vision benefit insurance. There are no increases from a premium standpoint. Moving forward, they are locking this in for 2 years, covering 2023 and 2024. Again, this is a nominal rate increase with no changes to coverage for our employees.

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 88-2022. 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 88-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 89-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 89-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE BID AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SMITH PAVING AND EXCAVATING INC. FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS RELATED TO THE SAWMILL PARKWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 45/100 DOLLARS (\$2,874,449.45)) 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 89-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton said that we have finally reached this point with this project. Back in September, they put this project out to bid. It was a very attractive project, and there were 5 companies that submitted bids. Those bids ranged from the lowest, which is Smith Paving, to the highest, which was \$3.9 Million. There was a wide range of costing on this one. This project is designed to remove the concrete pavement, repair

the base, work on utilities, move any water lines that need to be moved, work on stormwater and culvert work. This project will start this year; however, the paving will not start until probably late spring, next year. They believe this will be completed by the fall of next year.

Mr. Dike asked if they are considering extending Huron Public Power. The Part B portion of this bid is \$286,000 that was to put some electrical conduit in, and they did not do the extended extension on this project, as the roadway is so congested, that they only put the critical crossings in. They will go back at a later date in their own easements and work outside of the right-of-way to extend HPP at that point.

Mr. Claus asked about potentially starting this year – that would obviously not include tearing up a section of road. Mr. Hamilton said that there would not be a full tear-out until spring of next year, but they will be tearing up the road at some points. The first thing they have to do is to finally locate the water mains to see if they need to move any of them. If they do, they raise or lower some of those. They will do that and any storm drain work they have to do. The digging will be like a standard replacement project during that job. Mr. Claus said he assumes they will have logistics meetings with all of the major stakeholders on the road. Mr. Hamilton answered that they will go out with Smith Paving and OHM and meet with everyone on the Parkway, and provide details, once they have project schedule. They won't be able to do the full schedule without working with the businesses to understand how they can close the road down while keeping the businesses open.

Mr. Claus asked what can be done with the extra grant money. Mr. Hamilton said that any money that is not used cannot be drawn down. Some of the grant money received in the form of a loan, so they will use the grant money first to draw that down, and the very last thing would be any loan portions. Mr. Lasko said there are two things they can look at. The first would be to expand the scope, but he says that with the caveat that it would be dependent on any funder that they are using being okay with a change in scope. For example, there was a contingency in the bid package, which may not be used as well. They need to determine what may still be hanging out there from a funding standpoint, but he doesn't want to promise additional work, because it's contingent on their funders signing off. The secondary option (worst-case scenario) would be that they wouldn't pull down the loan portion from OPWC, and just use the grant funds first. He thinks that is going to be a continued conversation as the project is moving forward. If they can increase the scope, that may be preferred. Mayor Tapp said there can also be overruns. Mr. Claus said base on the bid, they are not going to have to offer anything back to any of the funders until the project is done, so if there are change order issues or things like that... Mr. Lasko took another opportunity to thank all of their funders. If the City had funded this locally, he doesn't know that they would be doing much street resurfacing for the next 5-7/10 years. It is pretty remarkable to get a \$3.5 Million project entirely grant-funded. He knows they have in the past thanked everyone: EDA, Jobs Ohio, ODOT and OPWC, but for a community of our size to get this entirely grant-funded is pretty significant. Mr. Artino pointed out that funding is the reason why this project hasn't been done previously. They have been looking at this for years, but couldn't find a way to fund it – his hat is off to everybody that helped get that money.

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 89-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 89-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 90-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 90-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING ATLANTIC ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC TO USE THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE TO TEMPORARILY STORE FIBER INSTALLATION MATERIALS) 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 90-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton stated that EEG, working on behalf of Omni Fiber, who is the second Fiber to the Home (FTTH) utility moving into town, has requested the City's permission to use the water plant site to stage materials. Due to Omni Fiber bringing that new service to our residents, we decided to let me use that location. They will sign the standard agreement, and they move materials in this month and have it there until early spring of next year. They will be charged a nominal. They are very excited to have them move into town. Mayor Tapp stated that this is one of the issues that the administration will handle on its own in the future. Mr. Hagy asked if this needs to be an emergency, as it starts on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Because it's a resolution, there is not need to make it an emergency measure.

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 90-2022. 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 90-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 91-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 91-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMPUTERS THAT WORK!, INC., DBA VTECHIO, FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) COMPUTER SERVERS AND ONE (1) STORAGE ARRAY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE AND 32/100 DOLLARS (\$77,839.32)) 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, Grieves, Hagy (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 91-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that as they keep going through and updating IT in the City, this is one of the critical purchases needed. A lot of their hardware is aging and not very reliable. It is not designed for modern technology. What this will do is give them a set of servers and a storage array that will give them redundancy and will give them an ease of recovery should they have any issues. It allows them to move over to a virtual environment. They can use these three servers to run hundreds of servers. Gone are the days when they actually have to buy a server every time one is needed. Now you just buy a couple of servers and virtualize every other one you need. They are really keeping the cost down for the amount of servers they need by keeping it to three pieces of hardware and a storage array. The final reason is for the City's backups – right now they are backing to slow, old devices and they need to update that for speed of backup and speed of recovery. As they increase the amount of data they are using and saving, they have to be able to put it somewhere. All of the pricing comes off of state term contract pricing, and additional money off of that.

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 91-2022. 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, Resolution 91-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 92-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 92-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM RELATED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS BEACH TRAIL PROJECT) 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 92-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle addressed both Resolutions 92-2022 and 9302922, stating that the Coastal Management Assistance Grants is administered through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This is an annual grant program, and the City previously submitted these two proposals last year. Unfortunately, they did not receive any funding for those projects. In speaking with ODNR, they really liked the projects and with some fine-tuning on staff's end, the proposals are being resubmitting these. The Public Works Beach Trail Project has the same scope as before, and includes a multi-use trail approximately 10' wide at a length of 0.2 miles from Cleveland Road to the public beach behind the water plant. They are looking at things like security fencing and different ways to mitigate some water. This plays into ODNR's M.O. of natural resource habitat restoration and public access. It would also include ADA specifications. The pre-proposal is due this Friday, and they should hear back from them in early November as to if they want the City to move forward with these proposals. The final due date would be December 18, 2022.

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 92-2022. 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 92-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 93-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 93-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM RELATED TO THE LAKE FRONT PARK BEACH – COASTAL PLANNING PROJECT) 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 93-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Engle stated that this is the second project to be submitted to ODNR. This is for planning dollars. They are looking at exploring public access options, near-shore habitat restoration and connectivity between Lake Front and Centennial Park. They also want to expand on that scope with consideration of the Showboat property, as well. The grant would provide dollars for planning funds to solidify plans for that particular area along the waterfront. Public participation strategies will be a huge part of that, when the time comes. They are in the early phases of seeking out funding.

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 93-2022. 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 93-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution 94-2022**

**Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be suspended and Resolution 94-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR AN H2OHIO LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY AND MAPPING GRANT) 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, Grievess, 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 94-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Gibboney stated that the EPA is now requiring public water systems to identify all service lines throughout the entire City on both the public and private side. That carries a deadline of October of 2024. As such, most communities, including Huron, have already started identifying lines based on known records, current areas that have recently replaced (Berlin Rd.), but a large chunk of that was set aside in the H2Ohio Initiative at the State level. This is a \$50,000 grant with no local match. This is the application process, and does not involve accepting any funds at this time. They will come back for that, if successful. If awarded, they plan to use those funds for the initial programming and setup of a GIS system, the purchase of geodes and tablets so that they can identify and mark those assets, as well as various locating equipment to also aid in that same endeavor. Everything within the grant must be specific to identify service lines and underground assets. Mr. Artino said years ago, they used Leonard Dierks. Mr. Gibboney commented that we no longer have that asset. Mayor Tapp agreed that he knew everything.

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 94-2022. 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 94-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. Lasko said he would try to be brief – there is a Guardian's game everyone is trying to get home to watch. He spoke on the following topics:

- **2022 Street Resurfacing** – They are nearing the end of that work scope. Crews were back on site late last week and early this week to finish up some final concrete work on Woodside and the intersection of Standard and Williams Street where they are doing 100% new curbing. They still have 2 coats of asphalt to do on Woodside, and the same section on Williams Street, and then they will finish up with striping shortly thereafter.
- **Main Street Survey** – Council should have received an email from their Planning Department that on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> Planning staff officially released a public survey for folks to provide feedback related to the current conditions of downtown Main Street, along with opportunities to stress amenities and land uses they would like to see in the future, whether that be private improvements or public improvements. There are links to the survey on the City's Facebook page, flyers have been developed with a scannable QR Code to take folks directly to the survey, and individuals can also access the survey by visiting [OHMplanning.typeform.com/HuronMainSt](https://OHMplanning.typeform.com/HuronMainSt). They hope to secure as much feedback as possible and plan to keep the survey open minimally until the end of October. Staff was also present at Pumpkin Fest this past Saturday to solicit feedback from individuals and families who came out for that event. Thank you to Mr. Engle, the entire

Planning Department and the folks at OHM Advisors for their efforts over the weekend to ensure that they are soliciting as much feedback as possible.

