

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 8:31 a.m., the Dayton City Commission met in regular session, remotely through electronic means, in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whaley called the meeting to order. She said due to the current COVID-19 order, the meeting is conducted remotely through electronic means. Therefore, public comments are suspended for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Fairchild gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Whaley led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, and the City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, were also present through electronic means.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mims made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2020, meeting.

Commissioner Fairchild seconded the motion. The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no communications and petitions.

SPECIAL AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE CALENDAR

The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, requested the addition of Emergency Resolution Number 6493-20 – objecting to the issuance of liquor permit (renewal) for Dolgen Midwest, LLC dba Dollar General Store, 445 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

Emergency Resolution Number 6494-20 – objecting to the issuance of liquor permit (renewal) for Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store, 2312 North Main Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Emergency Resolution Number 6495-20 – objecting to the issuance of liquor permit (renewal) for Dolgen Midwest, LLC dba Dollar General Store, 1819 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Emergency Resolution Number 6496-20 – objecting to the issuance of liquor permit (renewal) for Dolgen Midwest, LLC dba Dollar General Store, 2228 North Gettysburg Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

Emergency Resolution Number 6497-20 – objecting to the issuance of liquor permit (renewal) for Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store, 2821 Linden Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

REPORTS:

A. Purchase Orders, Price Agreements and Contracts:

(All contracts are valid until delivery is complete or through December 31st of the current year).

1. Purchase Orders:

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

A1. Lifespan Counseling Associates (professional psychological testing services through 12-31-20) **\$28,800.00**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

B1. TT Faster LLC dba Faster Asset Solutions (annual software maintenance and support services) **17,366.47**

B2. CDW Government, Inc. (Commvault licensing, maintenance and support services as needed through 12-31-20) **44,703.79**

1. (Cont'd):

POLICE

- C1. Angel Armor LLC** (40 Dodge Durango Pursuits ballistic door and passenger panels) **\$30,137.80**
C2. Key Chrysler Jeep & Dodge, Inc. (twenty Dodge Durango Pursuits) **604,280.00**

PROCUREMENT, MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

- D1. Applied Industrial Technologies** (47 five-gallon buckets of liquid hand sanitizers) **16,445.71**
D2. Heads Up Apparel LLC dba One Up Bands (personal protection equipment and related items) **48,750.00**

PUBLIC WORKS

- E1. CHWR, Inc. dba CHW Mechanical Services** (heating, ventilation and air conditioning – HVAC – preventative maintenance and repairs through 04-30-21) **10,000.00**
E2. Kendall Electric, Inc. (electrical parts, supplies and related items as needed through 12-31-23) **7,000.00**
E3. Wayne Overhead Door Sales of Dayton, Inc. (Overhead door repair services through 03-31-23) **10,000.00**

WATER

- F1. B L Anderson Co., Inc.** (YSI brand replacement parts and related items as needed through 12-31-22) **60,000.00**
F2. Enterprise Roofing & Sheet Metal Company (roofing maintenance, repairs, and related items through 03-31-24) **43,500.00**
F3. Ford Hall Company (maintenance of automated weir cleaning system through 12-31-22) **71,000.00**
F4. Ohio Cat (rental services for heavy equipment through 12-31-22) – PO200341 **39,000.00**
F5. Ohio Cat (two Caterpillar portable generators and related items) – PO200847 **394,686.00**
F6. Temco, Inc. (controllers, sensors and other monitoring equipment as needed through 12-31-22) **45,000.00**
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F7. Tristate Valves & Controls, Inc. dba Trivaco (parts and services to maintain and repair Emerson and Yokogawa brand sludge and boiler process systems as needed through 12-31-22) **60,000.00**
F8. Utilities Instrumentation Service – Ohio (medium voltage electrical systems inspection and maintenance services as needed through 12-31-20) **35,000.00**
F9. Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. (maintenance and repair of Flygt and AC pumps as needed through 12-31-22) **150,000.00**
F10. Comptech Computer Technologies, Inc. (temporary staffing services as needed through 12-31-23) **40,000.00**
F11. Frew Process Group LLC (Badger flow meters through 12-31-22) **148,220.00**
F12. Ohio Cat (two Caterpillar portable generators and related items) **380,350.00**
F13. Process Pump & Seal, Inc. (rebuilding six pumps through 08-31-22) **134,496.00**
F14. Fastenal Company (hardware, tools, mills supplies and MRO equipment as needed through 12-31-22) **75,000.00**
F15. Motion Industries, Inc. dba Dayton Supply and Tool (hardware, tools, mills supplies and tool sharpening as needed through 12-31-22) **90,000.00**
-Depts. of Information & Technology, Police, Procurement, Management & Budget, Public Works, Water, and the Civil Service Board. **Total: \$2,583,735.77**

2. **Miami Conservancy District – Service Agreement** – for Water Quality Study – Dept. of Water/Water Supply & Treatment. **\$25,000.00**
(Thru 01/31/21)
3. **Moonlight Security, Inc. – Service Agreement** – first amendment for professional security services – Dept. of Aviation. **\$458,586.00**
(Thru 05/01/23)

4. **Terracon Consultants, Inc. – Service Agreement** – for tasks associated with the remediation of the former Omega Oil property located at 2036 N. Gettysburg Avenue – Dept. of Economic Development. **\$250,000.00**
(Thru 12/31/22)

B. Construction Contracts:

5. **John R. Jurgensen Company – Award of Contract**– for the 2020 Residential Asphalt Resurfacing I (15% SBE & 5% MBE Participation Goal) – Dept. of Public Works/Civil Engineering. **\$2,311,082.51**
(Thru 08/14/21)
6. **John R. Jurgensen Company – Award of Contract**– for the 2020 Thoroughfare Resurfacing (5% SBE, 10% MBE, 5% WBE Participation Goal) – Dept. of Public Works/Civil Engineering. **\$1,065,821.60**
(Thru 08/14/21)
7. **Turn-Key Environmental Consultants, Inc. – Award of Contract** – for Nuisance Abatement Program, Commercial and Residential Asbestos Surveys and Post Abatement Verification Inspections I – 2020 (10% SBE Participation Goal/100% SBE Participation Achieved) – Dept. of Planning & Community Development/Housing Inspection. **\$29,700.00**
(Thru 12/31/21)

E. Other – Contributions, Etc.:

8. **County Corp. – Other** – for the Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement – County Corp. Carillon Home Improvement Program - Dept. of Planning & Community Development/Comm. Dev. **\$50,000.00**
(Thru 12/31/21)
9. **County Corp. – Other** – for the Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement – County Corp. Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program - Dept. of Planning & Community Development/Comm. Dev. **\$75,000.00**
(Thru 12/31/21)
10. **Finney Law Firm, LLC & Helios, Inc. – Other** – for full settlement of claim filed – Dept. of Law/Civil. **\$150,000.00**
11. **Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative, Inc. dba Co-Op Dayton – Other** – for the Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement – Co-Op Dayton - Dept. of Planning & Community Development/Comm. Dev. **\$100,000.00**
(Thru 12/31/21)
12. **Miami Valley Housing Opportunities, Inc. – Other** – for the Continuum of Care – Shelter Plus Care Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - Dept. of Planning & Community Development/Comm. Dev. **\$2,196,332.00**
(Thru 04/30/21)
13. **The HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton – Other** – for the Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Agreement – The HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton - Dept.– of Planning & Community Development/Comm. Dev. **\$25,000.00**
(Thru 12/31/21)

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON CALENDAR ITEMS

Citizens' comments were suspended for the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR ITEM

Calendar Item No. 1, Sub-Items D1 and D2 – Applied Industrial Technologies and Heads Up Apparel dba One Up Bands - Purchase Orders

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the purchase orders are for the purchase of PPE supplies to address the COVID-19 emergency. The products will be used to keep the employees safe and work areas sanitized. She personally thanked Ms. Melisa Wilson, Purchase Agent, and the procurement team, for their hard work during the COVID-19 crisis. She noted that through the generous donations of masks from the community to the Fire Department, there are about ten to eleven weeks supply of masks for the first-responders.

Calendar Item No. 2 - Miami Conservancy District - Service Agreement

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the service agreement is for the City's participation in Congressman Turner's Water Quality Committee. She said the City's support of \$25K is towards the \$100K study. The City's portion will support the scope of work associated with the committee.

Calendar Item Nos. 5 and 6 – John R. Jurgensen Company – Award of Contract

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the award of contracts are for residential asphalt resurfacing. The contracts are \$3.3M in total and are related to Issue 9 commitment. She said the City will continue to fund the commitments of investing in the neighborhoods. She said for Calendar Item Number 5, the achievement goals were achieved at 15 percent SBE and 5 percent MBE. She said for Calendar Item Number 6, the achievement goals were achieved at 7.06 percent for SBE, 10.04 percent for MBE, and 7.06 percent for WBE participation.

Calendar Item Nos. 8 and 9 – County Corp. - Other

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the sub-recipient agreements are results from the CDBG competitive process. The agreements will provide funding to assist ten low-to-moderate income homeowners with exterior home repairs and accessibility modifications. She said Calendar Item Number 8 targets the Carillon Home Improvement Program. She said Calendar Item Number 9 targets the County Corp. Emergency Repair and Accessibility Program, and that it is a citywide eligible project for income homeowners at or below 50 percent area median income of \$75K.

Calendar Item No. 11 – Greater Dayton Union Cooperative Initiative, Inc., dba Co-Op Dayton - Other

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the sub-recipient agreement is to support the Greater Dayton by supporting and managing the Gem City Market Project. Specifically, the funding supports programming, as Gem City Market develops the cooperative community spaces and programming, to ensure food and nutrition programs are available to the community.

Calendar Item No. 12 – Miami Valley Housing Opportunities - Other

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the sub-recipient agreement was awarded through a competitive process. She said it was awarded through the 2019 Homeless Continuum of Care, Miami Valley Housing Opportunities; that is to support 248 units of permanent subsidized housing that assists individuals with persistent severe mental illness, chronic chemical dependency, or those that suffer with HIV-Aids related illnesses.

Calendar Item No. 13 – The HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton - Other

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the sub-recipient agreement was awarded through the CDBG competitive process. She said it was awarded through HomeOwnership Center of Greater Dayton that provides housing counseling, home buyers education, and financial counseling services for individuals at or below 80 percent of the area median income. She said it should assist 75 homebuyers.

Emergency Resolution Nos. 6493-20, 6494-20, 6495-20, 6496-20 and 6497-20 – Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store – Liquor Renewal Objections

Mayor Whaley explained the annual liquor renewal process. She said the objections for the Dollar General Stores are a result of having long discussions about the stores and the impact the stores have on the community. She said the City Commission views selling liquor as a privilege and not a right, and said they look forward to the day when the Dollar General stores does a better job at taking care of the stores situated in the neighborhoods. She said through the objections, the City Commission is doing their best to address the concerns received from the community about the Dollar General stores. However, she said the Division of Liquor Control will review the objections and make a final determination.

APPROVAL OF CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Joseph made the motion to approve the City Manager's Reports. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The City Manager's Reports were approved with a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild.

LEGISLATION

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS –FIRST AND SECOND READING

Emergency Resolution No. 6490-20 - Approving the Submission of a Grant Application for the Fiscal Year 2021 Ohio Airport Grant Program to the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation; Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the State of Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation in an Amount Not to Exceed Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Zero Cents (\$824,159.00) on behalf of the City of Dayton, and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Mims moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6490-20 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

Emergency Resolution No. 6491-20 - Authorizing the City Manager to Accept the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Grant from the United States of America, Department of Transportation for the James M. Cox Dayton International Airport and Dayton-Wright Brothers Airport on Behalf of the City of Dayton in an Amount Not to Exceed Fourteen Million Six Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Zero Cents (\$14,624,971.00), and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Shaw moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Joseph seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6491-20 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION – FIRST READING

Resolution Number 6492-20 – Honorarily Naming Barnett Street Between Home Avenue and West Fifth Street as Ronald C. Foster Way.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 31803-20- Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant Award From the Ohio Department of Transportation For An Amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$299,500.00) in Federal Safety Funds and State Safety Funds.

The question being shall Ordinance No. 31803-20 be passed. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The Ordinance was passed.

RESOLUTIONS – SECOND READING

Resolution No. 6487-20- Approving the Submission of an Application for a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Supplement on Behalf of the City of Dayton, Ohio for the Design and Construction Administration of the Total Phosphorus Treatment Facilities; Authorizing the Acceptance of Said Loan Supplement; Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents.

The question being shall Resolution No. 6487-20 be passed. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 6488-20- Honorarily Naming Midway Avenue Between Malden and Whitmore Avenues as Lucinda Williams Adams Way.

The question being shall Resolution No. 6488-20 be passed. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 6489-20- To Vacate Shaw Avenue from Great Miami Boulevard to the East Property Line of City Lot #13986.

The question being shall Resolution No. 6489-20 be passed. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

THESE ITEMS WERE ADDED

EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS – FIRST AND SECOND READING

Emergency Resolution No. 6493-20- Objecting to the Issuance of Liquor Permit Number 22348151925 (Renewal), Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store, 445 Salem Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45406, and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Joseph moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6493-20 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

(Commissioner Shaw’s remote connection was disconnected due to technical difficulties).

Emergency Resolution No. 6494-20- Objecting to the Issuance of Liquor Permit Number 22348151585 (Renewal), Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store, 2312 N. Main Street, Dayton, Ohio 45417, and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Mims moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6494-20 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

Emergency Resolution No. 6495-20- Objecting to the Issuance of Liquor Permit Number 22348151580 (Renewal), Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store, 1819 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45417, and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Fairchild moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Mims seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6495-20 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

Emergency Resolution No. 6496-20- Objecting to the Issuance of Liquor Permit Number 22348151495 (Renewal), Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store, 2228 North Gettysburg Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45406, and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Joseph moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Mims seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6496-20 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

Emergency Resolution No. 6497-20- Objecting to the Issuance of Liquor Permit Number 22348152065 (Renewal), Dolgen Midwest LLC, dba Dollar General Store, 2821 Linden Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45410, and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Mims moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6497-20 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Whaley, Commissioners Joseph, Mims, and Fairchild. The Resolution was adopted.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens' comments were suspended for the meeting.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, provided an update regarding how the City is managing through the crisis. She said the organizational staff remains steady. The Fire Department's average EMS utilization remains low, and staffing for essential apparatus remains high. She said the crews continue to respond to the crisis and provide quality services to the community. The Police Department is managing through the challenge, and their call load remains steady. She said there was a critical incident the other morning in which they were able to handle effectively, and pointed out that the incident did not interrupt the continued services the department provides to the community. She said the moral seems to be good.

She said earlier this month, the Plan Board held their first virtual meeting, and she noted that later this month, on April 28th, the Board of Zoning Appeals will follow in their footsteps. The City organization is planning a phased approach to reopening; following the Governor's direction. She said she is looking at environmental work site upgrades, the appropriate protective barriers, signage, and items needed for sanitizing work stations and the general open areas such as critical counters and points of entry for the public. She said they will consider all possible safety measures for the employees and the citizens.

COMMENTS BY THE CLERK OF COMMISSION

The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Rashella Lavender, said in light of the Ohio Department of Health confirming cases of CORVID-19 in the State of Ohio, Governor DeWine declaring a State of Emergency in the state on March 9, 2020, and the City of Dayton declaring a State of Emergency on March 12, 2020, and to protect the health and welfare of citizens and staff, the City Commission Meeting scheduled for April 29, 2020, will be cancelled.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Fairchild

Commissioner Fairchild said he is grateful for the City Manager and the City team who are working to ensure continued operations, and he is mindful of those employees who are furloughed. He is grateful for the citizens who continue to care for one another, and asked that everyone remain mindful of the young people having to celebrate certain milestones differently. He encouraged everyone to use this opportunity to remind everyone about the importance of nurturing relationships among one another, and demonstrating love and care towards one another. He acknowledged his daughter's birthday.

Commissioner Mims

Commissioner Mims said that Commissioner Shaw asked him to relay that the first AFL-CIO Building Trades Apprenticeship class graduated, and there will be a formal graduation later.

Commissioner Mims mentioned his participation, along with Commissioner Shaw, Congresswomen Joyce Beatty and Marcia Fudge, with the black legislature venue involving black elected officials across the state of Ohio. He said at least 100 people were involved by phone, and the purpose was to talk about things involving the *CARES Act* related to opportunities and support for small minority businesses. He mentioned that the participants are representing communities that were already challenged prior to COVID-19, and that what funding or support received still may not be enough to move the communities forward.

He said he is aware that everyone is anxious to get back to work, but noted his concerns with the potential challenges of protecting lives, practicing safety, versus moving the economy. He stressed the importance of giving strong consideration on the continuance of safety practices, and encouraged everyone to be patient going through the process toward recovery. He said there has been a lot of discussions about lives versus the economy, and said it's important to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Commissioner Joseph

Commissioner Joseph thanked the City Manager, her staff, along with the City Commission staff, for their extra work to keep the City running. He said that he echoes what Commissioner Mims said, and added that it is not an all or nothing thing; you don't have to either open the economy versus making certain that people are healthy or alive. He said alive people makes for a good economy. He said he appreciates the plan and thoughtful way the City Manager is planning on a re-open of the organization after the Governor's direction, and said he fully supports Commissioner Mims' comments that there is a right way to do it and to be mindful about the health and safety of the employees and citizens.

Mayor Whaley

Mayor Whaley said she has received some inquiries asking how citizens can comment on matters since there is no open comments to the community during the City Commission Meetings. She recommended sending a letter to the City Commission or to the Clerk of Commission stating you want it on the record, or you can email the Commission members, (a citizen can find the contact information on-line). Also, she encouraged citizens to reach out through social media because the Commission members are on social media and the City of Dayton is on social media. However, she said if you like to be on record, send an email or letter.

Mayor Whaley said in regards to opening up, what was is not going to be the same moving forward. She said this is not going to go away soon, and there will be a new way that we live and we have to put the priority on saving lives. She said Dayton is double-hit because we have a lot of parts of the greater community that are higher susceptible to the disease, and it's important that we do the work of social distancing and to keep ourselves safe.

She commented that fully opening the economy cannot be done without access to testing, and for right now the State of Ohio has challenges with the access and also getting first-responders tested. She said we have to get to the point where we can do wide-spread testing with contract tracing, and said that is the work that is under played not only in this region but across the state.

She said PPE donations are still being accepted. She noted that she received news concerning no help from Washington D.C. for local communities and the State. She said many of the small businesses are on pins and needles because they have not been able to get any help, but reassured that she is still advocating for funding for local governments, including cities and all first-responders on the front lines of this pandemic. She said we are in big trouble if we do not receive federal support. She thanked Senator Brown for his work, efforts and for advocating on this issue, and stressed that if no federal funding is received, local communities will have to make severe cuts. She said she is committed to continue to advocate.

Mayor Whaley said on Friday mornings discussions with local pastors are held to assist and to work with the faith communities by answering any questions they may have related to COVID-19 and how they may serve their members. She said meeting are held a couples of times of the week with young people from districts across the region to listen to their concerns. She said a youth town hall meeting will be held on April 30th at 5:00 p.m. for young people who may want to ask questions, or to provide them a chance to talk and to come together. She invited everyone to join and listen in.

Mayor Whaley thanked the City staff, all first-responders, and those workers on the front-line including grocery stores, waste collectors, etc. who put their lives at-risk for their work and the community by working through this pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Nan Whaley
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission