

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held November 22,

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 Keith Tilton, Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, Amanda Zennie, and Rick Barnhart. City Staff – City Manager Brad Townsend, Law Director Lori Denlinger, and Clerk of Council Tracy Rankin.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Angie Fryman

### MINUTES

Mrs. Zennie moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 8, 2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-abstain, Mrs. Tomlin-abstain, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### *Hope 4 West Carrollton Presentation – Rich Harmon*

Rich Harmon, from Hope 4 West Carrollton, addressed Council and explained he was there to give a background on the organization. Mr. Harmon stated he is a full-time pastor of the West Carrollton Nazarene Church, a business owner, and is employed by the Miami Valley Leadership Foundation for his role as the Director as Hope 4 West Carrollton. In addition to giving some facts and figures concerning the operations of the group, Mr. Harmon mentioned the contributions of volunteers, including Lucas and Nicholas Van Ausdall and Aiden Theiss for committing to mowing yards for needy families at no cost. He also mentioned a six-year-old girl, Jasmine Chandler, who ran a lemonade stand this past summer. She took money that she made from her business and purchased care packages for the homeless in our community. Mr. Harmon stated he has been working alongside the Zoning Department to give them a resource to help people. Mr. Harmon mentioned their partners who include, Planting Seeds, Threads Clothing, Shoes for the Shoeless, CareSource, West Carrollton City Schools, The City of West Carrollton, MUM Food Pantry, Sinclair Community College, Bogg Food Ministries, West Carrollton High School Garden Program, Elder Care Connections, Valor Martial Arts, His Hope Addiction Recovery, Zion Lutheran Church, Memorial United Methodist, West Carrollton Nazarene, and Kettering Health Network. He encouraged Council to join them in some capacity.

Council thanked Mr. Harmon for his presentation and the fine work that their organization does for the community.

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### COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

**Resolution 32-2022** - A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement With The Ohio Department of Transportation To Repair Bridge Erosion Issues on IR-75 Over Holes Creek In The City Of West Carrollton.

Mr. Townsend explained that Resolution 32-2022 was requested by ODOT since they will be making repaired to a bridge that is within the city limits. This resolution gives ODOT permission for the project, which will be done at no cost to the city.

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

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 32-2022. A vote was taken: Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

**Ordinance 3739** - An Ordinance Providing For Personnel Classifications, Rates Of Pay, And Working Conditions For Police Officers Of The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio, Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The West Carrollton Police Association (WCPA), Representing Said Employees, And Repealing Ordinance No. 3662 And Any Other Ordinances In Conflict Herewith.

Mr. Townsend stated that this ordinance would authorize the City manager to sign an employment agreement with the West Carrollton Police Association for rates of pay and other working conditions for the Police patrol Officers and Detectives. The agreement provides for five (5) percent cost of living increases each of the next three years, adds Juneteenth as a recognized City holiday, provides for a 5% plus rating for an officer that would be required to fill in as an Officer in Charge and provides for a \$100 per quarter cell phone allowance. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The agreement runs through December 13, 2025.

Mayor Sanner asked if there were any questions. There were none. This is the first reading of Ordinance 3739.



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### NEW BUSINESS (continued)

***Ordinance 3740** - An Ordinance Providing For Personnel Classifications, Rates Of Pay, And Working Conditions For Police Sergeants Of The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio, Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Fraternal Order Of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., Representing Said Employees, And Repealing Ordinance No. 3663 And Any Other Ordinances In Conflict Herewith.*

Mr. Townsend stated that Ordinance 3740 would authorize the City Manager to sign an employment agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio labor Council, for rates of pay and other working conditions for police sergeants. The agreement provides for five (5) percent cost of living increases each of the next three years, adds Juneteenth as a recognized City holiday and provides for a 10% plus rating for a sergeant that is required to serve as Acting Chief of Police. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The agreement runs through December 13, 2025.

Mayor Sanner asked if there were any questions. There were none. This is the first reading of Ordinance 3740.

***Ordinance 3741** - An Ordinance Providing For Personnel Classification, Rates Of Pay, And Fringe Benefits For Employees Of The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio, Repealing Ordinance 3715 And Any Ordinance In Conflict Herewith.*

Mr. Townsend stated that Ordinance 3741 provides for position classifications, rates of pay and other working conditions for all non-union employees. Mr. Townsend explained that this ordinance would create five (5) new positions, while eliminating five (5) positions. In addition to these position changes, the ordinance would provide for a five percent (5%) cost of living adjustment and add Juneteenth as a recognized City holiday.

Mayor Sanner asked if there were any questions. There were none. This is the first reading of Ordinance 3741.

### REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Townsend reminded everyone that the Civic Center will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. He also stated trash will be delayed one day - meaning if your trash is normally picked up on Thursday it will be picked up on Friday, and if it is normally picked up on Friday it will be picked up on Saturday. Mr. Townsend wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Denlinger wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Mayor Sanner a Happy Birthday.

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### Comments by the Audience

None

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### Comments by Council

Mr. Tilton wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He also addressed Mr. Harmon and stated he has had many discussions with Mr. Enterman who speaks very highly of his organization and what he does. He stated we need groups like that, and also with what Mr. Folker does, that makes us unique and can move us forward. He thanked Mr. Harmon for what he does.

Mr. Dobson thanked Mr. Harmon for making the presentation. He stated he had the opportunity to attend two meetings and has been learning more about the process and what they are doing. He stated he is excited about how it can help the community. Mr. Dobson stated a couple of the grunt boys right next to Mr. Harmon really do a lot of the hard work going out and cleaning those houses out, who would be Mr. Lucas and Jim Folker. He stated he is sure his young boy helps a lot too. He stated he has had the opportunity to see a lot of these houses. Some of these houses he'd seen prior as he was out buying homes years back and he could see how people would leave things in such a disastrous state. Mr. Dobson stated these places are pretty grotesque. He stated to go in and volunteer and risk their health and safety is really remarkable and they should all be thanked and appreciated by everybody in the community. He stated enough about Hope 4 West Carrollton, but thank you and they are all doing a good job with it. He also brought up the holidays coming up, both Thanksgiving and Christmas. He stated there are a lot of people in need of lots of things. He stated food is probably one of the biggest issues with the high cost of things. He stated that he happens to be working with Jim for the Operation Share Christmas. Mr. Dobson stated he hopes everyone can find it in their hearts to spend a little bit of money and drop some food in the various baskets around the community and try to help people in our community with our food needs. He also mentioned besides the church that Jim is working with, churches throughout the communities are doing food drives. He stated it doesn't matter who you donate to, but if you can find it in your heart to donate something to one of them or many of them that would be nice and well appreciated. Mr. Dobson thanked Mr. Harmon.

Mrs. Tomlin told Mr. Harmon that she believes it is an awesome ministry. She stated that is what she would call it, and you could use another name for it, but that is her name for it. Mrs. Tomlin mentioned a lot of times we all say it is hard to find people doing good things, but you just kind of have to look, because she knows that they are here. She stated when she hears that now she will say, "Have you met Rich Harmon?"



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## Comments by Council (continued)

### Mrs. Tomlin (continued)

That way she can segway into it and introduce his group. She thanked everyone for what they do, and there is a lot of need in the communities, not just ours but also the surrounding communities, and it is great that people can help. She asked Mr. Harmon if anyone wants to volunteer can they contact him? He answered yes. Mrs. Tomlin wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Zennie stated that she loves Hope 4 West Carrollton. She stated what a fulfilling job to do to be out there just helping people. She thanked Mr. Harmon and stated that she will keep this on her mind to dig more into it to see what she and her children and family can do to help. She stated this is really great and thanked him again. Mrs. Zennie wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and asked everyone to be safe. She stated the grocery stores are already getting crazy and there are lines everywhere. She also stated each year as she gets older she seems to realize Thanksgiving, a fellowship, time with your friends and family and loved ones becomes more important for everyone. She stated we've all been through a lot of sickness with the pandemic and other things and she is just so grateful for everyone in her life. She encouraged everyone to enjoy and remember that could be your last meal with somebody, so enjoy it and take the time to get together with the people that you love.

Mr. Barnhart told Mr. Harmon he has heard nothing but great things about the program from Chief Woodard and Chief Barnett. He stated certainly it is amazing what they are putting together and is greatly appreciated. Mr. Barnhart wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Sanner stated that he would also like to thank Mr. Harmon. He stated what he really appreciated was his presentation this evening because he has heard about the organization, but didn't really know what they did. He stated that was excellent and wished him good luck, and thanked him. Mayor Sanner wished everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

## RECESS

Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to recess to an Executive Session per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; to return for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mr. Barnhart-yes, and Mayor Sanner-yes.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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


Excused: Councilmember Angie Fryman

Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; to return for adjournment.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Sanner moved, seconded by Mr. Barnhart to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor