

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting**

Held April 9,

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 Amanda Zennie, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Mike Boyle, and Rick Dobson. City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Finance Director Julie Duffy, Economic Development Director Michael Lucking, Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion, Police Chief Doug Woodard, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Jill Tomlin

**MINUTES**

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2024. A vote was taken: Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-abstain, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-abstain.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Oath of Office for Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy Penick*

Chief Barnett gave a brief background on Firefighter/Paramedic Penick, who has already been serving the city on a part-time basis. Mayor Barnhart administered the Oath of Office. Chief Barnett conducted a badge pinning ceremony involving Mr. Penick's mother. Mayor Barnhart and Councilmembers congratulated and welcomed Firefighter/Paramedic Penick to the city.

*Plaza of Fame Award Presentation to Lee Jean Heller*

Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion gave a background on the Plaza of Fame award. She also shared details on how Lee Jean Heller has gone above and beyond throughout her life and career. Ms. Heller dedicates her time to the service of others. For that reason, Council selected her to be the 2024 Plaza of Fame award recipient. Mayor Barnhart and Councilmembers congratulated and thanked Ms. Heller for all she has done for others and our community.

*Proclamation for Arbor Day*

Mayor Barnhart read the proclamation. He also stated the City would celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting at Wilson Park at 5:30 p.m. on April 26, 2024.

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### *Miami Conservancy District Presentation*

MaryLynn Lodor, the General Manager from the Miami Conservancy District, addressed Council to provide an update on their assessments. The current assessment rate is 2.19%, but is proposed to increase to 2.78% beginning in 2025. This assessment readjustment will impact approximately 2,100 parcels within the City of West Carrollton. Ms. Lodor explained the MCD's main purpose is protecting the region from the devastation of water or pollution of water. Ms. Lodor provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation. A copy of this presentation can be requested from Tracy Moore, the Clerk of Council. Citizens can also visit MCD's website, [www.mcdwater.org](http://www.mcdwater.org), if they would like to obtain more information.

Mayor Barnhart inquired on how the assessments are made. Ms. Lodor answered through the tax bill. Mayor Barnhart inquired if Holes Creek and Owl Creek are impacted. Ms. Lodor answered those creeks are not impacted by MCD. Mayor Barnhart inquired if the schools are assessed. Ms. Lodor answered they are exempt. Mrs. Zennie inquired when the taxes will be impacted. Ms. Lodor answered the first quarter of 2025. Mr. Boyle inquired on how the MCD determines the priority of the projects. Ms. Lodor explained they will do updates in phases, dependent upon the greatest need, or as a risk-based approach.

### **COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Ordinance 3768 – An Ordinance Levying Special Assessments For The Repair Of Certain Described Sidewalks And Curbs In The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio For The 2023 Program.*

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

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Ordinance 3768. A vote was taken: Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Ordinance 3769 - An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$2,800,000 Of Various Purpose General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, By The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio, In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds And Declaring An Emergency.*

City Manager Holloway presented Ordinance 3769. These bond anticipation notes are related to infrastructure improvements within the City's River District. The emergency legislation is necessary in order to secure interest rates and complete the required closing documents before the renewal date.



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

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mayor Barnhart to approve Ordinance 3769. A vote was taken: Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

*Ordinance 3770 – An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$4,800,000 Various Purpose Real Estate Acquisition Bond Anticipation Notes, 2024 Renewal, By The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, Providing For The Pledge Of Revenues For The Payment Of Such Notes, And Declaring An Emergency.*

City Manager Holloway presented Ordinance 3770. These bond anticipation notes are related to the land acquisition in the city, including the City's River District and Carrollton Center. These notes will be paid down as land sales occur. The emergency legislation is necessary in order to secure interest rates and complete the required closing documents before the renewal date.

Mayor Barnhart asked if there were questions. There were none.

Mrs. Zennie moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Ordinance 3770. A vote was taken: Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 16-2024.

*Resolution 16-2024 – A Resolution To Reclassify The FY 2022 General Fund Advance To The Parks Fund As A Transfer.*

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 16-2024. She stated this resolution authorizes the reclassification of a 2022 advance in the amount of \$330,000 to the parks fund 212 as a transfer. The advance was originally made to cover the costs of the former Appvion Wastewater Treatment Plant project. This is an ongoing project that will involve additional costs. Ms. Holloway further explained this will not require an additional appropriation in FY 2024, but it will relieve fund 212 of the obligation to repay a portion of that funding back this year.

Mayor Barnhart asked if there were any questions for Ms. Holloway. There were none.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to approve Resolution 16-2024. A vote was taken: Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

*Ordinance 3771 – 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 3765, And Repealing Any Ordinances In Conflict Herewith.*

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City Manager Holloway presented Ordinance 3771. In the Work Session of the March 26, 2024 City Council Meeting, Ms. Holloway presented a proposed supplemental appropriation to the 2024 budget. She also included a detailed memorandum highlighting the appropriation in the council packet. Ms. Holloway stated this ordinance is on the agenda for a first reading.

Mayor Barnhart asked if there were questions or comments for Ms. Holloway. There were none. This was the first reading of Ordinance 3771. It will be on the next agenda.

### **REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

City Manager Holloway congratulated Firefighter/Paramedic Jerney Penick. She also advised the Tax Department will be open at 7:30 a.m. and until 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, which is tax day.

Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion provided a list of upcoming events.

- Tax Day – April 15 – Taxes can also be paid on the website. [www.westcarrollton.org](http://www.westcarrollton.org)
- Arbor Day – April 26 – Tree Planting at Wilson Park at 5:30 p.m.
- City Garage Sale – May 4 – Last day to register is April 26.
- Bicycle Fun Day & Ice Cream Social – May 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Community Pride Day – May 18 – Register online. [www.westcarrollton.org](http://www.westcarrollton.org)
- Great Paint Escape – May 22
- Wilson Park Pool Opens – May 25
- Summer Concert Series – May 30 – Spungeworthy from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- First Thursdays – June 6 – Carrollton Center from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS**

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

None

#### **Comments by Council**

Mrs. Zennie commented on the Solar Eclipse and thanked all staff, including first responders and the service department, for being prepared.

Mrs. Fryman commented on the excitement of her neighbors during the Solar Eclipse.

Mr. Boyle wished everyone a belated Happy Easter.

Mr. Tilton stated he attended a Montgomery County Beautiful Clean-Up event, with Mr. Dobson and Ms. Holloway, at Miami-Erie Canal Park. He stated Montgomery County offers a trailer with equipment for neighborhoods to organize clean-up events. The sign up can be completed on their website. He also thanked staff for being prepared on the day of the Solar Eclipse.



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Mayor Barnhart thanked Deputy Mayor Fryman for handling Mayors Court and City Council in his absence. He also congratulated all Police Department award winners. Finally, Mayor Barnhart congratulated Greg Perkins who was recently promoted to Public Works Superintendent.

### RECESS

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

### WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Amanda Zennie, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Mike Boyle, and Rick Dobson. City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, and Economic Development Director Michael Lucking.

EXCUSED: Councilmember Jill Tomlin

*MCD Lease – Michael Lucking*

Economic Development Director Lucking presented an update to City Council on a potential lease agreement with Miami Conservancy District for the West Carrollton Whitewater Park project. He explained that Staff was working with MCD to iron out details within the lease and hoped to have something for Council to consider in the coming weeks. He noted that once the project started, we would be required to conduct maintenance of the area, including removing debris from the river. He briefly discussed potential terms of the lease.

Councilmember Tilton asked about the land that was in Moraine's jurisdiction. Director Lucking stated that this would be no problem from a park operations standpoint. Councilmember Tilton then asked about the operations study for the park. Director Lucking advised that the study was in draft form. Councilmember Tilton then asked about how the lease and grant funding were connected. Director Lucking explained that we needed to be able to show control of the property in order to seek reimbursements from some of our grant funds.

Councilmember Boyle suggested future discussion on agriculture.

Work Session ended at 7:48 p.m.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to adjourn the City Council Meeting of April 9, 2024. A vote was taken: Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

  
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Clerk of Council

  
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Mayor