

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held February 13,

2024

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

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Rick Dobson, Jill Tomlin, Amanda Zennie, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, and Mike Boyle. City Staff – City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Finance Director Julie Duffy, Service Director Rich Norton, Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines, Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

### MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

### APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COUNCILMEMBER

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to appoint Michael Boyle to the role of Councilmember. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Boyle thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for the appointment. He also thanked Representative Young and his parents for their support.

### APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mrs. Zennie moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to appoint Michael Boyle to serve as a Council Representative on the Board of Water and Sewer Charge Adjustment, the First Tier Suburbs, and the Miami Valley Communications Council. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### Presentation from Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Miami Valley

Chris Mackey, from Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Miami Valley, addressed Council to provide a brief overview on how the program works. He encouraged Councilmembers and/or residents of the community to consider participating in their mentoring programs.

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Mrs. Zennie asked how children are referred to the program. Mr. Mackey advised the referrals come in through parents, guardians, school guidance counselors, etc.

Mr. Tilton recommended that Mr. Mackey consider making his presentation to the West Carrollton School Board to potentially reach children within our city.

### COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

Melea Butcher, from 13 Reddington Court, addressed Council regarding concerns with how the elderly/disabled community is treated by the city's code enforcement.

Lucas Van Ausdoll, from 2170 West Alex-Bell Road, addressed Council requesting follow up on the incident that involved the code enforcement officer being impersonated.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Ordinance 3764 - An Ordinance Providing For Personnel Classification And Rates Of Pay For Employees Of The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio, Repealing Ordinance 3761 And Any Ordinance In Conflict Herewith.*

Mayor Barnhart stated this is the second reading of this ordinance, and asked if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mr. Dobson to approve Ordinance 3764. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 8-2024.

*Resolution 8-2024 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Advertise For Bids For The Replacement Of The Fire Department's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) And To Expend A Sum In Excess Of \$75,000 Therefore.*

Mayor Barnhart stated Fire Chief Barnett presented this resolution during the Work Session of the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting. He asked Councilmembers if there were any additional questions or comments for Ms. Holloway. There were none.

Mrs. Zennie moved, seconded by Mr. Dobson to approve Resolution 8-2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.



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Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 9-2024.

*Resolution 9-2024 – A Resolution Declaring That The Estimated Costs For The Repair Of Certain Sidewalks, Curbs, And Gutters In The City Of West Carrollton For The 2023 Program Are On File In The Office Of The Clerk Of Council Of The City Of West Carrollton For The Inspection And Examination Of All Persons Interested Therein.*

Mayor Barnhart stated Civil Engineer Vance and Finance Director Duffy presented this resolution during the Work Session of the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting. He asked Councilmembers if there were any additional questions or comments. There were none.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to approve Resolution 9-2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 10-2024.

*Resolution 10-2024 - A Resolution Requesting The Advance Payment Of Tax Revenues Collected By The County Auditor For The Account Of The City Of West Carrollton.*

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 10-2024. She explained this resolution authorizes the City Manager to request an advance payment of property taxes and special payments from the Montgomery County Treasurer's Office. This advance will allow the city to receive payment before the statutory deadline for distributions, which will then enable the city to earn an additional small amount of interest.

Mayor Barnhart asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Mrs. Zennie moved, seconded by Mayor Barnhart to approve Resolution 10-2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 11-2024.

*Resolution 11-2024 - A Resolution Appointing Mayor William D. Duncan To The Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5).*

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 11-2024. She explained the Ohio Revised Code mandates that each county in Ohio maintain a county 9-1-1 program review committee. Montgomery County has had a committee in place since 1987; however, the passage of House Bill 33 revised the composition of the review committee beginning in October of 2023. With the recent change in the ORC, the municipal appointee to the review committee must be a member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation in the county selected by the majority of the legislative authorities of municipal corporations in the county pursuant to a resolution they adopt. This resolution would approve the appointment of Oakwood Mayor William Duncan as

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the municipal appointee to the countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee per the Ohio Revised Code.

Mayor Barnhart asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to approve Resolution 11-2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

*Ordinance 3765 – An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of West Carrollton, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024, Amending Ordinance 3758, And Repealing Any Ordinances In Conflict Herewith.*

City Manager Holloway presented Ordinance 3765. She stated during the Work Session at the January 23, 2024 City Council Meeting she presented a proposed supplemental appropriation to the 2024 budget. The supplemental request was described in detail in the memorandum Council received in their packet. Ms. Holloway offered to walk through each of the requests.

Mayor Barnhart asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none. Mayor Barnhart stated this is a first reading of this ordinance. It will be on the next agenda.

### **REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

City Manager Holloway provided an update on the road repair on South Alex Road.

Mrs. Dillin wished Mr. Napper a Happy Birthday.

Communications Manager Concepcion gave Council an update/overview on the new city website.

### **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS**

#### **Comments by the Audience**

James Napper, from 43 Reddington Court, addressed Council to advise the Lions Club will hold their Corned Beef / Cabbage and Chicken and Noodles dinner on March 16, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church.

#### **Comments by Council**

Mayor Barnhart and Councilmembers congratulated and welcomed Mr. Boyle, wished Mr. Napper a Happy Birthday, and thanked Mr. Mackey for the Big Brothers, Big Sisters presentation. Mr. Dobson encouraged citizens who have complaints to come forward with additional information. Mrs. Fryman and Mayor Barnhart thanked State Representative Young and State Representative Plummer for attending the meeting. Mr. Tilton spoke about the



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ransomware attack that occurred in Huber Heights. Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Fryman inquired on the city's IT and network security, and advised employees and citizens to be on high alert. Mr. Boyle thanked everyone for the warm welcome, and stated he looks forward to working with Council.

### RECESS

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

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to recess to an Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2): To consider the sale of property that is unneeded, to return for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-abstain, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

### WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Rick Dobson, Amanda Zennie, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, and Mike Boyle. City Staff – City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Finance Director Julie Duffy, and Service Director Rich Norton.

#### Street Light Assessment Discussion – Julie Duffy

Finance Director Duffy presented on Street Light Assessments. She explained that this was annual legislation, following the process set forth by the Ohio Revised Code for assessments. She went on to say that the cost to maintain and operate all public street lights, not on private streets, is assessed to property taxes across all properties in the City. Ms. Duffy advised that the City paid \$183,214.61 for street lighting in 2023, which would equate to about \$33 per \$100,000 in home value.

#### River District Project Update – Amber Holloway

City Manager Holloway stated that development partners Todd Duplain and Joe Tuss would provide a presentation to City Council on the River District Development progress.

Mr. Duplain opened his presentation, and explained that he felt that the City had the right team in place to get this development right. He noted that construction costs, labor shortages, and interest rates have all played a factor. He discussed the marketing strategy, and the target sectors for the development. Mr. Duplain advised that there were users who were interested in the development, but do not necessarily want to be the first. He noted his excitement to start Phase I infrastructure this year, and looked forward to building townhomes as soon as 2025.

Mr. Tilton stated that many things seemed outside of the City's control, and went on to ask if there was anything that we could be working on. Mr. Duplain stated that traffic counts were a factor, noting that existing traffic is 19,000 vehicles per day on Dixie Drive, and additional traffic in the area would help.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Council met in Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2): To consider the sale of property that is unneeded.

Executive Session concluded at 8:59 p.m. and Council returned to the regular session.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to adjourn the City Council Meeting of February 13, 2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-abstain, and Mayor Barnhart-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor