
Ashland City Council

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Council President Stephen Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council-at-Large & President:	Stephen L. Stuart	Present
Ward 1:	Duane R. Fishpaw	Present
Ward 2:	Robert M. Valentine	Present
Ward 3:	Ruth Detrow	Present
Ward 4:	Sandra Tunnell	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the minutes for the **Regular Session** of City Council held Tuesday, January 15, 2013 be accepted as written.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart

LEGISLATION

Ordinance Number 2-13

Item a):

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw

Mr. Kremser stated this is the balance of the US-EPA SAAP Grant that was applied for a couple years ago. Council was provided a summary of the Ordinance. Smith and Pearl Street waterlines are coming from this grant funding. The grant pays 55 percent, and the City matches 45 percent. This will be bid once we receive the permits from the Ohio EPA. The requests for permits will be sent out this week (the week of February 4th) and the bids will be open in March.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

Moved by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that rules requiring the reading on three

separate days be suspended and that the ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

Ordinance Number 3-13

Item b):

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR FY 2013 STATE OF OHIO ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSIT FARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE DISCRETIONARY URBAN CAPITAL PROGRAM.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart

Mayor Stewart stated this is something that is applied for on a regular basis. He had with him a copy of the letter that confirms the receipt for distribution of the funds (\$41,723) for the calendar year 2011. He expects there will be a like letter for 2012. This application is for 2013. He recommended Council pass this ordinance.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw

Moved by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mrs. Detrow that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Ordinance Number 4-13

Item c):

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE OPTION AND RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL AGREEMENT WITH ASHLAND PROPERTY RESOURCES, INC. FOR LAND IN THE ASHLAND BUSINESS PARK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

Mayor Stewart stated this is the agreement with Novatex to allow the company access to

the land north of them. He noted that someday Wells Road would come across to Route 250; Novatex wants to have land to expand in that direction. The City has divided the property into two parcels. Parcel 1 is adjoining the Novatex Park to the north. Parcel 2 is further north adjacent to Parcel 1.

The agreement is to buy Parcel 1 first. If they need both, they can buy both parcels. The agreement places time restrictions on when the company has to develop the land. Also, should Novatex decide to sell the land, the City has the first option to buy at the price sold to Novatex.

The agreement is intended to assure Novatex that the City supports their future growth.

Mayor Stewart stated Mr. Wolfe has been working closely with the City and Counsel for Novatex to complete the agreement.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart

Moved by Mrs. Detrow and seconded by Mr. Valentine that rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

Ordinance Number 5-13

Item d):

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ADDENDUM, WITH THE BOARD OF ASHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR SPACE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ASHLAND COUNTY-CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Ordinance has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Mayor Stewart stated the City pays a significant share of the cost of the rental of the County-City Health Department at the County Service Center (approximately \$16,000 a year). The County Commissioners have agreed to not have an increase in the lease agreement for the next five years. The County Commissioners have also provided use by the City of an additional storage room

(12' by 24') without additional charge in return for a credit for \$175 worth of water use per month at the Ashland County Dog Shelter facility at 1710 Garfield Avenue. Should the water charge be over \$175 average per month at the Ashland County Dog Shelter facility, the County will be responsible for that overage.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

Moved by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mr. Fishpaw that rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the ordinance be passed on the second and third readings.
Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart

Moved by Mr. Fishpaw and seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Ordinance be passed.
Ayes: Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw

Resolution

Item a):

Resolution Number 2-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO ENDORSE THE REQUEST FOR TAX CREDITS FOR THE REHABILITATION OF FEDERAL HOUSING IN THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OHIO, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell seconded by Mr. Valentine to invoke Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances as the distribution of this Resolution has satisfied the requirements of said Section and that a further reading be dispensed with at this time.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

James Hunley, representing the Wallick-Hendy Development, the current owners of the Ashland Village, spoke. He stated an annual application process Ohio Housing Finance Agency had begun to receive tax credits for upgrading the apartments. The property is currently subsidized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The OHFA receives 125 applications a year and they fund about 35 of those applications.

The application process this year has changed in that the applicants are asked to go to their local communities and ask for a resolution of support from Council and a letter of support from the Mayor. The additional documentation will enhance the competitiveness of the application.

The funds are estimated to be \$2.5 million; the Company will know in June if they are the recipients. Management of the apartments and the tenants will remain the same. The ownership will change to an affiliate of the current owner.

Each unit on the property will undergo substantial rehabilitation in the neighborhood of \$35,000 per unit. In addition, the parking lot, landscaping, and dumpster enclosures will be upgraded. Each unit will get new siding, windows, and roofing. Entire interiors will be remodeled. There is also a strict green component to the funding, so the buildings will be brought to a green standard.

Mrs. Detrow clarified that there will be no additional units, just rehabbing all of them. Mr. Hunley stated that is correct.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell seconded by Mr. Valentine that the Resolution be passed on the first reading.

Ayes: Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow

Moved by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Detrow that rules requiring the reading on three separate days be suspended and that the resolution be passed on the second and third readings.

Ayes: Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell
Moved by Mr. Valentine and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell that the Resolution be passed.
Ayes: Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Request for a permit for Advertising on Private Property: Political door hanger, Kim Studeny Calhoon.

Moved by Mr. Stuart seconded by Mrs. Detrow that the application for advertising on private property be approved.

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Fishpaw

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mrs. Tunnell had a resident request a “do not knock” list for City of Ashland Residents. The resident had cited the town of North Royalton was selling signs for doors to avoid harassment by solicitors. The residents are charged \$1 for the notice. Two stories from the newspaper were sent to Mrs. Tunnell, and it was also on the news on TV

Mr. Valentine stated he just avoids answering the door. He also stated anyone can make their own sign for their door.

Mayor Stewart asked if it pertained to Girl Scout cookie sales and children selling for fundraisers.

Mrs. Tunnell assumed it pertained to any solicitation.

Mayor Stewart stated it was a detriment to school children who raise a lot of money for the schools.

Mr. Stuart commended Mrs. Tunnell for the presentation as a panelist that morning at the annual Groundhog Breakfast sponsored by the Ashland Area Economic Development Council. He stated she did an outstanding job.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Paxton was unable to be at the meeting due to illness.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

The Mayor asked Council to consider moving to executive session to discuss the potential purchase of property for the use of the City.

ADJOURNMENT to Executive Session in the Mayor’s Office for the purpose of discussing the Purchase of Property: 7:22 p.m.

(No action will be taken.)

Moved by Mr. Stuart and seconded by Mrs. Tunnell to adjourn to Executive Session

Ayes: Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine

ADJOURNMENT from Executive Session: 7:37 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn.

Ayes: Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

ADJOURNMENT from Regular Session: 7:38 p.m.

Moved by Mrs. Tunnell and seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn.

Ayes: Mr. Stuart, Mr. Fishpaw, Mr. Valentine, Mrs. Detrow, Mrs. Tunnell

Respectfully Submitted by
Kimberly S. Calhoon, Clerk of Council

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