

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held July 23,

2019

PRESENT: Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Rick Barnhart, Angie Fryman, Leanne Nash, Harold Robinson, Jill Tomlin, and Amanda Zennie. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Public Relations Coordinator Heidi Van Antwerp, and Assistant Clerk of Council Carie Cottongim

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

### MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 9, 2019. A vote was taken: Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

### COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

None

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### REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mrs. Van Antwerp thanked everyone for coming out to the block parties and helping. She also gave community updates:

- July 26<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night at Wilson Pool
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mini-Triathlon for kids at Wilson Park and Pool
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – National Night Out at Wilson Pool from 6-8 p.m.
- August 10<sup>th</sup> – Last Block Party at Lake Forest Park from noon-2 p.m.

### UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

#### Comments by the Audience

Mr. Bradley Flynn, 381 Landview Avenue. Mr. Flynn informed council and staff of his concerns of property next door that has water standing all the time. Not sure if it's a drainage issue or not but the mosquitos are awful. Mr. Townsend informed he will have Chief Code Enforcement Officer Carl Enterman take a look at this to see what can be done to alleviate the issue.

#### Comments by Council

Ms. Nash wanted to thank and acknowledge the great services provided to the city by all departments.

Mayor Sanner informed, for the record, the city has looked into Mr. Flynn's problem near his house and were told it's a retention pond and in 1974 when the retention pond was created it met all the standards for a retention pond.

### RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to recess to a work session to discuss the items on the agenda to be followed by adjournment. A vote was taken: Ms. Nash-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes

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### WORK SESSION

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#### 534-536 DIXIE DRIVE

Discussion on this item was tabled until a future council meeting.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING PLAN

Mr. Townsend began the discussion with a summary of the the results of the Citizens Survey on the question of support for an emergency services levy. A majority (52%) indicated a willingness to support a tax levy in the \$100 to \$125 per year range. Mr. Townsend then presented the options and costs of various tax levies within the limits of this support. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of council that a 3.5 mil renewal property tax levy was preferred. At the City's current assessed valuation, 3.5 mils would generate \$560,000 per year and cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$122.50 per year (\$10.20 per month). A copy of Mr. Townsend's presentation is available upon request from the office of the City Manager.

Chief Barnett presented options for increasing the amount of full-time staff in the fire department to reduce the dependence on part-time employees and stabilize station staffing. The option that would conform to the established limits of the survey results, while addressing needs in both full-time and part-time staffing would, would include the hiring of four (4) additional full-time Firefighter/Paramedics, increase part-time salaries by 10%, and set-aside funding to incentivize EMT's to attend paramedic school. The estimated cost of this option is approximately \$521,000. A copy of Chief Barnett's presentation is available upon request from the office of the Fire Chief.

Council asked if there would be any consideration for funding for the police department as the survey question asked about emergency services and not specifically fire. Mr. Townsend indicated that given the limitations of the survey results along with the demonstrated needs and costs of the fire department proposal, additional funds for the police department would require consideration of a levy that exceeds the 3.5 mils. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Chief Barnett's option 2 proposal was appropriate as it addressed both full and part-time staffing needs. It was also agreed that the levy would be put before the voters during the March 17<sup>th</sup> primary next year to avoid potential conflict with the school district levy this November. Council further directed the Manger to meet with Chief Woodard to discuss adding an element of support for the police department and report back at a future council work session.



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## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Sanner motioned, seconded by Angie Fryman to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

  
Assistant Clerk of Council

  
Mayor