

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held June 14,

2022

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 Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp, and Assistant Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the special meeting minutes of May 23, 2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-abstain, Mrs. Tomlin-abstain, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 24, 2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-abstain, Mrs. Tomlin-abstain, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

Cheryl Dillin, from Hardy Communications and Dillin Events, addressed Council to thank everyone involved with making the Sandmazing event such a huge success. She gave a video recap of all the activities that took place at the event. She reiterated this could not have been accomplished without the support and hard work of the city staff members.

James Napper, of 43 Reddington Court, addressed Council regarding the Sandmazing event. He wanted Council to know how great of a job the city did and how pleased he was to see the kids having a wonderful time. He hopes West Carrollton will become "known" for this event and will hold it again in the future.

Alec Leyendecker, of 2082 Imperial Road Apt. A, addressed Council to let them know about a concern he has regarding recently passed House Bill 151, which primarily concerns teacher mentorship. His concern has to do with an amendment that was added to the bill. He referenced 3345.561 Section D, which states "If a participant's sex is disputed, the participant shall establish the participant's sex by presenting a signed physician's statement indicating the participant's sex based upon only the following:

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(1) The participant's internal and external reproductive anatomy; (2) The participant's normal endogenously produced levels of testosterone; (3) An analysis of the participant's genetic makeup." Mr. Leyendecker feels this is not only an attack on the LGBTQ community, especially the transgender community, but to all young girls participating in sports. He stated he opposes this legislation and hopes Council does as well. He thanked Council for their time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Townsend thanked Cheryl for attending the meeting and presenting the video. He stated he was extremely proud of the City Staff for their work at the Sandmazing event. He was also pleased with all of the activities and the turnout. Mr. Townsend stated he hopes we can get some corporate sponsorship and make the event even bigger next year.

Mrs. Van Antwerp gave updates on the following events:

Pool Updates – To find out if the pool is open or it's hours for a particular day please call the pool directly at (937) 859-5334. Also, the pool calendar is located on the website, www.westcarrollton.org, under the Parks & Rec page.

High School Swim Night – This event was supposed to be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, but is now cancelled.

CodeRED – MVCC recently upgraded their CodeRED system to include CodeRED Weather Warning which provides automated severe weather alerts for things like tornados, flash floods, and severe thunderstorms. CodeRED historically has been available to provide information for critical events like missing persons, gas leaks, etc. To sign up to receive notifications please go to www.westcarrollton.org/codered

Cooling Center at the Civic Center – In order to ensure individuals in our community who need a place to avoid the extreme heat have a place to go, the Civic Center will be open on Wednesday, June 14 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The library is also open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Painting Party – The third event in this series will be held on Thursday, July 21st at ele' Cake Company from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants will be painting a patriotic themed painting on a slate. The cost is \$35 per person and registration can be completed on the website, www.westcarrollton.org, under the Parks & Rec page.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

Comments by Council

Mr. Tilton thanked Cheryl for organizing the Sandmazing event. He stated he hopes we can continue with it moving forward. He also recommended that we recognize the two service department employees who helped save an employee's life. Mr. Townsend answered that will be done in a future Council Meeting. Mr. Tilton also mentioned he received a complaint about grass being blown into the roadway along Wilson Park, which is a hazard especially to motorcyclists.

Mr. Dobson stated the communication between citizens and government is difficult at times, but he commends the City of West Carrollton for giving citizens two opportunities to come before Council during the meeting. He expressed his frustration with the ability to go before the elected officials at the State and Federal level. He also expressed frustration with the rising costs in gas, utility bills, and problems with shortages and feels all citizens should be outraged about these issues. He encouraged citizens to contact the State Senators and House of Representatives to express their concerns. He referenced a list he created with contact information for the State Senators and House of Representatives. A copy of this list can be obtained by requesting it from the Assistant Clerk of Council. Mr. Dobson also praised the Sandmazing event.

Mrs. Tomlin stated she was unable to attend the last meeting, but she was here in spirit and supported the passage of Resolution 21-2022. She stated this project has been a long time coming. She hopes the city and residents realize the commitment Council has to make West Carrollton a better place to live and do business. She told the other Councilmembers that they had her yes vote and thanked them for passing the resolution.

Mrs. Zennie stated she stopped at the Sandmazing site the night before the event and spoke with a few men who were doing the sculptures. She also attended the event and thought it was great. She stated she has had a lot of people reach out to her to ask why we are doing events like this because we've never done them before. She stated she

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Comments by Council (continued)

Mrs. Zennie (continued)

explained to them we've had these plans for the last several years but Covid set us back. She stated she is happy to be able to explain to people that we want to do this to bring our community together, along with people from other communities. She thanked Cheryl and their team for putting this event together along with the concerts. She stated she is very excited for the upcoming events and what is going on in West Carrollton.

Mayor Sanner also thanked Cheryl for her organization of the event and for the concert that took place earlier this month. He stated he spoke with a couple of guys from the Street Department and Parks & Rec who stated they were just supposed to be there early in the morning to get things set up, but they were asked to stay and help direct traffic. Mayor Sanner stated no one complained about anything and the guys were amazed with the number of people that were there at 10:45 a.m. He said it was definitely a good event.

Mayor Sanner also acknowledged the upcoming Federal Holiday on Sunday, which is Juneteenth. It is a day to reflect on the suffering endured by African Americans, promote public awareness, and celebrate African American freedom and achievements. Mayor Sanner asked everyone to keep that in their thoughts on Sunday.

RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda. A vote was taken: Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

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

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, and Public Relations Director Heidi Van Antwerp.

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New Development Branding - Cheryl Dillin

Cheryl Dillin presented to council some rough sketches of possible logos as part of the branding of the new river district. Mrs. Dillin stated that these are not the proposed final product, but are being offered to get feedback on what council liked and did not like about each design. After a brief discussion, Cheryl thanked council for their reactions and feedback and would continue working on a final product.

Discussion: Residential Electric Aggregation Programs

Mr. Townsend reviewed a PowerPoint presentation from the City of Dayton on facts about residential and small business electric aggregation programs. Since Ohio is a "deregulated" state for energy, residents may choose to get their power supply from other sources that are potentially less expensive than the primary utility standard offer rate. In addition, Cities can negotiate rates for electric and gas on behalf of eligible residents and business that use less than 700,000 kwh per year. In order to start a city-wide aggregation program, council must adopt an ordinance and place it on the ballot for a vote. In 2009, council put on a natural gas aggregation program that was approved by the voters, but not electric. Mr. Townsend stated that if council wished to start an electric aggregation program, it would first have to go on the ballot in November. Mr. Townsend also recommended that if council wished to start a program, that we consider going the SOPAC council of governments to help with the process.

After a lengthy discussion, staff was directed to prepare the necessary legislation for placing an electric aggregation program on the November ballot and to investigate and report back with more information on SOPAC. In the interim period, staff was also directed to develop information and educational materials to inform residents of their options to get lower energy pricing through the PUCO's apples to apples comparison web site.

Discussion: Council Rule Concerning Cancellation of Meetings

Mr. Townsend explained that while reviewing the council rules on canceling council meetings, it was discovered that the current language would only permit the second meeting of the month. A recent change to the City Charter only requires council to meet once per month and deferred to the council rules for establishing the process. The current council rules language stipulates that the one meeting per month "shall be on the second Tuesday" ... Mr. Townsend suggested that the language be amended to read "shall be on the second or fourth Tuesday" Council agreed and directed staff to place the issue on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Sign Code Update - Lori Denlinger, Law Director

Mrs. Denlinger gave council a brief update on the status of proposed changes to the City's sign code to comply with recent court decisions. In the interim, however, a new

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court case was decided that effects off-site signage. Steve McHugh, the City's attorney working on the sign code issues, has recommend council adopt an emergency ordinance declaring a moratorium on issuing permits for off-site signs until we can decide how to proceed.

After a brief conversation, it was the consensus of the majority of council to proceed as proposed. Mrs. Denlinger was directed to prepare the appropriate legislation for council's consideration at the next council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff - City Manager Brad Townsend and Law Director Lori Denlinger.

Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, to return for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20p.m.



Assistant Clerk of Council



Mayor