

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:30pm on March 22, 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

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 Grieves, Joel Hagy**. Council member absent: **Mark Claus**.

Motion by Mr. Artino to excuse Mr. Claus' absence from the meeting.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or comments regarding 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, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the motion passed and Mr. Clause absence was excused.

Staff participating in the meeting: City Manager Matt Lasko, Law Director Todd Schrader, Planning and Zoning Manager Erik Engle, City Engineer Russ Critelli, OHM Engineer Larry Fridrich, Finance Director Cory Swaisgood, Water Superintendent Jason Gibboney, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart and Clerk of Council Terri Welkener.

Approval of Minutes

None.

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.

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Resolution 28-2022

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 28-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH THE HURON ROTARY CLUB TO HOLD THE HURON ROTARY FESTIVAL IN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO ON JUNE 24th AND 25th, 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 28-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart said the next two pieces of legislation are our annual agreements with civic organizations, with this one being the Huron Rotary Festival, which is being held on June 24th and 25th. There has been a 2-year hiatus, so we are looking forward to working with them. The only point of note is the road closure of the S-curve on Main Street to Cleveland Road and North Main. This will leave the public parking lots open.

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 28-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 28-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Mr. Biddlecombe recused himself from the next item on the agenda, and left Council Chambers at 6:34pm.

Resolution 29-2022

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 29-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH HURON RIVER FEST, INC. TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL RIVER FEST EVENT IN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 8, 2022 THROUGH JULY 10, 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: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (5)
NAYS: None (0)
RECUSE: Biddlecombe (1)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 29-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart explained that similar to the last piece of legislation, River Fest will be held on the second Saturday in July, which would be July 8th through 10th. They are in the planning stages now, but they are looking at trying to get more of a hometown feel (more local), and may use the last couple years' hiatus to rebrand themselves. We look forward to working with them on this very popular event.

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 29-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (5)
NAYS: None (0)
RECUSE: Biddlecombe (1)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 26-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Mr. Biddlecombe returned to the meeting at 6:36pm.

Resolution 30-2022

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 30-2022 (A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ERIE COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RELATING TO ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS AND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENTS) 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievess (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 30-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that every March the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for the City of Huron, which is comprised of city staff, a representative from the Huron Schools, a representative from EHOVE and representatives from Erie County, get together and review the status of all of the existing tax abatements that are current, as well as all of the tax increment financing (TIF) that are also current. They review those projects to make sure they are meeting or exceeding everything they committed to from a payroll standpoint, a job creation standpoint and an investment standpoint into their projects. This year, the TIRC reviewed 9 current abatements that are still ongoing, and also the Rye Beach TIF. It was the recommendation of the TIRC to continue all of those abatements for the next year, and also keep the Rye Beach TIF ongoing, as well. We are excited to present these recommendations to Council, and he thanked all of the businesses that have current tax abatements for their previous investments in the community.

Mr. Hagy asked if the TIRC has recommended that they continue, does that mean that they are meeting all of the objectives, or is there some discretion. Mr. Lasko said in this particular instance, for this year, all of these companies did meet or exceed expectations. He noted that in previous years, whether in the City of Huron or the City of Sandusky, there have been times where maybe someone was a job or two short or construction was delayed, the Council could still recommend to continue. As it relates to these abatements before Council, everyone has met or exceeded the expectations.

Mr. Dike said that will be some new abatements coming up next year whereby the schools will be made whole. He asked what type of money are the schools going to gain from those business investments. Mr. Lasko answered that on certain things, like the TIFs where we have put in a specific minimum service payment (like Sawmill Creek Resort where Cedar Fair has committed to a certain amount and we know