- Tennis Courts – They met with representatives of the School District (Athletic Director and Superintendent) last week to talk through potential impacts of the tennis court work either in the spring or fall of 2023, and ensuring that they have enough notice to locate and track down alternative facilities for practices and matches. It looks like that work is more likely to fall in the fall of 2023. They will have ongoing conversations with them to make sure they are always up to date on what that project schedule looks like. They are obviously very, very excited for the work to occur. He wanted to recognize Huron Township; at last week's at the HJRD meeting, Trustee Hahn acknowledged a \$50,000 contribution from Huron Township to the project. They are very appreciative of the state of that partnership with Huron Township and their continued commitment, not just to the entire park district, but particularly Fabens Park. Thank you to the Township.
- Monthly Financial Reports – Mr. Swaisgood let him know that the issues in OpenGov are resolved, and the September 2022 Financial Report will be sent to Council by mid-October.
- Erie County Water Rates – He wanted to make Council aware of a recent conversation that has started with the County. This is dusting off a conversation that started a couple of years ago. They have been approached by Erie County for aid in assisting with handling customers within the City limits who are delinquent on their sewer bills. The County does not currently have a means to shut off water use or sewer usage for significantly delinquent customers. The request is that the City Water Department personnel would be utilized to shut off water service at these delinquent addresses to ensure those delinquent accounts are addressed. Obviously, City personnel would be compensated for staff time and a portion of the delinquent billing. They are still in an investigation phase so that they can better understand what, if any, additional manpower would be needed, particularly in the Water Distribution Department. He wanted to let Council know that those conversations are happening, but they are still investigating the impacts to the City.
- Facilities – Beginning this week, crews have been onsite in City Hall completing 100% replacement of the lighting systems. They are converting all lights within the City to LED, which will reduce maintenance and long-term energy costs. This work will include replacements in the Fire Department, Police Department, Court, administrative areas, common areas, meetings rooms and exterior lighting.
- Personnel – Mr. Lasko announced that Police Chief Bob Lippert will officially be retiring from the Huron Police Department on February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023. The current employment agreement with Chief Lippert is set to expire at the end of the year; however, they will be extending employment with him until February 1, 2023 in part, to aid in the transition to a new Police Chief. They want to thank Chief Lippert for his nearly 11 years of service with the City of Huron and prior service with the Erie County Sheriff's Department. They will be posting the position in the next few days, and they have developed an advisory body to aid in the search for the new Police Chief. Members of the advisory body include Councilmembers Joe Dike and Matt Grieves, along with community members Scott Slocum, Dr. Stephanie Walls and Kelly Bodkin. This body will be charged with conducting initial interviews with prospective candidates and providing feedback and recommendations to the administration. Mr. Lasko thanked all members of that body for their time and participation as they undertake that important exercise.
- Upcoming Meetings –
  - City Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:30 in the Council Chambers
  - Records Commission – Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 9:00am in the main conference room
  - Planning Commission – Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:00 in the Council Chambers

Mr. Biddlecombe said they have all received a lot of feedback on the Chaska Beach streets, and he was wondering if it would be possible to get a more detailed comparison between the option that was preferred versus just the patchwork job. That way, Council can review that, because it seems like a lot of those who

are against the blacktop want us to go that route... if we could look at a little more detailed comparison, he thinks that would be helpful. Mr. Lasko asked Mr. Biddlecombe to be a little more specific in terms of additional information. Mr. Biddlecombe answered to replace 25%. Mr. Lasko said they are certainly happy to continue those conversations and provide additional detail. He noted, candidly, from a staff standpoint, even if that 25% were a little bit less (say, 20% or 15%), staff and their engineers would still likely not recommend that patching. Even though that would reduce the initial cost in year 1, they are still looking at this from a 35-year maintenance cycle, and they know that if there is only 15% patched in year 1, they are still going to have to address 85% at some point. He believes that is, from staff's standpoint, where their recommendation still is. They are happy to provide additional details, if possible, and continue to meet and talk with folks. He knows there has been some debate relating to that 25% (as to whether that is absolutely necessary or whether that number could be reduced). He will defer to Mr. Hamilton because he knows there are some other nuances in that number besides just concrete work, there are catch basins, gutters and curbs, etc. He asked Mr. Hamilton if he wanted to add any additional detail. Mr. Hamilton added that the 25% was defined. They did a PCR, where the road engineer was onsite along with Mr. Fridrich. They went through and graded all of the roads. After that point in time, they went through and figured out that 25% is a pretty safe number to patch the roads to a point that would take them back to good condition. To actually go back out and get a more finite number, they would have to go out and start surveying the roads. That will start adding additional cost. There would be adding cost to a number they think is pretty good. It could deviate maybe 5% here or there. To Mr. Lasko's point, over that 35-year period the maintenance costs are not going to change. They are still going to have to tackle the rest of those roads at some point in time. Whether it be 15%, 25% or even 35%, they are still going to have the balance of those roads to go back and do the same thing again for the same price. By the time they get through repairing the balance of the roads, they are back to maintaining the first portion they did. That is where staff stands; it's not just about this upfront cost, it's about the lifetime maintenance of these roads. Could they go back and get a more finite number, yes, but that would mean they would have to put all of the projects on hold and actually go out and start surveying at an extra cost. Mr. Biddlecombe has a citizen who lives by Matrix Automotion and uses that crosswalk a lot. There is a sign that announces the crosswalk, but there is nothing that says, "Yield to Pedestrians." There apparently have been many instances where cars aren't yielding to pedestrians there. The question was asked if we could do a Yield to Pedestrians sign at that location. Secondly, Mr. Biddlecombe saw on the Talk of Huron that people are interested in a crosswalk area around Catalpa because it is a popular area for kids to cross Cleveland Rd. W. when they are walking to and from Woodlands – maybe they could consider that. Mr. Lasko said that he would defer to Mr. Hamilton on the first point to get with Mr. Didelot in the Streets Department to see what they can do going both north and south at that intersection – that is a good point. On the second point, and he may expand on his point even a little bit more broadly, they have been approached recently by the School District about the possibility of doing a School Zone on Cleveland Road W. very similar to what exists at the high school. Staff internally and anecdotally think that makes a lot of sense. They have already spoken to ODOT, who gave them a quick no, but there is also a potential path forward. The reason for the quick no is those school zones are only for road on which the school has actual frontage. Obviously, in this case, it doesn't. There is a potential path forward that the team from OHM and Mr. Hamilton are looking into to see if they can petition ODOT for a School Zone to help slow down the traffic. They have also received a lot of requests, too, of looking at a crossing. The issue is that it is little weird because you are crossing from place with sidewalks on the south to a No Man's Land on the north. He asked Mr. Hamilton and the folks at OHM if they could create a little pedestrian plaza at one intersection, even though there are no sidewalks going east and west on the north side of Cleveland Rd. W. They are looking into this, as well, but will note that intersection at Catalpa if that is something they can get approved. Mr. Hagy had a comment on helping the County with the water shutoff, which he mentioned at the Utilities Committee meeting. He thinks they need to be really careful because the way the County operates is they send to a renter, and it's not getting paid. They don't notify the homeowner until the renter changes over. There may be property owners who are renting their place that have no idea they owe that if the renter is not paying the bill. They should be really careful about shutting off water. Mr. Lasko said that Mr. Hamilton briefed him on that conversation at the Utilities

Committee, and it makes a ton of sense. He would stress that if this was anything that the staff would recommend to Council to undertake, they would request the County have a fairly exhaustive process to try to get those delinquencies paid before they get to that point. This would include everything from a long-term notification process to ensuring that the property owner and tax mailing address is notified in addition to the property address itself. He thanked Mr. Hagy and said that made a lot of sense.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Tapp said he received a thank you card from Jennifer Buch, the Director of the Huron Public Library for our support for the library. Mr. Dave Katz passed away this last week. He was a 28-year officer with the Huron Police Department. John Hinton, a Huron resident, also passed away. He was also a coach and counselor at Perkins High School for many, many years and was inducted into the Hall of Fame. A 25+ year volunteer firefighter for the City of Huron, Joe Fitzgerald, also passed away this last week. Condolences to their families.

### **For the Good of the Order**

- **Mr. Biddlecombe** – The Scott Cemetery Board will meet on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Township Building. He would like to thank staff for their continued hard work. His condolences, also, to the Hinton, Katz and Fitzgerald families. Saturday, he, his nephews and his parents enjoyed the Pumpkin Festival. He would like to thank Mr. Steinwart and everyone else in the Parks and Rec Department who help to make that a huge success. It also showed, again, how important the land north of the Boat Basin is to all of the public programming they have at the Boat Basin every year. He would like to congratulate the girls' volleyball team on their SBC Bay Division Championship. That's the 26<sup>th</sup> time that has happened for that program. Congratulations to Coach Don Wood on his 30<sup>th</sup> year of coaching. He was honored this past Saturday at the match. Fall seasons are kind of winding down, and winter sports will start soon. Tonight was the volley team's senior night. After another hard-fought 1-point loss in Oak Harbor, the Tigers rebounded with a big win over Vermilion to retain the win oar. Join them on Friday night, October 14<sup>th</sup>, as the Tigers travel to Port Clinton, and then they are back home for the final game of the regular season on October 21<sup>st</sup> against Edison. Both of those games are at 7:00pm. Please come out and support our student athletes, and Go Tigers!
- **Mr. Artino** – His condolences to the families. He would also like to thank Huron Township. He thinks we have developed a great relationship with the Township over the years and it just seems to be getting better and better. He wants to make sure to point out to everyone in this community the hard work by our staff to get those grants for Sawmill Parkway. It has been years trying to get that done and we couldn't have done it without the grants. Thank you.
- **Mr. Claus** – Nothing.
- **Mr. Grieves** – Nothing.
- **Mr. Dike** – Condolences to the Katz, Hinton and Fitzgerald families – sorry for your loss. All three of those individuals were great people, and he is sorry to hear that they have passed. He also said thank you to Huron Township for their contribution for their contribution of \$50,000.
- **Mr. Hagy** – Nothing.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Tapp stated that Council would be going into executive session.

