

On Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the Dayton City Commission met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Mayor, Commissioner Joseph, called the meeting to order. He said due to the current COVID-19 order, the City of Dayton is requiring masks to be worn in all City facilities to protect the safety of the staff and community. If you need a mask, there are some at the entrance of the Commission Chambers. Those not wearing a mask during the Commission Meeting may be ruled out of order and removed from the meeting.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Mims gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Acting Mayor, Commissioner Joseph, led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Regina D. Blackshear, The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein and Miami Valley Interpreters, were also present.

Commissioner Mims made a motion to excuse Mayor Whaley from this week's City Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Fairchild seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Mims made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Fairchild seconded the motion. The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

There were no communications or petitions.

SPECIAL AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE CALENDAR

There were no additions or deletions to the calendar.

DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR ITEMS

Calendar Item No. 4. City of Moraine-Other

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said this item will help to grow revenue streams by providing customer service to neighboring jurisdictions.

REPORTS

1. Purchase Orders, Agreements and Contracts:

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

PROCUREMENT, MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

A1. Queen City Mechanicals, Inc. (automatic faucets and flush valves)
\$26,594.00

PUBLIC WORKS

B1. Lake Erie Construction Company (guardrails, attenuators, parts, materials, and supplies including installation and repair services)
\$45,000.00

B2. Matthew Brun Enterprises, Inc., Champion Equipment and Supply (various types of playground mulch as needed through 12/31/21)
80,000.00

RECREATION

C1. Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, Inc. (one commercial riding chemical sprayer)
41,922.75

WATER

D1. Avalon Technologies, Inc (technical support services) **18,169.60**

D2. White Allen Chevrolet (two 2022 four-wheel drive extended cab pick-up trucks) **74,941.00**

D3. Allied Technical Services dba Allied Pump Rentals (maintenance and repair services to the Hydrogen Sulfide Control Plan Speece Cone Oxygen Controller as needed through 10/31/22) **25,000.00**

D4. Chemical Service, Inc. (odor control chemicals as needed through 10/31/22) **26,000.00**

D5. ECO Oxygen Technologies LLC (adding super oxygenated remediation well water to industrial wastewater gravity interceptor as needed through 10/31/22) **178,736.00**

D6. Pace Analytical Services, Inc. (total sulfate and dissolved sulfide testing as needed through 10/31/22) **15,600.00**

D7. Masi Labs (laboratory water testing services as needed through 12/31/21) **15,000.00**

-Depts. of Procurement, Management and Budget, Public Works, Recreation, and Water. **Total: 546,963.35**

2. **Go Sustainable Energy, LLC – Service Agreement** - for Ground Mount Solar Feasibility Study– Department of Water. **36,000.00**
(Thru 9/1/22)

3. **Hazen & Sawyer – Contract Modification** – as needed professional engineering services for the continued work on the Hydrogen Sulfide Control Plan and other ancillary wastewater work - Department of Water. **391,600.00**
(Thru 10/31/23)

C. Revenue to the City:

4. **City of Moraine – Other** – second amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement for waste collection services – Dept. of Public Works.
\$359,136.00/Est.
(Thru 12/31/22)
5. **Oregon District Business Association – Service Agreement** – for officer overtime contract for Halloween Party 2021 - Department of Police.
\$22,328.66
(Paid to the City)

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON CALENDAR ITEMS

There were no citizens' comments on calendar items.

APPROVAL OF CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Shaw made the motion to approve the City Manager's Reports
Commissioner Mims seconded the motion. The City Manager's Reports were approved with a 4-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Joseph, Mims, Shaw and Fairchild.

LEGISLATION

EMERGENCY ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Emergency Ordinance No. 31927-21- Authorizing the City Manager to Accept a Grant Award from the Ohio Department of Transportation for an Amount of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$214,500.00) in State Funds.

Emergency Ordinance No. 31928-21- Consenting to the Major Rehabilitation of Interstate 75 Pavement by Rebuilding the Asphalt Pavements, Straight Line Mile 14.66 to 17.16 more or less, with a Portion in the City of Dayton, and Agreeing to Cooperate in Matters Incidental Thereto, Including the Execution of Agreement Necessary to Implement this Ordinance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens' comments were received from the following:

1. **Bishop Richard Cox, 3044 Jewelstone Drive** – spoke about the police incident involving the paraplegic citizen.
2. **Mr. Joseph Abrams, 117 Park Drive** - spoke about the police incident involving the paraplegic citizen.
3. **Ms. Kyra Wood, 4579 Wilmington Pike** – made general comments.
4. **Ms. Allyson Youngblood, 111 Livingston Ave.-** spoke about the police incident involving the paraplegic citizen.
5. **Ms. Jo Cooley -Love, 131 Holt Street** – spoke about ARPA funding.
6. **Ms. Melissa Brunn, 809 Belmonte Park North** - spoke about the police incident involving the paraplegic citizen.
1. **Ms. Culpatrice Foster, 3306 Burgoyne Drive** - spoke in support of the Ombudsman's Office.

8. **Ms. Nancy Kiehl, 309 Hacker Road** – spoke about the ARPA funding process.
9. **Mr. Julio Mateo, 215 Ice Ave.** - spoke about the police incident involving the paraplegic citizen.
10. **Mr. Marshall Weil, 56 Mound Street**- spoke about the police incident involving the paraplegic citizen.
11. **Ms. Sade Dike', 3740 West First Street**- spoke about the ARPA funding process.
12. **Ms. Oliva Reine', 3740 W. First Street** - spoke about the ARPA funding process.
13. **Mr. Greg West, 1323 Kingsley Ave.** - spoke about the ARPA funding process.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the framework that was adopted for priority outcomes which included racial equity, inclusion, quality of life and revenue replacement in order not have disruption of services for lost revenue for the city or city investments that would increase revenues decrease costs, increase capacity. She said there has been a great deal of outreach into the community. She said there have been nine technical assistance workshops with 70 applications from applicants who have submitted early. Ms. Dickstein said the final applications are due on October 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Dickstein said she will speak with staff to have one more technical assistance session in the evening, in order for those that are still working on their application and asking for support to have access to more question and answer sessions and hands-on technical assistance. She reminded citizens that when dealing with federal funding there are a lot of regulations and compliance issues that must be followed.

Ms. Dickstein said that on November 3, 2021, there will be a presentation at a work session presenting the data analysis that will show the extensive amount information that has been reviewed to make sure these investments are given to the most needed areas. She said they are also aware of the technology bugs. She said they were addressed as quickly as possible when found. She said they have received 66 applications thus far and there are still nine days left to apply.

Ms. Dickstein said they have modeled the process from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process. She said there is a neighborhood and development advisory board that in the month of November will be curing applications, scoring and evaluating them based on criteria in the framework that addresses the priorities.

Ms. Dickstein said on December 1st, 2nd, 6th, and 7th there will be community meetings to share draft allocations. She said on December 8th there will be a Work Session and on December 16, 2021, there will be a public hearing and vote.

Ms. Dickstein said the reason for the quick timeline is that the funding goes through year 2024. She said there is a process that they only receive 50 percent of the funding the first year and 50 percent the following year. She said they need to be deliberate about how the funds are dispersed because some projects may need more than one construction cycle

Ms. Dickstein said she has been speaking with the city organization and community informing them this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. She said they need to be intentional and strategic to make sure that the process is as transparent and informational as possible to make sure they are still receiving benefits and returns on the investment ten to 20 years from now.

Commissioner Fairchild clarified that no decision making would take place until December 16, 2021, and money allocated by year 2024.

Commissioner Shaw asked what other municipalities are doing around the ARPA funding process.

Ms. Dickstein said some have public processes. She said some are using the funds around internal operations because they are using it for revenue replacement. She said Montgomery County put their plan out and it did not have community engagement participation.

Commissioner Mims ask for clarification on not being required to solicit citizen input.

Ms. Dickstein said though we were not required to seek citizen input it was the right thing to do.

Ms. Dickstein highlighted the Better Business Bureau Top 25 Woman of Influence Ms. Michelle Zaremba, Dayton Mediation Center, Division Manager.

The City Commissioner congratulated her on her award.

COMMENTS BY THE CLERK OF COMMISSION

The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Regina D. Blackshear, had no closing comments.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Fairchild

Commissioner Fairchild highlighted his sentiments on Police Reform from the last City Commission meeting. He said the incident with Mr. Owensby has given him a renewed sense of urgency and commitment. He said police reform work is important, they have been through

incidents like this and will again, but the ability to learn how to do this work together to move forward is going to be key. He said police reform work is hanging by a thread and depending on how its navigated, it will be incredibly important.

Commissioner Shaw

Commissioner Shaw said he is committed to the police reform work.

Commissioner Mims

Commissioner Mims said all comments are taken to heart as they deal with the gravity of the situation. He said there was a lot of excitement around what the committees suggested; however, he knows this situation is a setback in trust but not in moving forward with the process.

Commissioner Joseph

Commissioner Joseph said he feels a new and renewed urgency to get this right, and they will.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Nan Whaley
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission

WORK SESSION

A copy of prepared material has been recorded as Communication & Petition Number 21609 dated October 20, 2021.

The Dayton City Commission met in a Work Session on October 20, 2021, at 4.35 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting. Commissioners Shaw, Joseph and Fairchild were present. Ms. Torey Hollingsworth Director, City Commission Office, and Regina D. Blackshear, Clerk of Commission were also in attendance. Mayor Whaley and Commissioner Mims were absent.

Ms. Shelley Dickstein, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Ms. LaShea Lofton were in attendance. Hilary Browing, Budget & Grants Supervisor, Planning, Neighborhoods & Development and Steve Raabe, Principal of Opinions Works were the presenters.

Mr. Raabe provided stated that Opinion Works specializes in public opinion polling for the news media and various public sector agencies. OpinionWorks credentials measure satisfaction, perceptions, behaviors; public polls, focus groups, in depth interviews. Opinion Works has done work for the following: William Penn Foundation assessing equitable access to the trails and parks in Greater Philadelphia, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments assessing regional survey on air quality in Baltimore/Washington, Los Angeles County, California, providing an evaluation of media campaign encouraging proper disposal of batteries, the City of Cincinnati/The Recycling Partnership measuring recycling behaviors in Cincinnati, Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore perceptions and visitation of Baltimore's Inner Harbor and the Baltimore Sun elections and issues polling since 2007.

Mr. Raabe discussed the 2021 Dayton Survey method. He said that 1,210 responses were received (2.8%) from May 21 July 26, 2021. The surveys were from randomly selected City households. In total there were 12,000 survey packets mailed; there was careful sampling to ensure all neighborhoods were heard. Each survey was PIN protected sample and contained a postage paid mail back or online response options. There was an incentive to participate in the survey which was a Gem City Market gift card. There was a Spanish language option provided. Reminder calls and emails were made to non-responders. He stated that there was the ability to segment by geography, demographics.

Ms. Browing provided the following highlights of the 2021 Dayton Survey:

Highlights of the 2021 Dayton Survey

Strong Improvement in Resident Satisfaction

Right Direction: 53% feel things in Dayton are heading in the right direction (Highest level recorded), vs. 25% wrong direction

Good Place to Live: 57% satisfied with Dayton as a place to live (Highest level recorded), vs. 19% dissatisfied

Plans to Remain: Only 15% say they are unlikely to remain living in Dayton for the next 5 years (Lowest level recorded)

Valuable Services: 52% say their taxes are "reasonable" or even too low considering the services they get from the City (Highest level recorded), vs. 32% who say their taxes are too high.

Neighborhood Satisfaction: 54% satisfied with their neighborhood (Highest level recorded), vs. 24% dissatisfied

Improving Measures of Well-Being and Community Cohesion

Lower Financial Stress: 52% rarely or never worried or stressed about having enough money. (Slightly better than prior years)

Welcoming Immigrants: 70% would be supportive if an immigrant family moved in next door; 39% *strongly* so. (Enormous 12-point increase since 2019)

Better Feeling of Safety: 86% feel safe being out in their neighborhood during the day, and 57% feel safe at night. (Both are highest levels recorded)

Fewer Drug Transactions: 28% of residents see what appears to be drug activity frequently (weekly or daily), down steadily from 37% in 2016.

Room for Improvement in Community-Police Relations

Satisfaction: A majority of residents, 52%, are satisfied with Police Services in general.

Responsiveness: Only 45% agree that police are responsive to their neighborhood's needs.

Accountability: Only 44% believe police are held accountable for their actions.

Respect: Share of the public with "a great deal" of respect for police in Dayton has dropped from 62% to 52% since 2018.

Equity: Only 34% of residents agree, "Dayton police officers enforce laws consistently regardless of someone's race or ethnicity."

Importance: The number who say policing services are "very important" to them has dropped from 72% to 62% since 2019

Challenges Remain

Race Relations: Only 26% describe race relations as "excellent" or "good."

Racial Barriers: Almost two-thirds of residents place high priority on addressing racial barriers to home ownership, renting, or access to jobs.

Streets: 65% remain dissatisfied with the condition of streets. (Not yet showing improvement)

Waste Collection: Satisfaction with waste collection has dropped from 71% in 2018 to 61% in 2021. (Lowest level recorded)

Gun violence: Nearly two-thirds (65%) are very or somewhat concerned about the possibility of gun violence in their neighborhood. (Virtually unchanged since 2016)

COVID Impact: About 4 in 10 residents suffered impacts from the pandemic, including 31% who lost significant income.

The Work Session concluded at 5:35 p.m.