

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held May 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sanner at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Jill Tomlin, Amanda Zennie, Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Leanne Nash, and Harold Robinson. City Staff - City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Police Chief Doug Woodard, Economic Development Director Mike Lucking, Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp, and Assistant Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Ms. Nash to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2021. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-abstain, Mrs. Zennie-abstain, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

OATH OF OFFICE FOR PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

Anthony Asencio

Chief Barnett gave a brief introduction, followed by Mayor Sanner administering the Oath of Office.

Mayor and Councilmembers welcomed Anthony to the city.

PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mayor Sanner read the proclamation in its entirety. Chief Woodard told Council that the Police Department is receiving an award and that the official announcement was made this past Sunday by the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum. Chief Woodard played a video created by the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum, with the assistance of Officer Flaute, that explained more about the award.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 3694 - *An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement with Eros Investments, LLC., an Ohio Limited Liability Company for the Sale of 323 East Central Avenue, West Carrollton, Ohio.*

Mayor Sanner stated this was the second reading of this ordinance and gave the opportunity for comments or questions. There were none.

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve Ordinance 3694. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

Ordinance 3695 - *An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement with Eros Investments, LLC., an Ohio Limited Liability Company for the Sale of 505 Burns Avenue, West Carrollton, Ohio.*

Mayor Sanner stated this was the second reading of this ordinance and gave the opportunity for comments or questions. There were none.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Ms. Nash to approve Ordinance 3695. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

Ordinance 3696 - *An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement with Eros Investments, LLC., an Ohio Limited Liability Company for the Sale of 111 West Pease Avenue, West Carrollton, Ohio.*

Mayor Sanner stated this was the second reading of this ordinance and gave the opportunity for comments or questions. There were none.

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Ordinance 3696. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

Ordinance 3697 - *An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement with Eros Investments, LLC., an Ohio Limited Liability Company for the Sale of 235 East Main Street, West Carrollton, Ohio.*

Mayor Sanner stated this was the second reading of this ordinance and gave the opportunity for comments or questions. There were none.

Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Ordinance 3697. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued)

Ordinance 3698 - *An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Purchase Agreement with Eros Investments, LLC., an Ohio Limited Liability Company for the Sale of 1201 Sherwood Forest Drive, West Carrollton, Ohio.*

Mayor Sanner stated this was the second reading of this ordinance and gave the opportunity for comments or questions. There were none.

Mrs. Zennie moved, seconded by Ms. Nash to approve Ordinance 3698. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 13-2021 - *A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Service Agreement with Utility, Inc. for Services Associated with a Body Worn Camera Program, Waiving Formal Bidding Requirements.*

Chief Woodard stated that in 2020 the department conducted a pretty extensive test and evaluation process on seven different body cam vendors over a four- or five-month period. He said that they physically tested each one of those vendors. He went on to explain that the committee was made up of different department members, representing officers, supervisors, civilian workers and records clerks. After everything was done as far as the test and evaluation period was concerned, one company stood out above the other six as far as the choice for the department for the body worn camera program, and that company is Utility. Their product simply called Body Worn. Chief Woodard made the recommendation that we proceed with that vendor as a body work camera supplier.

Mayor Sanner asked Council if there were any questions.

Mrs. Zennie asked if there are any other departments nearby us that are using that same company. Chief Woodard answered Clayton PD is using that company. He said that they recently implemented that program. He said that he spoke with their Chief a couple of weeks ago and that he is very pleased with the program so far, even though it is new.

Mr. Robinson asked how long it would take to get the program implemented. Chief Woodard explained that there is some hardware that needs to be outfitted in the cruisers as far as a mobile uplink goes. The body cameras themselves, we can have those next week, but then there is the hardware in the cars and then what takes the longest is the cameras are actually sewn into the officers LBVs, their Load Bearing Vests, so you won't see them on the outside. They don't stick out like a box like a lot of other body worn cameras do, so the company takes load bearing vests, which they actually purchase, and

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then sew the cameras into those vests. The delay mostly is in them receiving those LBVs from the vendor, so it can take probably two or three months.

Mayor Sanner stated that at the last meeting in the work session, the comprehensive review that the PD did where they assessed all of these different vendors, by far this seemed to come out on top. Chief Woodard said yes, that he had numerous supervisors and officers make comments to him about this program and how far it exceeded the expectations that they had going into the evaluation process and then how much it exceeded the other capabilities of the other programs.

Mrs. Fryman asked if they've done any research on the best place to locate the body cameras for the best video. Chief Woodard said that is one of the reasons as to why they are actually sewn into the vest. He said a lot of the camera companies or vendors will mount them on the exterior and they kind of leave it up to the officer, so they can put it pretty much anywhere. He said with this, it is in one location, it's in the same location, and you'll get the same vantage point from that officer every day that the camera is activated. Mrs. Fryman asked if the company has a recommendation what is the best location for the best visual. Chief Woodard said that they have a couple different locations that they prefer. He said that that they will get with us about our placement of different equipment so they will make sure that they are not choosing a place that we already have selected for something else.