the percentage that Huron Schools and EHOVE are going to receive), we are able to predict that amount. For example, for Sawmill Creek Resort, the Huron Schools will be receiving about \$112,500 and \$8,000-\$9,000 to EHOVE. As it relates to Ardagh, which was recently passed in January, Buckeye Sports on the agenda this evening, and South Shore Marine on the agenda in April, those will ultimately be reliant on what the Auditor's appraised value will be, so we would probably be speculating at the moment in terms of what we think those revenue sources would be. His guess is they are going to be significant, because it is going to be 100% of what those entities would have received. We will have a better sense, particularly if Ardagh and Buckeye Sports, in September or October in terms of what those revenue streams look like. Mr. Dike that, going forward, that we make that something we name note of, if possible. He would like to know that number for each one of the entities. He wants to make sure the schools benefit from this. Mr. Artino asked Mr. Lasko to confirm that this is all new income to the schools. Mr. Lasko confirmed that this is all new revenue for the schedules, and the ConAgra project, which is currently not paying any taxes at all because it is city-owned, will become a tax-paying parcel if sold and developed per the plans.

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 30-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievs (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 30-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 31-2022

Motion by Mr. Grievs that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 31-2022 (AN ANNUAL RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S INTENT TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY DEEMED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR FOUND OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION UTILIZING GOVDEALS, 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: Grievs, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 31-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said Resolution 31-2022, as mentioned, is an annual resolution that comes to Council to express the City's intent to continue to use GovDeals, Inc. for the disposal of City property. There is no upfront expense to use GovDeals – those expenses ultimately get deducted from the sale proceeds. There is no upfront expense to the City. Mr. Swaisgood said that this legislation is required by Ohio Revised Code, so that is why we see it every year.

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 31-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 31-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 32-2022

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 32-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ERIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE NPDES SMALL MS4 PERMIT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$16,800.00)) 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: Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 32-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko expressed his thanks for the continued partnership with Erie Soil & Water, and as Mr. Engle will touch on, we are thrilled that they have made good on their promise now that we're entering year 3 of this partnership, so significantly reduce the cost and expense to the City (nearly cut in half). Mr. Engle explained that this is an annual agreement to share responsibilities for the maintenance, management and recording of all storm water related activities within the City of Huron. Because the City is covered under the Erie County National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Small MS4 Program, it establishes a yearly work program between the two entities in order to accomplish OEPA's requirements. Notable work completed includes the establishment of online GIS mapping, ongoing stormwater ordinance updates, which are also on this evening's agenda, and the Erie County Storm Water Management Plan. The cost negotiated in this agreement represents a notable reduction, with the prior agreement being \$31,184, and the current agreement being \$16,800. This is primarily due to more complicated activities being completed on their end. Mr. Lasko noted that this partnership and this relationship is different than what may come before Council later this year. We are in conversations with OHM and their team to undertake a multi-phased storm water management plan that looks at the entire storm water system across the City, and also comes up with recommendations and a capital plan for storm water improvements. He wanted to make sure that we differentiate our relationship with Erie Soil & Water versus what we are working through with the Finance Department in trying to fund the first phase of a multi-phase storm water management plan, mapping exercise and capital plan with OHM. We hope to bring that before Council later this year. Mr. Engle added that, with regard to Erie County Soil & Water, they only touch on outreach efforts. Therefore, our City-wide plan will definitely get into more of the nitty-gritty, which is definitely something that is needed.

Mr. Tapp asked if this capital plan would direct energies toward flooding issues, which was confirmed by Mr. Engle. Mr. Dike asked if that means the neighborhoods with ponds, such as Beachwood, which was also confirmed by Mr. Engle. He said that they are hoping to get into, more or less, the overall storm management plan to delve into the neighborhoods that have issues. Mr. Hagy said, if he is not mistaken,

this will also include neighborhoods that have privately-owned streets, like Grand Force Beach. This was confirmed by Mr. Engle, who said that they like to look at the system holistically. Mr. Artino said in the past the line for responsibility has been blurred, but the City does have responsibility for storm water management. Mr. Engle said that is true, and the agreement outlines what Erie County will be handling on our behalf, and what the City will be handling.

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 32-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 32-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 33-2022

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 33-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO - ERIE COUNTY VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU, INC. DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT RELATING TO THE HURON FISH CLEANING FACILITY PROJECT; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHORES & ISLANDS OHIO - ERIE COUNTY VISITORS & CONVENTION BUREAU, INC. UPON AWARD) 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, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 33-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that he would be asking Mr. Steinwart to provide a little more detail, but he wanted to mention that as we have gone through this fish cleaning facility process, one of the things we realized was that the City was going to have out-of-pocket expense. We have budgeted for that in 2022, but at the same time we realized that there is this grant opportunity, which made sense from what types of projects they are looking for. We are seeking funding to help reduce our out-of-pocket expense. It really seems to be a great match to the types of projects they are looking for, and our project. Mr. Steinwart said that this is a new grant program from Shore & Islands Ohio. They assist organizations with projects that will attract and engage visitors, and generate economic growth for the community in travel, tourism and development. You can apply for up to \$25,000, which we have to match. We have met with the administrator of the program regarding our project, and are comfortable in submitting the application. It is a very competitive grant even though this is their first year because they have opened it up to not only government agencies and non-profits, but also to private businesses. The application is due by March 31st. The good thing is that they will know in 2 weeks if the City is a finalist, and then the awards will be made in the beginning of May. The City would have 2 years to allocate those dollars.

Mr. Tapp asked how this plays into the City's out-of-pocket costs relating to the project. Mr. Steinwart answered that they are going to ask for the \$25,000 and then they will have an additional match to that. He does not know what the exact amount is. Mr. Lasko said that as of now, based on cost estimates and we still have to bring back a contract for construction inspections, we believe the City's out-of-pocket prior to grant applications was probably going to be somewhere between \$50,000 and \$90,000 above the \$500,000. The good news is that we are applying for grant funding for the \$25,000 and also, although nothing is promised, we are in ongoing conversations with ODNR to seek additional funding above and beyond the \$500,000 grant they have already contributed to this project. We believe that those conversations are going very positively. It was understood pretty quickly, that these things cost a lot more than everyone anticipated, including ODNR. At the very beginning of this, they were going to award grants up to \$250,000 per fish cleaning station, and very quickly upped that the \$500,000. As we are finding, being the first city through this process, these projects are probably closer to \$600,000. We appreciate ODNR's willingness to be at the table and be a true partner and not have these local communities left holding the bag for unbudgeted expenses. We hope to have more detail on that over the next 2 or 3 weeks.

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 33-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 33-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 34-2022

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 34-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH LAKE ERIE SHORES AND ISLANDS AND D & M PAINTING CORP. RELATING TO REPAINTING THE WATER TOWER LOCATED ON ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 42-64043.000) 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, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 34-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko deferred to Mr. Gibboney to walk Council through this legislation. Mr. Gibboney explained that the City was approached about 2 months ago by the administration of Shore & Islands Ohio, who is going through a comprehensive rebranding, including a new design logo that they are hoping to implement at all of their locations throughout the County. We were able to facilitate a connection between Shores & Islands and D&M Painting, who was the contractor who painted the tower in 2015. A rendering of the proposed logo change was included in the packet. The upper and lower portions will remain the same. The terms of the agreement mirror that of what was passed in 2015, whereas the City has the

ultimate right to determine when the coating system has failed. Therefore, the lifespan is not fixed, it can change depending on when the City feels it needs to be recoated, at which time the agreement will end. He thanked Mr. Schrader and his team for helping with the legalities involved.

Mr. Artino said that he is glad that they approached us so it isn't the City spending money. Mr. Gibboney confirmed that Shores & Islands Ohio will be responsible for the entire cost of the repainting.

Mr. Hagy asked if they have any interest in painting the water tower on the east side. Mr. Gibboney answered that the exposure on Route 2 is too good for them to do so.

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 34-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 34-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Mr. Dike recused himself from the next legislative item on the agenda and left Council Chambers at 6:56pm, as noted by Mr. Schrader as a point of order.

Resolution 35-2022

Motion by Mr. Grievess that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 35-2022 (A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY OUTDOOR PATIO DINING AREAS, 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: Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (5)
NAYS: None (0)
RECUSE: Dike (1)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 35-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said he had hoped that they would not have to bring this before Council for a third consecutive year, but as we are not 100% out of the woods with Covid, they wanted to be a little cautious and conservative. Much like the previous 2 years, what this resolution is seeking to do is allow food service operators, through a permitting process, to be able to encroach through license agreement and permitting onto City right-of-way for expansion of their outdoor dining capabilities, as well as for people that want to expand on their own property, for example onto a parking lot, to be able to disperse people. He noted that this resolution will expire automatically on October 31, 2022 and one addition made was to waive rental payments for business owners with Lease Agreements for use of public land for dining purposes. Those business must still go through the permitting process, however.

Mr. Tapp suggested that the administration reach out to those Lessees affected.

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 35-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (7)
NAYS: None (0)
RECUSE: Dike (1)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 26-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Mr. Dike returned to the meeting at 6:59pm.

Resolution 37-2022

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 37-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE MAIN STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$57,300.00)) 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, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 37-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko acknowledged the hard work of Erik Engle, the Planning Department and OHM Advisors to get us to this point in reviewing the community engagement and scope of services for this important project. Last summer, this was identified as one of the next steps as it relates to moving along the initiatives that were identified in the Vision 2022 Action Plan Update. That update was informed by a lot of community feedback, Planning Commission, focus groups, etc. One of the projects that came out of that initiative was to really take a comprehensive look at the entire Main Street corridor, which is the former Showboat property south to approximately Bogart Road. There has been some historical improvements along that corridor, but it hasn't been throughout the entirety of the corridor, with particular emphasis on South Main Street where we haven't seen some of those infrastructure investments. We are really excited to go through a pretty extensive community engagement process with stakeholders, focus groups, steering committee and several large community meetings to be able to re-envision the entire corridor of Main Street and really look at specific treatments along each segment because what's needed is different. What we hope to come out of this process with, after that community feedback, is some great conceptual designs for the entirety of Main Street (all segments). We are going to look at everything from comprehensive parking plans to creating cohesion through aesthetic improvements such as street lighting, on-street landscaping, and also way-finding. We will also look at

infrastructure investments that could be made along the corridor, and lastly, taking a look at existing land uses and what the community desires along that corridor in the future, and also any potential zoning recommendations and changes needed along the corridor to bring to fruition what's in this plan.

Mr. Tapp said the proposal has a timeline of 9-11 months, and asked what the end product would be. Mr. Critelli answered that the final deliverable at the conclusion study is the framework for whatever the City has determined as priorities. Mr. Lasko explained that this is really the first step for us to be able to conform any changes or upgrades we may need to the Capital Improvement Plan. This will come up with the ideas and the thoughts of what the community wants to see, but then ultimately we will move to cost estimating and figuring out where it fits within the CIP. What we envision is that there are going to be some things that are lower hanging fruit from an economic standpoint, but certain things like major streetscape enhancements are going to be something that we are going to have to figure out through conversations with Sudsina & Associates and the Finance Director in terms of how we can fit these into the CIP. Mr. Tapp asked if there is a change to see some of this happen next year. Mr. Lasko answered said he didn't want to overpromise, but some of the more economical items that do not require a bond issuance, may be possible.

Mr. Hagy asked if OHM would bring a vision as the final product – do they already have a concept the public will be giving feedback on. Mr. Critelli answered that the feedback is collected first, and then they will shape something that, from an expertise standpoint, functionally works.

Mr. Artino said that it is important to understand what the issues are – it is good to bring those in front of our citizens so that they can realistically look at their ideas/input and it's not something that far-fetched that is going to cost more than we can afford to do. Mr. Critelli said that they need to community's input to drive their recommendations to 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 37-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievs (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 37-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 38-2022

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 38-2022 (A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ANDREA F. ROCCO FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AS PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF HURON 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, Grievs, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 38-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that the City entered into the initial agreement with the new Prosecutor back in December of 2021. Knowing that we wanted to up the workload and types of things the Prosecutor position worked on, the agreement included a 90-day review window to evaluate the performance of the Prosecutor and contemplate a potential upgrade in compensation. What they are looking to do for this First Amendment to the Employment Agreement is to (1) increase in the compensation to \$35,000 annually, and (2) to extend the end date to December 31, 2022. He and Mr. Swaisgood did a lot of research looking at comparables and even under the new salary schedule, assuming the Prosecutor puts in between 10-15 hours per week, that is an hourly rate of only \$44-\$67, which is very affordable. They feel very comfortable making this recommendation, and said that Ms. Rocco has been tremendous from a performance standpoint not only with the traditional duties of our former Prosecutor (traffic and criminal), but also with code and zoning enforcement and providing good insight to Mr. Schrader and his team as it relates to several codified ordinance changes we are considering – it has been invaluable.

Mr. Tapp said that he has met with the administration and went over this, and the staff can't be more pleased. He has also spoken with the Zoning Department, and they are very happy with Ms. Rocco's work, as well. She is a go-getter, and our Legal Department is very pleased with her, 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 38-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 38-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 39-2022

Motion by Mr. Grievess that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 39-2022 (A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ANDREA F. ROCCO FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO EMPLOYMENT LAW AND HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$25,000.00) FOR THE CITY OF HURON 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: Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 39-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said that he mentioned this in his Manager's Report and at a couple of meetings. He acknowledged all of the great work Mr. Swaisgood and Ms. Welkener have done filling from an HR

standpoint, as long as he has been here and also prior to his arrival. One of things we thought was very critical was to get someone trained in human resources law that has a background in this field to be able to elevate the level of service for our employees and staff. Understanding Ms. Rocco had that background, we thought it would be a great fit to enter into a new agreement with her for dedicated human resources services for our employees. The agreements calls for Ms. Rocco to update the City's employee handbook, ensure that all departments are going through necessary and recommended annual trainings, onboarding of employees, handling grievances, helping with healthcare and benefits enrollment, and helping with bargaining unit negotiations. This is not an exhaustive list, but are some of the things that are most relevant to note within the agreement. Although the agreement calls for an annual salary of \$25,000, because the agreement expires on December 31, 2022, the prorated expense to the City for this year is more around \$17,000-\$18,000 (75%). We are excited to have the additional help. Mr. Swaisgood said that he thinks this will be a great addition for the City and Ms. Welkener.

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 39-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grievs, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 39-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-17

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-17 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 1315 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT; 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievs, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-17 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance 2022-17 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievs, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-17 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Engle explained that, per requirements mandated by OEPA, Erie Water & Soil has a reporting period (due in April) to make routine updates to Chapter 1315. We need to make sure that we are mostly in compliance with Ohio's General Permit Construction Standards per the EPA. Changes include: (1)

updating the storm water calculations for design buildout, (2) requiring site development to incorporate green infrastructure or storm water control measures (SCM's) where feasible, (3) added construction general permit definition, (4) requiring redevelopment to meet a 20% net reduction of runoff and (5) updated temporary stabilization requirements (erosion controls).

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 2022-17. Members of Council voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-17 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-18

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-18 (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 AN INCREASE IN ESTIMATED RESOURCES, 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, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-18 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Hagy to place Ordinance 2022-18 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, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-18 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Swaisgood said this ordinance includes increases to appropriations and estimated resources. The increase to appropriations are necessary out of the general fund related to the police department, which is increased in light of items for fuel, and also police radars and radios. That is also noted as an offset to the police department's budget with the increased estimated resources, which is an increase in revenue for the State of Ohio grant for \$8,800. That is also included in this legislation.

Also in the general fund, there is an increase to the public buildings line item for \$5,000. This reflects a contribution to an anchor project being done at the Boat Basin with the Huron Joint Recreation District. The Township is also contributing to that effort.

The police department/ fire department communications increase of \$3,000 and the fire department's increase of \$2,000 is related to the police and fire dispatch services approved by Council earlier this year.

The increase to the economic development fund is related to escrow accounts that we are closing out and have to make payments back to the developers.

Mr. Hagy asked what the \$8,900 is used for. Mr. Swaisgood said that is a training grant from the State that was not expected. It has been years since any municipality has received this grant. This is an advance to use on personnel training.

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 2022-18. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievs (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-19 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2022-20

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2022-20 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH SUNSPORT PROPERTIES, LLC AND BUCKEYE SPORTS CENTER, INC. RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 309 LAKE ERIE PARKWAY; 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievs, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was suspended and Ordinance 2022-20 placed on its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance 2022-20 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievs, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, Ordinance 2022-20 was placed as an emergency measure.

Mr. Lasko said that he would be addressing this ordinance and the next two resolutions collectively, since they are all related. The City received a tax abatement request from Buckeye Sports Center, Inc. This would be their second Ohio location, to be located on Lake Erie Parkway directly across the street from

Goodwill Industries. They are originally from the Akron area. They are looking at constructing two buildings totaling 32,000 SF (new construction) at a project cost of just under \$10,500,000. Approximately \$5,000,000 is new construction within the buildings. They are looking at adding 14 employees, minimally, with new payroll of \$730,000 annually. The agreement is written as a 15-year 100% abatement; however, the next two resolutions relate to Compensation Agreements with EHOVE and Huron City Schools, in which the company is obligated to make payments to those two districts for whatever taxes those entities would have received had there not been an abatement in place. In essence, this is keeping both the Huron City Schools and EHOVE whole based on the value of the improvements. This is a little bit different than a previous abatement, and one we envision bringing in April. This project is in an Enterprise Zone, as opposed to a Community Reinvestment Area. Because of that, Erie County needs to provide final sign-off to this tax abatement. Huron City Schools has approved their Compensation Agreement and EHOVE is considering their Compensation Agreement on April 6th. Assuming approval this evening, the final step would be sometime in mid-April when it would go to Erie County for final approval. This is one of those rare instances where we need the County's involvement because of the location of the project. Past abatements that have been done in Huron Corporate Park and on Sawmill Parkway were all CRA's, and it's up to the City alone to approve those abatement requests. We will keep Council apprised of final approval, but that won't happen until mid-April.

Mr. Dike asked how many dollars this means for the schools. Mr. Lasko said this is one of those that relies on final valuation by the Auditor. What we do know is the cost to build is much higher than ultimate valuation, so he doesn't want to go off the investment number of \$5,000,000, but assuming this is somewhere in the \$2,000,000 range, the schools would receive about \$30,000 in new annual tax income, and about a little smaller than that for EHOVE. This is a nice sized job for the community from a job standpoint, an income standpoint, and certainly for the school districts, as well.

Mr. Artino wanted to remind everyone that the property in question has sat vacant for about 20 years. This is a really good for the community and good for our schools. It is good to see that we are creating an environment that attracts businesses here. Mr. Lasko gave a lot of credit to the folks at South Shore Marine, who actually played very heavily in the recruitment of this company to Huron. The company was considering a few locations along the water, but South Shore Marine was pretty adamant about the importance of being in Huron and the benefits in being here. Evidently they are not competitors based on the types of products they sell.

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 2022-20. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Ordinance 2022-20 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 40-2022

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 40-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF HURON, HURON CITY SCHOOLS AND SUNSPORT PROPERTIES, LLC) 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 40-2022 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 40-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 40-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 41-2022

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 41-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF HURON, EHOVE CAREER CENTER AND SUNSPORT PROPERTIES, LLC) 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 41-2022 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 41-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 41-2022 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution 42-2022

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 42-2022 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO GRANTING A LICENSE FOR THE HURON BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAM, INC. TO UTILIZE ANDREW L. FABENS MEMORIAL PARK BASEBALL FIELDS AND CONCESSION STAND) 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, Tapp, Dike, Grievies, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five votes or more in favor, the motion to suspend the three-reading rule passed and Resolution 42-2022 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Lasko said we are excited to continue the partnership with Huron Baseball & Softball. They held a meeting to, sort of, digest the prior season, and the biggest need we heard from them was access to equipment to help them with field preparation, when necessary. This was something we worked into the agreement for this year. Kudos to the folks at Huron Baseball & Softball, Mr. Steinwart and his staff, most specifically, Brian Croucher.

Mr. Steinwart said that we had an end of the year meeting to review the past year and to find out what future needs may be. This agreement is for Fields 1-7 from April 18th through July 29th. The only difference this year is inclusion of equipment use (field groomer). Last year, the City partnered with them to run the concession stand during our 5 tournaments, and that worked great for us, and helped them with fund raising. They have committed to do that again this year. We have new batting cage nets – the City bought one and they bought one. That partnership is on the right track. They had over 300 kids last year.

Mr. Tapp asked about charging for parking. Mr. Steinwart said that is for the tournaments, and they are definitely addressing some of those questions and concerns in the contract with better language.

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 42-2022. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grievies, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, Resolution 42-2022 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 spoke on several topics:

- South Shore Marine – The City has received a tax abatement application from South Shore Marine for a new 24,000 SF building they will be adding to their campus on Sawmill Parkway. Very similar to Buckeye Sports, we have negotiated with them compensation agreements to keep EHOVE and the Huron City Schools whole. We won't bring those agreements to Council until sometime in April.
- Ardagh – Sawmill Parkway – We are 100% through with the vacation and dedications of the roadway, and everything has since been recorded. Thank you to Todd and his team, Ms. Welkener and the folks at OHM – it was a lot of work to get through that complicated process. The folks at OHM have submitted everything to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) as mentioned. As much as we are very thankful for \$2,000,000, we also know that we are at the mercy of EDA to ultimately green-light the project and sign off on the construction

drawings. Everything is now in EDA's hands and we are just waiting for either final comments or approval from EDA to be able to begin the project. We hope to have a better idea of timeline as soon as we hear from EDA.

- Sawmill Creek Resort- It has been a long process and something we haven't talked about for several months, but the final annexation is coming in for a landing. One of the most important steps of that process was deeding over the property to the City and then deeding the property right back to Cedar Fair to be able to move forward with the Section 31 TIF. Those deeds were recorded and the properties transferred last week, and Cedar Fair is putting the final touches on the annexation agreement, which will ultimately go to the Erie County Board of Commissioners for final approval. We hope to get the annexation completed in the next month or two.
- Erie County MPO – Although there are still a few approvals that need to happen over the next couple of weeks, and based on the hard work of Erik Engle and OHM, we believe that the City and the Township's joint application for funding through Erie County MPO is going to be successful, and we anticipate receiving more than requested. The project cap is about \$93,000, and we anticipate receiving approximately \$120,000 for that project, which has to go through some final approvals. We are hopeful that is going to be official in the next couple of weeks.
- Street Resurfacing – He provided an email to Council about street resurfacing for 2022. As everyone knows, we are updating the Pavement Condition Report (PCR) for 2022, but we were fortunate to be able to set aside \$500,000 for street resurfacing this year. We have an annual \$200,000 budget, but based on year-end financials, we upped that budget to \$500,000 for this year. Based on that amount, we envision being restricted to asphalt mill and fill throughout the City versus any concrete reconstruction. Based on the PCR from 2020, which also looked at all roads with a grades at 75 or below, the recommendations for 2022 are to reconstruct Gumwood, Rose, Vine, Bruns and two segments of Williams (Route 6 south to Standard, and Route 6 north to Cleveland Road W). We also believe, and are hopeful, that we can get two alternate streets into the program for this year, as well (subject to results of bidding). Those roads would be Stowe and Woodside. As mentioned, what we are really looking forward to is, starting in 2023-2024, going through a very comprehensive look at all of our roadways where we believe the City of budgeting somewhere north of \$7,000,000 in major road reconstruction in 2023 and beyond. We will be working with OHM to get those projects out to bid over the next couple of weeks.
- Personnel – He welcomed our new hire to the Police Department, which is Bradley Griffin. Officer Griffin started earlier this month, and we are excited to have the additional capacity to add that officer in this year's budget and we certainly wish him well as he begins his career as a full-time police officer with the Huron Police Department. Stuart Hamilton, our Service Director, starts next Monday, March 28th – we are excited to get him on board. Yesterday was the first day for our replacement Finance Director, Mr. Jeff Hall, who is with us this evening. We appreciate that he is having some opportunity to overlap with Mr. Swaisgood to download as much information as possible.
- Upcoming Meetings – Planning Commission (tomorrow at 5:00pm in Council Chambers); HJRD (4/5 at 6:40 in the Council Chambers); Utilities Committee (4/5 at 6:00pm in the Main Conference Room) ; and BZA (4/11 at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers).

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp thanked the staff for all of their hard work, especially with the new businesses coming in, all the abatements being asked for, and keeping the schools whole. Thank you to Mr. Lasko for working on that. Welcome again this year to Rotary Festival and River Fest – they have been on hiatus, so he hopes everything goes well and he looks forward to that, as do a lot other people do. Welcome Sunsport Properties to the City. Welcome to Mr. Hall – we look forward to working with him and are happy to have him. He thinks Mr. Hall will have a lot to do.

This is Mr. Swaisgood's last Council meeting. (To Mr. Swaisgood) – All joking aside, you know what everyone thought about you. On the good side, he knows we rib you a little bit – it's not over, yet. I wish you the best in your endeavors and you are a great person and you are great to have around here. We will miss you. Welcome to Mr. Hall – take your spot, and we are happy to have had him as long as we did. Thank you for everything you did and all of your efforts, we appreciate it. (Applause).

For the Good of the Order

- **Mr. Biddlecombe** – Welcome to Officer Griffin and Mr. Hall, and thanks to staff, especially Mr. Swaisgood, for everything you have done while you've been here. Mr. Biddlecombe provided dates and times for Huron High School home games for Softball, Baseball, Girls Softball, Boys Baseball, Boys Tennis and Boys & Girls Track for the next several weeks. Go Tigers!
- **Mr. Artino** – He has been here for a while, and he has seen a lot of people come through our leadership levels, and he can say that all of those people did a great job. They had a certain level of expertise and he thinks we have been lucky to have them. I have to say, though, on a personal note, Mr. Swaisgood, I think what he brought to our Finance Department is, bar none, you would have to go to a much bigger city or a much bigger community, to find that type of professionalism and knowledge. Thank you very much and I would like to thank you personally for putting up with me because if you are patient enough to explain government math to me, you are a good man. He would also like to say that there are new faces out here today, and the same thing goes with the people that are here – I think that this City has come a long way. Nothing against anybody that has been here before you. Erik, I had a call the other day from a gentleman who said that he was very impressed with our Zoning Department. I really think that in the last few years we have had some good people, and we still have some good people here, and I think this City only functions because of our employees. The new faces will just enhance that. Thank you.
- **Mr. Dike** – First off, my condolences to the Babson family – Lois passed away on March 7th. Secondly, welcome to the individuals that are new to the City of Huron. Cory, I wish you the best. Thank you for everything, and I know you are going to a good thing. Thank you.
- **Mr. Grieves** – First off, welcome to the new members – I look forward to working with you guys. To Cory, I didn't get to work with you too long, but with everyone saying what they said, it is pretty impressive the impact you had on Huron. Thank you.
- **Mr. Hagy** – Congratulations to Jeff Hall – welcome. Obviously, those are big shoes to fill. Cory, I didn't have the opportunity to see anybody prior to you, but I certainly learned a ton. Good luck and Godspeed at the State level, and maybe put in a word for us – see if you can get a rep (doesn't have to be our rep) to pay attention to us at the City level, that would be awesome.

Mayor Tapp asked Mr. Swaisgood if he had anything to add at his last Council meeting in the City of Huron. Mr. Swaisgood said the he would like to thank everyone present and Council and past Council members and management. It seems like forever ago he started – it has only been three years and a lot has happened over the last three years. He couldn't be more proud for the way things have gotten done. There are a lot of great things to come with the current Council members and Mr. Lasko. All the way down to the Finance Committee level, there are just some amazing people here in the City of Huron, and that's why it is so tough to leave the people that I've worked with every day. He hopes the citizens of Huron really appreciate the public servants here – he can tell them that you don't get this type of service at any (even bigger) city for the cost to live here. It was amazing to work alongside the people here in this room and all of the departments. He thanked everyone for the opportunity and wished everyone the best.

Mayor Tapp thanked Mr. Swaisgood once again, and wished him the best of luck.

Executive Session

None.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe 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: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being more than a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the meeting of March 22, 2022 adjourned at 7:43pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 12 APR 2022

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