**Motion by Mr. Claus to move into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, and inviting Mr. Lasko, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Swaisgood (via telephone) and Mr. Schrader to attend.**

Mayor Tapp asked if there were any questions relating to 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 of the motion, Council moved into executive session at 8:03pm.

**Return to Regular Session**

Council returned to regular session at 8:23pm.

**New Business (Cont.)**

**Ordinance No. 2022-54**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-54 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY 41.88 ACRES OF VACANT LAND LOCATED ON RIVER ROAD IN THE CITY OF HURON, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 42-01718.000, 42-01719.000, 42-01721.000 AND 42-01722.000 FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$450,000.00), 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-54 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

**Motion by Mr. Artino to place Ordinance 2022-54 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: Artino, Claus, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-54 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko stated that one of the main outcomes of the Vision 2020 Plan adopted in the fall of 2020 was for the City to start a process to ultimately locate a site for a new service complex. The existing service complex is undersized, inefficient and unfortunately located on the waterfront. They thought it prudent to start looking for a new location. They began that search in the fall of 2020, but as they know, undeveloped land and available sites are very hard to come by within the City. They have been looking at things that have

been listed for sale, they have reached out to individual property owners on locations that make sense logistically throughout the City, that are centrally located and that would meet the needs of a new service complex. For the last year and a half, that has been a very difficult search. Fortunately, through continued digging, research and conversations, they have come across a handful of parcels in front of Council this evening for consideration, which he identified as the "Warren Slag Parcels." The properties are now owned by a now-defunct company that is leasing the land for farming. These parcels total about 42 acres in total. They know they only need about 6-8 acres for a service complex, so this is much larger than they would need for the facility. They also think it prudent, if there is an opportunity that makes sense and is very affordable/below market, the City should look to lock up developable land for future needs of the City or potential future needs of other property owners and business owners. In conversations with the current owners of the 42 acres, they were asked to seek out an appraisal from a third party so they could have a reference point of valuation. They secured an appraisal a couple of weeks ago, and that value is \$542,000. What's in front of Council for consideration is a purchase price of \$450,000, which is nearly \$100,000 below appraised value. They think they are getting a significant piece of property that meets their short-term needs with the service complex, but also future needs of potential future development within the City. They are very excited for this opportunity, and have talked internally to all impacted departments, who believe this location meets their needs geographically and logistically. Obviously, there is still a lot for work to do to actually design a service complex and the necessary infrastructure, but they really can't start that process until they have identified a site. To be able to lock up this amount of acreage this close to the central nucleus of the City is really important, and they are really fortunate to be where they are in negotiations with the Seller.

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 2022-54. 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, Ordinance 2022-54 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

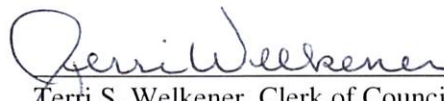
### Adjournment

#### **Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to adjourn the meeting.**

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 (5)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of October 11, 2022 adjourned at 8:28 pm.

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 08 NOV 2022






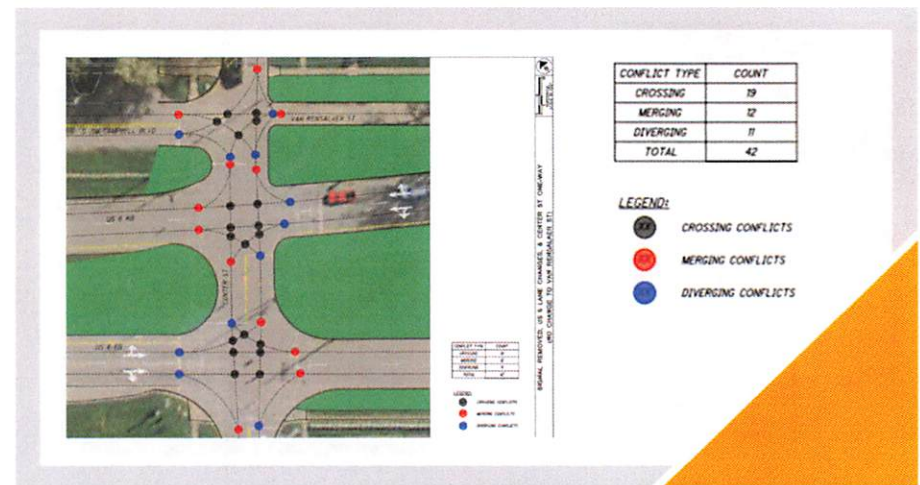
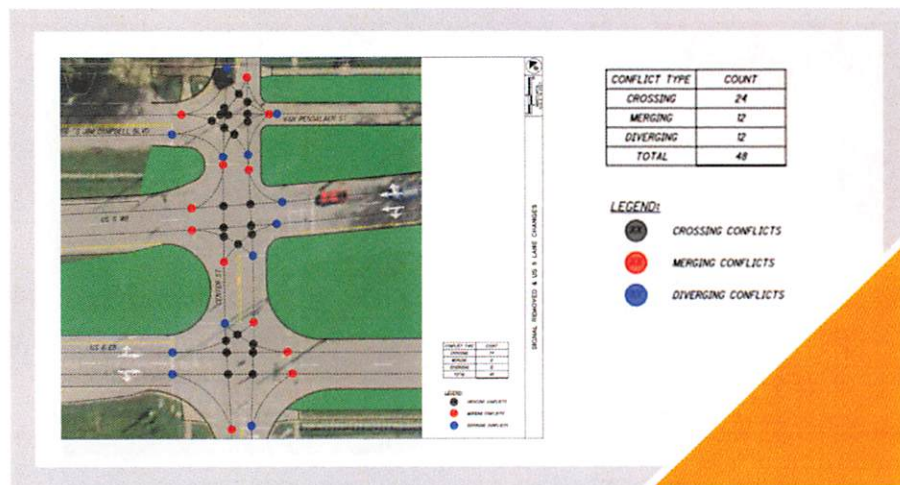
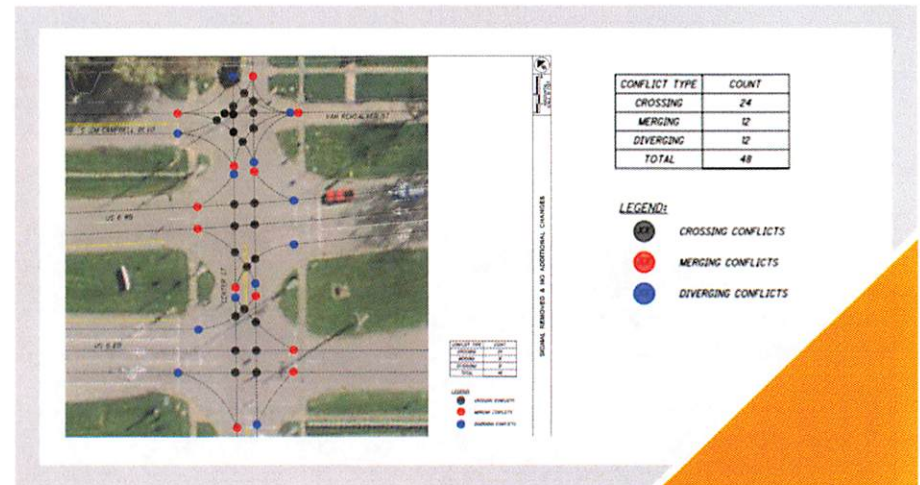


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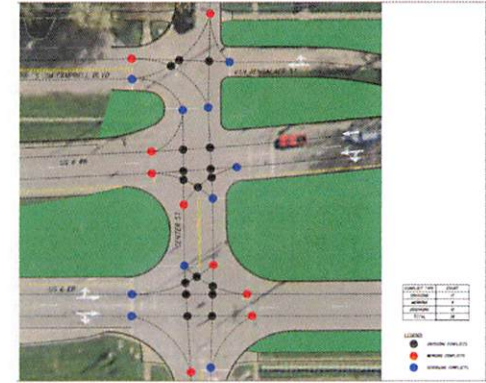
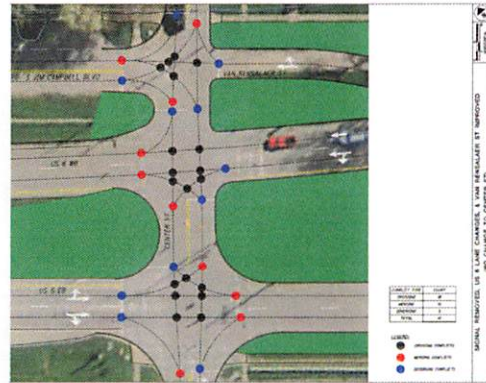
restoring/resurfacing the pavement from the SR 2 eastbound overpass to the Main Street intersection  
removing the unwarranted signal and revising the intersection geometry at Center Street  
upgrading of walks and curb ramps to ADA standards  
possible lane-reassignment to accommodate bicyclists and improve mobility through the intersection.

October 11, 2022







#### CITY OF HURON: U.S. 6 CORRIDOR PROJECT 2 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS - ALT 1



#### Alternative 1:

- Signal Removed
- US6 Lane Configuration Changes

#### CITY OF HURON: U.S. 6 CORRIDOR PROJECT 2 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS - ALT 2



#### Alternative 2:

- Signal Removed
- US6 Lane Configuration Changes
- Close Jim Campbell to East
- New Intersection at Ohio St



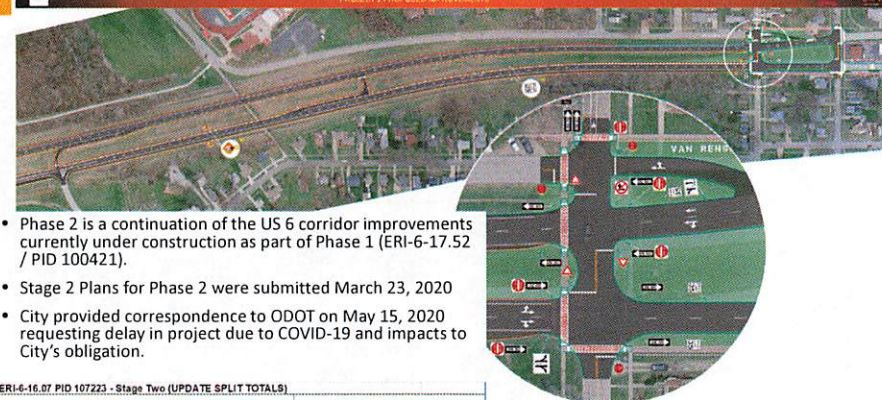
### CITY OF HURON: U.S. 6 CORRIDOR PROJECT 2 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS - ALT 3



#### Alternative 3:

- Signal Removed
- US6 Lane Configuration Changes
- Relocate Jim Campbell – Center St Intersection
- New Intersection at Ohio St

### CITY OF HURON: U.S. 6 CORRIDOR PROJECT 2 PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



- Phase 2 is a continuation of the US 6 corridor improvements currently under construction as part of Phase 1 (ERI-6-17.52 / PID 100421).
- Stage 2 Plans for Phase 2 were submitted March 23, 2020
- City provided correspondence to ODOT on May 15, 2020 requesting delay in project due to COVID-19 and impacts to City's obligation.

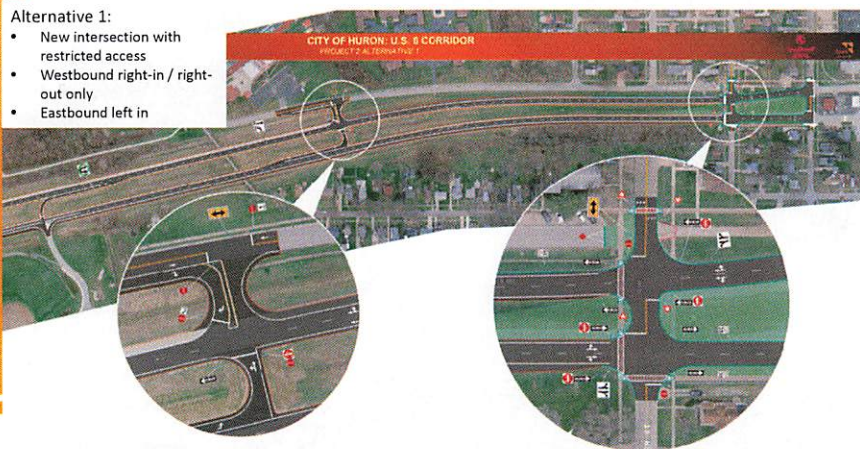
#### ERI-6-16.07 PID 107223 - Stage Two (UPDATE SPLIT TOTALS)

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE		PARTICIPATION SPLITS		
ITEM DESCRIPTION	NO. ITEM TOTAL	SHARPOV	DD&H/RY	DD&H/RY (CTY)
	\$ 1,637,085.12	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 848,116.51	\$ 268,967.62

### LA Break Alternatives

#### Alternative 1:

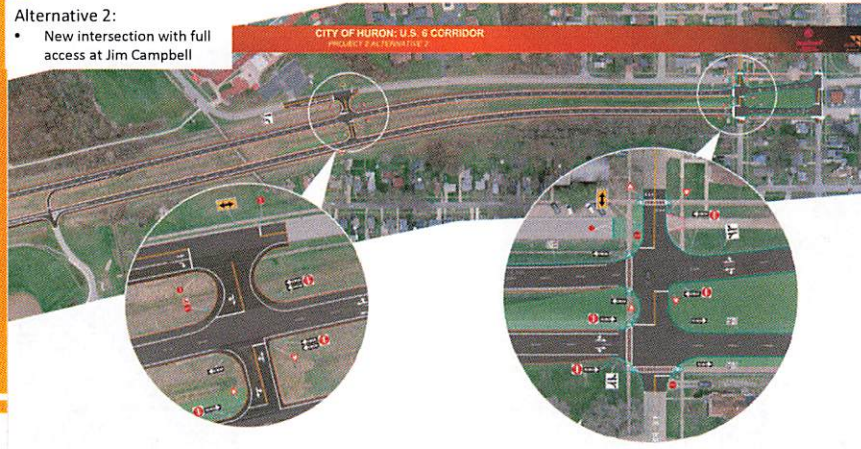
- New intersection with restricted access
- Westbound right-in / right-out only
- Eastbound left in



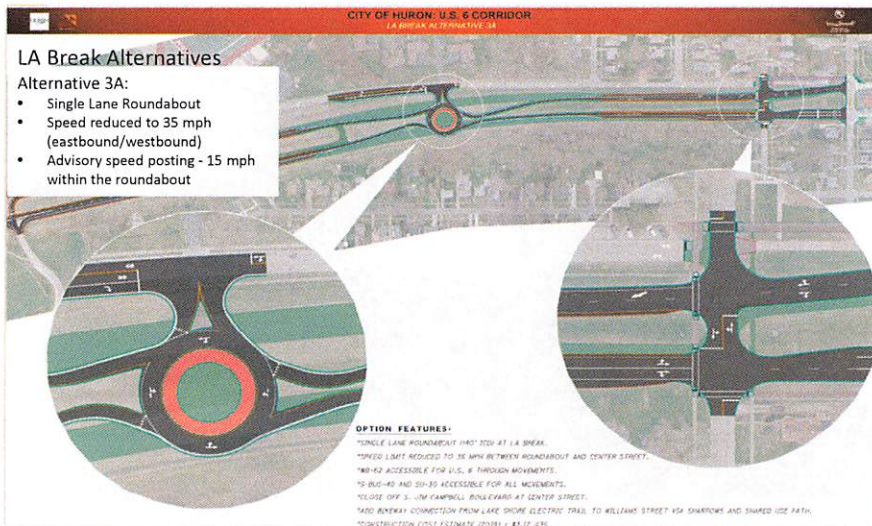
### LA Break Alternatives

#### Alternative 2:

- New intersection with full access at Jim Campbell







Roundabout vs  
Traditional Intersection  
= Conflict point  
reduction (8 vs 32)

Public Opinion:  
Pre and post  
construction  
acceptance

**ROUNDABOUTS**  
MAKING INTERSECTIONS SAFER AND MORE EFFICIENT

**Safety**  
The most common justification for a roundabout is safety. This is because roundabouts only have 3 potential conflict points vs. 32 at a traditional intersection. Studies by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) show that roundabouts achieve a 90% reduction in crashes and reduce serious injury and fatality crashes by nearly 90% at two-way stop intersections. When roundabouts replace a traffic signal, FHWA found a 40% reduction in crashes and nearly 80% drop in serious injury and fatality crashes.

**Efficiency**  
Roundabouts can move traffic more efficiently which reduces delays and fuel consumption. This is because traffic generally doesn't need to come to a full stop at the intersection. A study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) estimated that the conversion of 10 percent of the signalized intersections in the United States to roundabouts would have reduced vehicle delays by more than 181 million hours and fuel consumption by more than 614 million gallons in 2018.

**Larger Vehicles**  
Ohio is a state that grows things and moves things. There are often concerns about how large farm machinery or semi-trucks will navigate roundabouts. One way this is accomplished is with truck aprons - an area between the central island and the traveled way that is mountable by larger vehicles but not used by passenger vehicles.

**Public Opinion**  
Roundabouts typically aren't the most popular solution with the public. Much of that is due to a lack of education about their benefits and them being a relatively new traffic pattern for many areas of Ohio. Public opinion usually flips to positive within a year or two of them being installed and open to traffic. An IIHS study of three communities where single-lane roundabouts replaced stop sign-controlled intersections found that only 31% of 816 respondents supported the change before construction. However, when asked about a year post-opening, 65% supported the change.

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