Ms. Nash stated that she had a question/comment. She said that as much as this is a very needed piece of equipment, it still is just a piece of what you all do, it's not the end all to everything. She asked Chief Woodard to elaborate a little bit on that. Chief Woodard said correct, that it's just one more perspective. He said they way he looks at that, is that this gives us one more tool that we can use to support the officers' words and actions.

Mayor Sanner said that before you had the taser, the only thing you had was your weapon so you had to shoot somebody with a bullet. Then we progressed and we have tasers now, and that eliminates some of the lethal part or aspect of police work. This is just another tool in the tool box. Chief Woodard said correct.

Mrs. Tomlin asked if the company would provide training. Chief Woodard stated that a representative from the company has already come out and spent some time with the department. He said that he is located in Indiana just a couple of hours away and he will plan on coming back out before we institute the kick off of the program. He said that he will go over the training and then installers will come out and install hotspots in each one of the cruisers. Chief Woodard said that there will also be back-end training, including the redaction software which can be a little complicated. He said that there is a great deal that goes into it.

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Resolution 13-2021 (continued)

Mr. Barnhart stated that he thinks that this a great forward move for the department. He said that it goes along with the transparency that our department has always had. He said we've always reported to the NAACP and these other agencies of our stats. He said we've never had anything that we've hidden from anybody and this just exemplifies it and brings it forward more. Chief Woodard said he couldn't agree more.

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Resolution 13-2021. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

Resolution 14-2021 – A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to File a Natureworks Grant Application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Renovation of the Pool Flooring at Wilson Park and Agree to Obligate the Necessary Funds to Complete the Project.

Mr. Townsend explained that this is so we can apply for a grant to repair, repaint and seal the pool. He said that we anticipate that it will be well over a six-figure project, and if successful Natureworks would fund seventy-five percent of that. He said this would be a 2022 or 2023 project.

Mr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Ms. Nash to approve Resolution 14-2021. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

Resolution 15-2021 - A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Transfer Funds to the West Carrollton Community Improvement Corporation (WCCIC) for Economic Development Related Activities.

Mr. Lucking explained this Resolution would authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from city funds, more than likely the American Recovery Plan Act dollars that will be forthcoming soon to the city, transferring those for use in economic development activities. The city has had a Community Improvement Corporation for quite some time, dating back to 1978. It's a tool authorized by the Ohio Revised Code Section 1724 which basically creates a corporation that allows the Community Improvement Corporation to enter into contracts, apply for grants, purchase homes, purchase real estate, set up revolving loan funds to assist businesses. It's really a tool that is meant to promote economic development within the community and it allows, and it's able to move at the speed of business. He went on to explain, for instance with the ordinances that you passed tonight, we've gone through two readings of those and it's a good thing, it's transparent but we would also be able to acquire property. Many CICs acquire distressed properties within their communities and use them to rehab the properties and make them productive again. Mr. Lucking explained that this is a broad-based tool that would really give us another tool in our tool box doing economic development. Mr. Lucking asked Council to authorize the City Manager to transfer those funds.

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Resolution 15-2021 (continued)

Mayor Sanner asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Resolution 15-2021. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mrs. Van Antwerp gave the following updates:

- **Clue in the Parks** – Started last weekend and continues through Sunday, May 23. It is a new take on the old board game. The game sheet and instructions are on the website under the Parks Department.
- **Community Pride Day** – Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. until noon. Members of our community, volunteers and our City Beautiful Commission will go out and help other community members with small outdoor projects like maybe weeding or light painting. If anyone within the community could benefit from those services or if you are willing to volunteer please contact the Parks and Recreation Department. You can also sign up online to volunteer.
- **Wilson Pool Opening / Pool Passes** – Wilson Pool opens Saturday, May 29th. Discounted pool passes are on sale through May 28th.
- **Jr. Detective** – Saturday, June 5th at WCPD. There are two session times, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration can be completed online.
- **Garden Plots** – There are a number still available to rent for the season. They are located next to the Senior Citizen Center. They are \$10 for the season. You can request them online or you can call the Parks Department.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

Comments by Council

Mayor Sanner and all Councilmembers congratulated the Police Department and Chief Woodard for receiving their award. They expressed their gratitude to the Police Department for the dedicated service that each member shows to the community.

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RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to recess to an Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, to return for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Jill Tomlin, Amanda Zennie, Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Leanne Nash, and Harold Robinson. City Staff - City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger and Teresa Brooks, Human Resources Director.

Council met pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Amanda Zennie to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.


Assistant Clerk of Council


Mayor