

Canal Winchester

*City Hall
Council Chambers
45 East Waterloo Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

September 6, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Steve Buskirk

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

A. Call To Order *Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance Buskirk

C. Roll Call *Present 6 – Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Clark to excuse Mrs. Amos from the City Council meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Milliken, Clark, Shea, Walker, Amick, Buskirk

D. Approval of Minutes

MIN-22-032

August 1, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Buskirk, second by Clark to approve MIN-22-032. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amick

MIN-22-033

August 1, 2022 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Amick, second by Walker to approve MIN-22-033 with the modification of “Amick to Amos in Council Reports.” The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amick, Walker, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea

MIN-22-034

August 15, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Buskirk, second by Clark to approve MIN-22-034. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amick

MIN-22-035

August 15, 2022 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Buskirk, second by Clark to approve MIN-22-035. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amick

MIN-22-036

August 29, 2022 Committee of the Whole Minutes

A motion was made by Amick, second by Buskirk to approve MIN-22-036. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker

E. Communications & Petitions

COM-22-010

Liquor Control Letter

COM-22-011

Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation

Whereas: Childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday. There are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time; and whereas the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults’ cancer diagnosis. On average there’s been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970’s resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years; and whereas, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe

to life-threatening. Approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe; and whereas, in the last twenty years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer; and whereas, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the Friends of Faith Pruden Foundation are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support; and whereas, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer. This deadly disease effects too many children and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure. Now, therefore, I, Michael L. Ebert, Mayor of the City of Canal Winchester proclaim the month of September 2022 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and urge all of our residents to observe Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support this cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country.

Tonight, we have Celia Kinzel the mother of Logan Kinzel who was diagnosed with stage four brain cancer in 2016 when he was only 17 months old. Logan underwent 10-hour brain surgery with just a few days after it was discovered and the entire tumor was removed. He completed chemotherapy treatments in August of 2016. Two months after his second birthday in November of 2016 he was diagnosed again with the same cancer. His second diagnosis was different that he not only had one large tumor but there were several tiny inoperable tumors forming all over his brain and down his spine. There were too many tumors that they were unable to count the exact number. He underwent brain surgery, high-dose chemotherapy, stem cell transplants, and proton radiation over the course of the next nine months. Today, a thriving eight-year old, he just celebrated a huge milestone in this cancer journey. That means that he's been cancer-free for five years and that believe me is a huge milestone. At this time, I'd like to call Logan, his brother Rowan and their mother Celia to accept this proclamation.

Milliken – Thank you, Mayor. I love stuff like that.

[COM-22-012](#)

Madison Township Police Statistics July 2022

[COM-22-013](#)

Dr. Bender 5k Thank You Letter

F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person

Ann Bennett, 41 Elizabeth Street – Canal Winchester resident for a little over 30 years. I returned tonight to strenuously object to Council proposing to stifle the voices of constituents through two proposed changes to its rules. They would slash each person's time allotted for public comment by forty percent from five minutes to three and it would require written comments to be submitted by noon of the Friday prior to Council meetings. It cuts the time to be included on the agenda by more than four hours. While there is no change to the rule which permits the presiding officer to permit someone to speak longer than the allotted time. The fact is that presiding officers rarely if ever extend that time. In fact, especially when controversial issues arise presiding officers are so eager to shut down public comments that the speaker is interrupted with a one-minute warning. Regarding the short deadline for submitting written comments that are included in the agenda. I get it that preparing the agenda is a time-consuming process because the current mess method is a miserable oversight prone exercise. Speech to text software should have been installed years ago. That is on tonight's agenda as an item to be researched is long overdue, although the timeline for reporting and for targeted implementation needs to be defined rather than visually described as within a reasonable time. Penalizing the public because the City is years behind the times applying available technology is not right. The agenda should be published the Wednesday before the meeting to allow people to know what is on it and to have time to prepare written comments. Those comments could then be inserted before the agenda is sent to Council. I request that proposed changes to City Council rules be amended so as to delete both the reduction of public comment time and the shortened deadline for receipt of written comments that are included on the agenda. On another matter, I ask City leaders immediately to begin and to both frequently and publicly report their progress on preparing for the influx of traffic and crime within Canal Winchester City limits that will occur when 1,400 plus high-density residential units are built between Winchester Pike and Shannon Road. Also, the commercial project on the Southwest corner of Winchester Pike and Gender Road are complete. The Waterloo Crossing intersection now is in a chronic state of backup after 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and most of the

weekends. Retail theft at adjacent stores is rampant and I understand that last week there were instances of both assault and arson at the new Friendship Kitchen. Without proactive planning and intervention within your decade this section of Canal Winchester may resemble the decay that is seen on sections of South Hamilton Road and Brice Road. Thank you.

Carolyn Ebert, 253 Old Coach Place – My name is Carolyn Ebert, I live on Old Coach Place and have for over 50 years. We'll leave it at that. First of all, I am here to thank the Council for the donation that they made to the Canal Winchester Labor Day Committee for the 100th Labor Day Celebration. The money came from the bed tax fund and I do appreciate you all allowing that to be donated to the committee. I just want to make one clarification, I've heard several people make comments that was not our 100th year that it was our 102nd. It was for the 100th year Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival Celebration. Obviously, we missed a couple years with the COVID. With the exception of Saturday, the weather held off for us. We all know that Saturday was kind of a bust just because of the weather and people obviously didn't want to sit out in the rain for our concerts and whatever. I think we made up for it on Sunday and Monday. Just to update you the funds that were provided to us was used for the rides. Again, a lot of questions came to us why we changed vendors. We changed vendors because we had no choice but to change vendors. The vendor that we had used for many, many, many years decided to go to a different festival and that was not conveyed to us until later in the year so we had to go out and find a new vendor. We were very fortunate to find the vendor that we got. It was A&S Entertainment and I'm just going to tell you a story that happened regarding these folks and this is the reason I say we were very fortunate to find them. There was a family that had four children with them, three little girls and a little boy in a wheelchair. Possibly 10 years old or thereabout so they were out enjoying the festival and using the rides. The little boy was sitting with his sisters and cousin I believe it was at the bottom of the zip line and watching them, smiling and having a good time. The gentleman's that were working the ride asked him if he wanted to ride and his mother said well he can't because he can't walk. They said if you give us the permission we will carry him up those steps and I don't know how many feet it was up in the air but it was a pretty steep step to go up. They carried that little boy to the top of those steps, they hooked up and secured him very tightly, all of them gathered around him to cheer him on, and that little boy got to take his first ride. He's ten or twelve years old and that's the first time he had ever been on an amusement ride. To me, this was top notch people that were working that day. Will we use them again? I certainly hope we will. We will make that decision when we start doing our future planning but that's the type of people that we had here that day. The rides were different but it was due to the fact that we had to do that. I give credit to the volunteers that worked the information tent. Kit Lloyd worked diligently getting a lot of new community members in there working the information tent, a lot of her church family worked it. At times we had more people in the volunteer tent. If you were one of those that helped that day, I thank you for that. I thank you for everybody that came out to the event and supported us. We will probably start working in January for next year and we've already had a commitment from Ugly Mug that they want to be a part of our festival again next year. So, I thank you very much for your support.

Kay Sargent, 6732 Braeswick Court – Good evening, I want to touch on two things tonight. One is traffic safety with the warehouses going in and increased residential homes also. We really need to push on the traffic safety. You know I have come to this entity before talking about it. The ODOT TRAC had a meeting, I don't know if it was last week or the week before. The Bixby Road Highway 33 interchange is part of a \$1.2 billion effort to improve Highway 33. They seem to be focusing on Highway 33 and the 270 interchange. I'm really hoping that Canal Winchester really pushes on the Bixby Road and Highway 33 interchange. We really need that. I'm hoping that next year the Gender Road next phase will come to fruition. Another thing I want to talk about tonight is communication. The last time I was here at the City Council meeting, I talked about how friendly and welcoming people of Canal Winchester are and I stand by that. That does not include this entity. It's hard for me to come to these meetings. There are people who call people idiots, there are people who roll their eyes, and there are people who are arrogant. The fact that you are discussing cutting the amount of time by almost half, I know it's 40 percent. It's almost half. So, what's going to happen? I come here, I take time out, I don't feel welcome, I talk for two minutes and I get a one-minute warning, and maybe somebody pats me on the head and says you can talk more. What an insult. The lights in here are very, very bad. They trigger migraines, this kind of lighting. So, I am going to have to leave at this time and my

three minutes are up.

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff

Mayor's Report

Ebert – I did not have a written report but I want to add a little bit of something what Carolyn said earlier about the Labor Day Festival. Speaking of kids, we had about a 13-year old girl who was autistic and she bought a raffle ticket for the TV and she won the TV. She was elated, she was just thrilled to death. You would've thought she won a million dollars. We were so happy for that so it was a good weekend for the kids I think.

August 2022 Mayor's Court Report

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Walker to approve the August 2022 Mayor's Court Report. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Milliken, Walker, Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Shea

Fairfield County Sheriff

Sgt. Walker – Just some noteworthy things that happened. Like Mrs. Bennett said, there was a vehicle fire at Friendship Kitchen. It is being investigated as an arson. There was also a theft that turned into a robbery when the suspect pushed the clerk down at Friendship Kitchen as well. Then, Saturday night after the festival was over, I believe it was Guiler Park, we had a report of a shooting. When we went to investigate it was kids with a paint ball gun so we're still actively investigating and trying to find the suspect. That's all I've got so I'll take questions if you have any though.

Milliken – I will say that I saw the drones out and that was pretty cool. I hear that there is some photography associated with those.

Sgt. Walker – Yes. We did take photos for surveillance purposes and I handed those over to Hannah so she has those. Mr. Walker, I will get with you for those as well.

Walker – I would like to also thank you for the presence and the safety that you all provided. You were everywhere all the time and that's much appreciated.

Sgt. Walker – My pleasure.

Milliken – Thank you, Sergeant Walker. I appreciate your team's hard work over the weekend.

Law Director

Boggs – I don't have a written report this evening. I am requesting executive session on two topics this evening and happy to answer any questions you may have on other topics.

Milliken – I have a quick question in regards to the timing of public comments. You've seen more meetings than most of us in other municipalities. What are some other municipalities doing as far as a time limit on public comments?

Boggs – Three minutes in my experience is the typical time that is allotted around Central Ohio at least and not every municipality has a sort of open public comment portion for items that aren't on the agenda. For those that do, three minutes is typical.

Milliken – I would just say for the record even though they're gone, public comments don't end here. You can public comment to me via email all week long so I'm sure that goes for everybody else too.

Finance Director

Jackson – I don't have anything in addition to my written report this evening.

Public Service Director

Peoples – The TRAC process is ongoing. There's a public hearing that we will probably attend next month. On the process there was some scores that were released. I'm not sure those are the final scores from what I understand. Those are based on some technical merits of the project but there are other things that go into it rather than just technical merits of the project so keep that in mind. This is a long process, it seems like we will be hearing something concrete by December from what I understand on the schedule. Speaking of December, we submitted for ODOT safety funds for the Gender Road Phase 6 project, which is some lane additions and pedestrian access over the bridge on Gender Road. Again, that's a December time frame for that. The Trine Street waterline has started. We actually dug the hole last week. It is a very large hole to do the jack and bore underneath the railroad tracks. That started today with a railroad inspector there. We're hoping that portion of it gets done and then it's hopefully a couple week process as we go through and finish that connection. That is one of our older lines in town and we believe it's from the 30's but are still working to try to get some of that information. Labor Day, I'll put my two cents in, the rides were awesome. They were out of here last night at about 10:30. They weren't on the streets but typically when the public works crew comes in and does the cleanup, they have to wait for the ride vendors to get out of the way. These guys were all cleaned up. We actually were able to use a street sweeper around them in the parking lot here. They did have problems with one ride but we still had the portable restrooms out there that we had to block off anyway. It ended up working out pretty well for them to be able to do that. I believe that ride is gone, I didn't see it when I walked in. They did do a great job and they were great to coordinate with on Friday just setting everything up. Very good communication.

Milliken – I know with my kids, I noticed. I mean I hate to use the term these weren't your average carnies, they were good people. They really were. Also, the ODOT TRAC process those scores you mentioned, did you say you have seen them or haven't seen them?

Peoples – I have not seen them. Our engineer Shane Spencer was on the online portion of the meeting. It said that there was a score in the 43 range. He thought the average score was 48. I do know that from a ranking standpoint it was ranked behind the I-70 and I-71 interchange, the next phase of that monstrosity downtown. Also, it was behind the Pickerington Road interchange which has already been through tier one. Our project is going through tier one which is design right-of-way and that type of thing. They've already been past that, I know that is a priority project for Governor DeWine as well. I'm not surprised that we're behind those two. Additionally, MORPC ranked their choice and they were the exact same way with I-70 and I-71, number one. Pickerington Road, number 2. The 33 project, number three. Then, there was an I-270 and I-71 on the North Side, a Route 23 corridor improvement from basically Delaware up to Worthington, and those were four and five. I don't know the exact numbers on those.

Milliken – In the discussions that you've had up to this point I kind of hesitated putting it in my letter to them because I didn't want it to come across the wrong way. It seems that this end of town kind of gets put in the dark compared to the Northern part.

Peoples – That's for sure.

Milliken – Has that point been made?

Peoples – Yes. Mayor and I, we called in MORPC and their transportation director and we talked to her. This has been three or four years ago and we said we're not getting anywhere with ODOT. She met with District 6 mainly. She came back to talk to us and you could tell that she was kind of perplexed of what was going on. She actually told us she doesn't know how else to explain it except for apathy. That's what we get as well, at least at that time. Since then, things have definitely changed. There's definitely engagement there. There was always a lot of focus on the

North side. I thought it was actually a good sign that we ranked above, at least from the MORPC standpoint, I-70 and I-270 Polaris area and Route 23. I've been up there, my aunt lived in Delaware and we used to drive up Route 23. It was a ten-minute ride it seemed like and now I think it's about an hour to go up there. I mean both of those projects definitely had some need in them but it does seem like we've been neglected for a long time. I will recognize that. We did get the Hill Road and Diley Road interchange before the Pickerington Road. That was done through District 5 at that time. It just seems like everywhere else has gotten a piece of the pie in Franklin County except for down here. Things are looking up. I'm cautiously optimistic. ODOT has put a heck of an effort into some studies that they've done down through here recently and also engaging with some of the other communities. City of Columbus was in meetings which is a huge step as well. Even after that TRAC meeting, I think it was the next day, some of the engineers were working with Lucas on some of the incentive contributions that we can provide. As part of that they wanted more information, they provided them on the TIF. Possibly on the NorthPoint million and half dollars and just pointing out some of those type of things. That was after they released a score so that's why I don't think that those are final. I'm not saying that they've changed, the rankings will change but there's still a lot of information that they're gathering. That's aside from the technical aspects of the projects.

Clark – Do you know if part of the 43 points was the economic development part of the 43 points?

Peoples – I don't know which part that was. Shane Spencer said he had to jump off for a second for another meeting but he did say he still hasn't found those numbers published anywhere. So, I'm not sure what kind of context those are. I just want to throw that out there. I sit on the MORPC Transportation Advisory Committee and last week we did a ranking based on MORPC recommendations and it was those top 5 but we were 3. I understand that process so I did vote for that ranking.

Shea – On Mr. Taylor's water thing with the tank that they have to repair the fiberglass for the brine heater, is that something that's going to be an easy process for you guys?

Peoples – It's not going to be an easy process. We're still trying to figure that out. Our brine tanks are probably 10-foot in diameter and 25-feet high. Basically, it's road salt if you will but it's for water, its food grade. We put that into the tanks. The bottom six or so feet is heated, it has water in it. Brine will freeze especially as it's sitting there. It does take out at lower temperatures but have to make sure it doesn't happen. The way the tank is built they put the fiberglass on it and then they wrap some heat trace wire around the bottom and then put fiberglass over top of that. We're trying to figure out how we do that without having to replace an entire brine tank. They'll come up with something. Those guys are smart.

Shea – I'm sure they will.

Buskirk – Did you resolve the issue with the lights at night at the McGill Park?

Peoples – I know there's some issues with some complaints on that. I was emailing with Mrs. Amos. There're 27 lights that are out there. There's a group of them along the main drag and there's a group of them that go off along the roadway that's by the Soccer fields. We actually have them all on initially but I believe it's 10:00 p.m. when the group goes off by the Soccer fields. I think there is 11 of them. The rest of them do stay on throughout the night. We feel that we've made a major investment out there and we want to protect that. Those are LED lights and they are at a lower temperature. You've all seen South Central Power has been replacing some of their street lights here recently and they're at a very high temperature. I think ours are around the 3200 which is a soft white light. Going out there you can see the light but the light doesn't shed.

Development Director

Haire – Just a few updates on some legislation. The ordinance #22-026 and #22-027 that are authorizing the reinvestment area agreements. I'd ask those remain on the table. We have had some progress with the Groveport

Madison School on those but we can't enter into those agreements until we have approval of the school districts. That has not been on their agenda yet. It will be on an upcoming agenda so just ask that those remain on the table. In regards to the closing at 20 South High Street, our intention is to close prior to the end of the month. We're just working on getting some final documentation put in place and with Mr. Moody the seller on getting that closed. The lease was one of the steps we needed to complete so thank you all for working with me on that. Hopefully that'll get approved this evening so we can move that one forward. The final development plan for Greengate, there is some updated documents in your packet. Plans and revised drawings that show the limited common area, where fences can be installed, as well as the type of fences. The developer is here this evening to discuss those with you so when we get to that point in the agenda there'll be more discussion on that. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

H. Resolutions

RES-22-033

Mayor

Sponsor: Shea

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVE PALSGROVE TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED FOUR-YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2023.

- Adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-22-033. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Shea, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Buskirk

RES-22-034

Development

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO TRANSFER CANAL LANDS

- Adoption

There was no discussion during this meeting. RES-22-034 was tabled during Work Session Meeting.

RES-22-035

Finance

Sponsor: Shea

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

- Adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Milliken to adopt RES-22-035. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 5 – Shea, Milliken, Amick, Buskirk, Clark

Abstain 1 - Walker

RES-22-036

Development

Sponsor: Milliken

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CANAL WINCHESTER INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CORPORATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Adoption

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Amick to adopt RES-22-036. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Milliken, Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Shea, Walker

RES-22-037

Development

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACQUIRE AN ACCESS EASEMENT FROM FAIRFIELD TRINE, LLC.

Sponsor: Shea

- Adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amick to adopt RES-22-037. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Shea, Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker

RES-22-038

Council

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO RESEARCH AND REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR DIGITAL AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION

- Adoption

There was no discussion during this meeting. RES-22-038 has been removed for consideration.

I. Ordinances

Tabled

ORD-22-026

Development

Sponsor: Amos

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., PURSUANT TO SECTION 3735.671 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A RELATED SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Tabled at Third Reading

There was no discussion during this meeting. ORD-22-26 remained tabled.

ORD-22-027

Development

Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., PURSUANT TO SECTION 3735.671 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A RELATED SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND NORTHPOINT DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Tabled at Third Reading

There was no discussion during this meeting. ORD-22-27 remained tabled.

Third Reading

ORD-22-028

Council

Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF LOCATION IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND PRESERVATION DISTRICT

- Adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to adopt ORD-22-028. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Shea, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Buskirk

Second Reading

ORD-22-029

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE CANAL WINCHESTER CITY

Council
Sponsor: Amos

COUNCIL
- *Second Reading Only*

[ORD-22-030](#)
Development
Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GREENGATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
- *Second Reading Only*

[ORD-22-031](#)
Development
Sponsor: Milliken

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THE PLAT OF GREENGATE SUBDIVISION PHASE 3 & 5
- *Second Reading Only*

First Reading

[ORD-22-032](#)
Finance
Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #21-053, AMENDMENT #4
- *First Reading Only*

[ORD-22-033](#)
Public Service
Sponsor: Buskirk

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CABLE BARRIER ALONG US ROUTE 33
- *First Reading Only*

[ORD-22-034](#)
Public Service
Sponsor: Walker

AN ORDINANCE TO SET WATER USER FEES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL WATER ALLOCATION DISTRICT
- *First Reading Only*

[ORD-22-035](#)
Public Service
Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO SET SANITARY SEWER USER FEES
- *First Reading Only*

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - Monday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - Monday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - Monday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Walker

Walker – I have nothing to report at this time. However, Mayor Ebert if you could emphasize a little bit on the Pumpkin’s Helping People.

Ebert – Pretty good thing we got going there. Its three siblings that are selling pumpkins online. I think it’s \$15.00 if I’m not mistaken. I bought two last year and I’ll tell you that you’ve never seen a better pumpkin. They wash them before they give them to you and everything. They’re really good. They’re a 501(c) 3. They started in 2017 and they’re still going at it. All proceeds go to Human Services Canal Winchester Community Food Pantry and the Bloom Carroll Pantry Mission.

Walker – Thank you, Mayor.

CWICC - Amick

Amick – I have just two things I want to highlight. One is that the library has closed on three parcels across from the swimming pool parking lot. I think the estimate is 25 to 35,000 square feet and so I’m excited about that. Then, also a mobile medical spa provider has decided to move their headquarters to downtown Canal Winchester. Our next

meeting will be November 30th at 11:30 a.m. here in Council Chambers.

Milliken – Who is that supplier you said?

Amick – The supplier is actually Mobo. They're a mobile medical spa supplier and they're actually looking to move to downtown Canal Winchester and make some improvements on a residential space.

Milliken – That's cool.

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Shea – We had Mr. Pearce visit earlier and I have nothing to add to what he gave us.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Milliken – Farmer's Market ends at the end of the month. Also, had some assistance helping out with Labor Day and starting to do some planning for Christmas in the Village.

K. Old/New Business

Discussion: Greengate Final Development Plan

Haire – Mr. Milliken, is there desire to discuss the fence design in regards to #22-030?

Milliken – We can talk about that now if anybody has anything. I'll open up the floor.

Jon Bills – Good Evening Council, thank you for the opportunity to present again. Really not a lot to add, I believe you all saw in the packet. We tried to take some of the feedback we heard a couple weeks ago and some of the questions. The first exhibit that was added is more of the overall layout of the community that you see there. There were just some questions about like the distance between the fences once we put that in. We went ahead and had our engineer draw what's shown now compared to what you saw before is the deepest house that's currently being offered out there and with the 30-foot fence on the back. The biggest question I think that came out of that is the Southern parcel or on the bottom there what would be the distance between there and would there still be enough space. As you can see in there it's just a little over 50-feet would still be the green space in between those. I know that was one. The one I believe on the North or at least planned North, as you look at it I think it's like 170 some feet between them still on that side. Anything we presented with that doesn't change what the limited common area or the LC area is, we just wanted to better graphically show you kind of the distance between those. The other probably more important feedback that we heard was being sure to maybe be more specific about the exact type of fence in order to try keep it consistent for a longer period of time. Again, we stayed away from picking a name brand or a specific model but you'll see in there in both the description as well as the exhibits are the examples. We tried to go with a standard, I believe two rails and one rail without pickets on top or without the spears on top. Then, just allowing an option to add the puppy pickets on the bottom for people with the small dogs. That's really the only variation there would be which you really shouldn't see from like the streetscape or whatever anyways. We think with your help we've hopefully defined it a little bit more. It can be something that the condo association can monitor closely, and make sure everything's being done so that it looks like a similar streetscape as your driving through the community. I appreciate your feedback on those previously and hopefully this helps alleviate some of those concerns that I believe some Council had two weeks ago. I'd be happy to answer any other questions that maybe have come up since we were last here.

Discussion: Police Study

Clark – Mrs. Jackson, I just want to go back to the police study a little bit. Has anything been done? Do we know if any information has been sent requested yet by the consultants?

Jackson – I have the list. We are in the process of setting up our kickoff meeting which we're hoping to do next week.

Clark – Okay, perfect. Thank you.

Discussion: Agenda Items

Shea – I have a couple. I thought at one meeting we discussed carrying old and new business items on the agenda. Do we all agree to that?

Milliken – I think so, yes.

Shea – Jordan, can we start doing that for the next meeting please?

Pearce – Yes.

Shea – Thank you very much.

Discussion: Pedestrian Safety

Shea – I want to have a little conversation about pedestrian safety. I brought you all something to look at. This is my bike, it rolls really well. This is what happens when you're thrown in front of a car trying to run over your daughter on a crosswalk. We've all heard a lot of issues about pedestrian safety for a long time in our town and we all want it to be more pedestrian friendly. I brought this in sort of a call to action for us because there are children that walk around this town. They may not be with their parents and we have several key crosswalks that seem to be shooting alleys. If you're ducks on a pond or like you're playing points with cars and wanted to bring that point up. I know that Matt, your department has worked really hard to bring more awareness to pedestrian safety. The green crosswalks are really helpful especially when you're driving because you can see them. I'd just like to explore one to identify what our most dangerous intersections are for pedestrians in the Old Town especially. Then, try to formulate a plan to maybe get some better control there.

Clark – Which intersection did that happen?

Shea – That was Washington and Waterloo. It's funny when I was walking here, I was watching, I saw three people here at Trine and Waterloo. It was dad and two children and they're waiting as several cars go by and eventually a truck stopped and let them go through. That seems to be the only way that we get people through and maybe we can all be the change ourselves by taking more time to look for those pedestrians in the crosswalks to try to lead by example. Maybe other people will catch on. There're all kinds of little ways to improve it but we want to have a safe walkable pedestrian friendly small-town charm. I guess we're always going to have this challenge but it's how do we manage it and just looking for ideas too.

Clark – There has been considerable things done to those interchanges. They've done bigger signs, we've done the green things, and they've repainted. I mean it's not like they haven't done anything. I'm not saying there isn't maybe something more that can be done or looked at. At some point people just need to understand a crosswalk is a right-of-way. A walker or a bike has a right-of-way in a crosswalk and not enough people understand that unfortunately.

Shea – Mayor, could you add that to your newsletter?

Ebert – It's already printed.

Peoples – We try to put some stuff out especially right around with Summer coming on with the pool. There was actually a recent change in the state law where it used to be if you're in the crosswalk you have the right-of-way but now if you're at the curb at the crosswalk you have the right-of-way. The problem is that you'll lose if you go out there and somebody's going. Most people don't know that law has changed. I'm not sure how the driver's education is going now but there are more people on bikes and walking than when I went through it. That's for sure. It is

something that whether we get the word out type of thing. We actually did preform a study on Washington and Waterloo intersection from a safety standpoint back in 2016. It implemented some of those provisions. I'll have to review the study to see if there was anything else past that. In my opinion that is our most dangerous intersection if you're ranking one just with that three-way intersection, the crosswalks, Dairy Queen right down the street, everybody is walking down there, the pool right around the corner, and the park. It's a destination area for us and it does get its fair share. I try to look out for pedestrians there that are standing and waving them by even if I'm in the middle of the road. It's making people more aware of that new law.

Ebert – In addition, pedestrians I see seems like it's increasing more and more. People are running in the middle of the street too. I think that's something that's needs to be curbed somehow.

Milliken – How often do the crosswalks get restriped when they start to fade?

Peoples – There is no set schedule just if we notice them or are made aware of them. Especially in those type of intersections, I just heard over the weekend, Washington Street for example at the curve as you're going towards the High School. The center line there is fine on each side of the curve but in the curve, people coming northbound turn in there and are driving all over that. The more tires are contacting that the paint wears off. You have that at every crosswalk. We used to paint the crosswalks ourselves and as soon as we would get done they would be darkened with tire tracks going across them. Sufficiently dry, it would still get dingy and we were doing that every year on those type of things. We started doing a lot of thermoplastic which lasts a lot longer but it's a lot harder to replace. You have to grind it off and then put it back down as well. Those do get much more expensive. Most of the time our crosswalks are only what we call the federal aid road which is our main roads. Through town it's High Street, Waterloo, Washington, Columbus Street, Dietz Drive, Groveport Road, those are the ones that have actual crosswalks on them. If you're getting out into the subdivisions there's just not a lot of crosswalks at all, lower speed, lower volumes that type of thing. If there's a bike path facility along that route then that's when we started going in and putting those green markings on there. Those signify the bike lanes and some of those crossings there. That's what we started doing last year or the year before on West Waterloo Street when we put in a new path for Cherry Landing.

Milliken – We've said this before and I think all of us has had a conversation with you at some point about pedestrian safety. I think that Mayor you mentioned it, the foot traffic is up. Not to neglect other parts of town but it is mostly centered on the Old Town Downtown Canal Winchester. I'll always be looking for opportunities to make it a more pedestrian friendly environment.

Ebert – I go to other communities around us close by and I think we have more runners than walkers in this town combined around us. There's a bunch of them all the time.

Walker – I know we have the LED speed limit signs but possibly the LED flashing lights for those crosswalks. Have we considered maybe some of those where attention is needed?

Peoples – I've seen those at places that you don't expect to crosswalk. At an intersection you expect a crosswalk to be there and pedestrians. I've seen them in other places but mainly it's been in the center of a street if you're going down and there is just a crossing there. For example, in front of Shades how we have that there, I've seen town's where they have a crosswalk such as that. They're push buttons just like a crosswalk type of thing but they start lighting up as they go through to bring a little bit of attention. Those might be included in the report that we had done on there. Like I said, it was done in 2016 and we implemented the measures on there and it was implementing the signage that we put up there and then see where we're at.

Milliken – How feasible would it be to do something like speed bumps on a street maybe like Washington Street?

Peoples – Financially feasible? Or operationally?

Milliken – Operationally.

Peoples – The speed bumps will slow traffic right there and they increase noise. You have to slow down and speed up right past those each time. I know Columbus has them in some of the older neighborhoods along High Street, obviously they can be done but we work with the Sheriff's. We try to bring attention to it with our speed trailers and some enforcement out there. A lot of the times when you're standing still and someone's going by you at 25 mph you'll swear that they're going 40 mph. We've had them do an anonymous speed study meaning one where the Sheriff is not just standing there. They can do it more stealthily if you will. If you see a cop car you're going to slow down immediately and when you're doing a study that doesn't help those type of things.

Milliken – That's why I ask you because I don't think like that so thank you.

Walker – Back to the LED lights, the reason for those particular spots is I think in this circumstance there was a glare of the sun. Am I right, Mr. Shea?

Shea – There was. It was 7:30 in the evening. The poor guy is driving West and looking right into the sun. That's why I wasn't even really that mad at him after I calmed down a little bit.

Walker – So, if this is one of those spots, the sun is bright and people are driving, the LED is what I was thinking. I knew the story a little bit before walking in that maybe something flashing would help.

Peoples – We want to limit the use of those flashing signs only because the more you put out there, the more people just ignore them. We have speed limit signs everywhere, they just don't pay attention to them. In some of those key areas and the transitions between the 35 and 25 those are the ones that we want to really key on and that's why they're in those locations that we have.

Shea – I like your numbers on the road.

Peoples – Yes, I like that. That's worked out pretty well. Just to add that notification to bring awareness.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session @ 8:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Milliken to adjourn to executive session to confer with the attorney for the city concerning pending or imminent court action under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). As well as regarding negotiations with another political subdivision regarding requests for economic development assistance where the information is directly related to a provision of Chapter 715 or provision of public infrastructure improvements. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amick, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Buskirk, Clark

M. Adjournment @ 9:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Amick to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Buskirk, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker