

FINDLAY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

MAY 18, 2010

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Collette, Monday, Nichols, Schedel, J. Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, VanDyne, Ward

ABSENT:

President Schuck moved to open with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

MINUTES:

Mr. J. Slough moved to accept the minutes, as circulated, of the Public Hearing of May 4, 2010 at 7:25pm for University of Findlay rezone. Requests (3 of them) at Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. Filed.

Mr. J. Slough moved to accept the minutes, as circulated, of the May 4, 2010 City Council meeting. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried. Filed.

ADD-ONS:

none.

REPLACEMENTS:

none.

RECOGNITION/RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS:

none.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

none.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

none.

PETITIONS:

Petition for Alley Vacation – Nicholas and Debra Vance, for the second north-south alley east of South Main Street between Glendale Avenue and Greenlawn Avenue. Referred to City Planning Commission and Planning & Zoning Committee. Filed.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS:

City Auditor Robert Cole Sprague – Moody's Investors Service credit rating for City of Findlay

Moody's Investors Service has increased the credit rating of the City of Findlay from Aa3 to Aa2 as part of their global credit scale recalibration. Municipalities were rated on a separate scale from businesses. With a combined global scale, all municipalities have been upgraded one notch to reflect municipalities' lower default rate compared to similarly rated businesses. This is not a credit upgrade for the City, but a recalibration of the scales used for rating credit. Filed.

Budget Summary of Year-To-Date Information as of April 30, 2010. Filed.

Findlay Police Department activities – April 2010. Filed.

N.E.A.T. Departmental Activity Report – April 2010. Filed.

City Income Tax Monthly Collection Report – April 2010. Filed.

Service Director Bruce Hardy – Rawson Park scoreboard project

Rawson Park ball field was upgraded last year, but the encase wiring in conduit and some other work to make the scoreboard operational was not done due to the project running out of money. There currently is not enough money left in the Coca-Cola scoreboard fund to cover the needed repairs, so a transfer of \$1,000 left over from the CUBE carbon monoxide project to the Rawson Park scoreboard project. Money from the CUBE carbon monoxide project has already been appropriated so there is no need to go to the Appropriations Committee for this request. Legislation is requested.

FROM:	CUBE – #21036000-other	\$ 1,000.00
TO:	Baseball Scoreboards #31901200	\$ 1,000.00

Resolution 020-2010 was created. Filed.

Civil Service Commission Chairman Thomas P. Kemp – Fund request to update Findlay Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations

An appropriation request to update the Findlay Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. Referred to Appropriations Committee. Filed.

City Engineer Brian Hurt – 2010 Waterline Corrosion Protection, Project No. 35700500

By authorization of Ordinance 2010-008, bids were opened for the 2010 Waterline Corrosion Project, Project No. 35700500 on April 30, 2010. Bids were received from three (3) contractors with the contract awarded to JDR Excavating. This project is included in the 2010 Capital Improvements Plan. Legislation is requested.

FROM:	Water Fund	\$ 130,000.00
TO:	2010 Waterline Corrosion Project #35700500	\$ 130,000.00

Ordinance 2010-031 was created. Filed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to appropriate \$1,146.41 from Capital Improvements – CIT to Engineering Department #21021000-other for the County Road 236 Widening Project.

FROM:	Capital Improvements – CIT	\$ 1,146.41
TO:	Engineering Department #21021000-other	\$ 1,146.41

We recommend approval of the above stated request. Mr. Collette moved for adoption of the committee report. Mr. VanDyne seconded the motion. All in favor. Committee Report adopted.

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** to whom was referred a request to appropriate funds for the Crystal Avenue Improvement, Project #32844700.

We recommend approval of the above stated request. Mr. Mr. J Slough moved for adoption of the committee report. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor. Committee Report adopted.

LEGISLATION:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 019-2010

First reading

Adopted

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DEPUTY CHIEF THOMAS JORGENSEN FOR THE EXCELLENCE OF HIS SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO.

Mr. J Slough moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Collette. Ayes: Collette, Monday, Nichols, Schedel, J Slough, M Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXI, Page 019-2010, and is hereby made a part of the record.

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2010

First reading

Adopted

A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Ward moved to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. M. Slough. Ayes: Monday, Nichols, Schedel, J Slough, M Slough, Urbanski, Van Dyne, Ward, Collette. The Resolution was declared adopted and is recorded in Resolution Volume XXXI, Page 020-2010, and is hereby made a part of the record.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-030

Second reading

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1100 ET SEQ OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE BY REZONING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTIES WHICH PREVIOUSLY WERE ZONED "I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL" TO "B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS".

Second reading of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-031

First reading

Adopted

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Ward moved to suspend the Statutory Rules and give the Ordinance its second and third reading. Mr. Collette seconded the motion. Ayes: Schedel, J. Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, VanDyne, Ward, Collette, Monday, Nichols.

The Ordinance received its second and third reading. Mr. Collette moved to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. VanDyne. Ayes: Schedel, J. Slough, M. Slough, Urbanski, VanDyne, Ward, Collette, Monday, Nichols. The Ordinance was declared adopted and is recorded in Ordinance Volume TT, Page 2010-031 and is hereby made a part of the record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Old Business

Mr. Monday asked what the status of the Board of Equalization that is to meet on the Hunters Creek drainage project. Mr. Hackenberg replied that he is trying to get Board Members together for a meeting, but have been unsuccessful. Mr. Monday then replied that if they cannot meet, he would like Mr. Ward to appoint three (3) new members because this project needs to be decided as it has gone on for a long time without a decision.

Mr. VanDyne reminded everyone that there will be a Flood Mitigation Study Group meeting on Monday, May 24, 2010 beginning at 2:00pm at the Agricultural Building on County Road 140. There will be guests from Maumee and Muskingum Conservancy Districts. The group is making good progress. We are down to two (2) options, either a sub district of the Maumee or a stand alone district of our own. The group came up with a list of questions from the last meeting. He thanked all who attended the last meeting and gave their input. The questions have been forwarded to the guests that are coming to this upcoming meeting. They will address the questions to our panel where we'll have the opportunity to ask different conservancy districts about how they run their operations. All are invited to attend.

Mr. Collette addressed Council and the Administration that around the beginning of this year, voters were asked if they wanted a Charter government. He would like to bring this subject before City Council again via legislation for the next City Council meeting on June 1, 2010 so that it would receive its three (3) readings by the July 6, 2010 meeting in order to be within the one hundred twenty (120) days of the general election on November 2, 2010. Mr. Collette is going to provide a draft ordinance to the Law Director. Mr. Monday seconded the motion.

New Business

Mr. Ward: **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING – 4:30 PM – June 8 2010, THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**
Agenda: 1. Funds to update Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations

Mr. VanDyne: **FLOOD MITIGATION STUDY GROUP MEETING – 2:00 PM – MAY 24, 2010, Agricultural Building on County Road 140**
Agenda: 1. Question & answer meeting with Maumee Conservancy and Muskegon

Mr. Schedel would like to conduct a Sidewalk Committee meeting to view major thoroughfares in Findlay. City of Findlay's Engineering Department has provided a map that will be reviewed at the meeting, which is anticipated to last about a half a day. One of the Courier's reporter s is invited to attend. Mr. Schedel has asked for times attendees are available to meet.

Mr. Nichols received a letter from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) concerning the U.S. 224 overpass project. ODOT is asking for the City's input on how to proceed with this project. Mr. Hurt replied that he recommends a sidewalk in that area. He is concerned about how traffic patterns will be during construction because it is a very busy area. Any concerns or questions that are brought up from either citizens and/or Council can be given to Mr. Hurt who will pass them on to ODOT's consultant, or their consultant can be contacted directly. Mr. Nichols asked if ODOT plans to maintain traffic across that intersection during construction. Mr. Hurt replied that it has not been determined yet. This project is scheduled for ODOT's 2013 fiscal year, which begins in July 2012. He is unsure if they have their maintenance traffic plan determined yet. That is why he is asking for feedback before the project begins. Mr. Nichols then commented that traffic flow during construction would be important to the merchants on the west side of the interstate. Mr. Collette added that this will also affect Findlay High School. Mr. Hurt replied that he will pass those concerns onto ODOT.

President Schuck adjourned Council at 7:51 PM.


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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL