

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held December 17, _____ 2024

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

ROLL CALL

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

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Rick Dobson and Keith Tilton

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 3791 – 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 3781, And Repealing Any Ordinances In Conflict Herewith, And Declaring An Emergency.

Mayor Barnhart stated Ordinance 3791 was presented as a first reading at the last Council Meeting. He asked Council if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Zennie to approve Ordinance 3791. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 38-2024.

Resolution 38-2024 - A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate, To Enter Into, And To Execute Economic Development / Government Equity (ED/GE) Program Project Agreements With Montgomery County And Cornerstone Building Supply For A Reimbursement Grant Totaling \$25,000 For The Cornerstone Building Supply Project.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 38-2024. She stated on October 22, 2024 City Council authorized the City Manager to submit an application to the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners for an ED/GE grant on behalf of Cornerstone Building Supply. The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners has approved ED/GE funding not exceeding \$25,000 for this project. Expenditures and corresponding revenue are included in the City's 2025 budget. This resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Montgomery County and with Cornerstone Building Supply for this project.

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

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 38-2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

City Manager Holloway wished City Council and city staff Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Law Director Denlinger wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Finance Director Duffy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Planning & Community Development Director Gaines wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Service Director Norton thanked Council for the Christmas cards and for visiting city staff members earlier this week.

Assistant City Manager Wendt wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

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Comments by Council

Mr. Boyle wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year. He also asked everyone to be safe and to refrain from drinking and driving.

Mrs. Tomlin wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She also wished everyone a safe and healthy 2025.

Mrs. Zennie wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year. She also encouraged everyone to consider participating with organizations that give back at the holidays. She mentioned the Good Neighbor House is still in search of volunteers to help serve meals.

Mrs. Fryman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She stated she hopes it will be a great 2025 for the entire city. She also thanked Service Director Norton for his comment, and stated Council thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with employees.

Mayor Barnhart wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, a Blessed Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year. He encouraged everyone to be careful and to enjoy the time with family.

RECESS

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda, to return to the regular meeting for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Mike Boyle, Jill Tomlin, Amanda Zennie, and Angie Fryman. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines, and Service Director Rich Norton.

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Alex Road Traffic Study

City Manager Holloway introduced this item of business explaining that Strand & Associates Engineer, Jeff Heiman, was back to present the updated traffic counts conducted in association with the S. Alex Road Traffic Study. She reminded Council that Mr. Heiman presented the complete study to City Council in April of 2023 and again in April of 2024. She went on to say that Council directed Staff to conduct updated traffic counts to ensure there was no residual impact to traffic from COVID-19/work-from-home. She added that Strand conducted these counts in mid-September when school was back in session. She then turned it over to Mr. Heiman to present the updated counts.

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Jeff Heiman from Strand & Associates presented on the updated traffic counts. He walked Council through a PowerPoint and highlighted that the traffic counts in 2024 had no significant change and as such, the recommendations for solutions remained the same. He added that they worked with UPS in this recount to ensure their vehicles were captured as part of this. Council asked several questions of Mr. Heiman about the data and possible roadway solutions.

City Manager Holloway summarized the three roadway solutions that were proposed, noting that there were possible significant grant opportunities that could be associated with modifying the roadway for safety. Mr. Heiman mentioned the submission timeframes for these grant programs.

City Manager Holloway talked through options for public engagement with City Council. City Council concluded that Staff should continue meeting with the business community to seek feedback, and to evaluate timelines for possible grant applications to be discussed with Council at a later date.

Spine Road Discussion

City Manager Holloway advised Council that the City was out to bid for the Phase 1A Spine Road in the River District. She went on to say that she would be requesting City Council vote on the bid award at its next meeting given the compressed timeline for construction.

Council Board and Commission Appointments for 2025

Mayor Barnhart discussed the various Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2025 with City Council. These appointments will appear on the January 14th meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None


ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of December 17, 2024. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Zennie-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Clerk of Council



Mayor