

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

January 18, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

Ashley Ward

- A. Call To Order** *Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Amos**
- C. Roll Call** *Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward*
- D. Approval of Minutes**

[MIN-22-001](#) January 3, 2022 Organizational Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Clark to approve MIN-22-001. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Walker, Clark, Amick, Amos, Milliken, Shea, Ward

[MIN-22-002](#) January 3, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Shea to approve MIN-22-002. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Shea, Amick, Amos, Milliken, Walker, Ward

[MIN-22-003](#) January 3, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Amick – I'd like to note that on the city council meeting minutes 22-003, Ms. Cori Rowley's name is spelled incorrectly on page 30.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Milliken to approve MIN-22-003 as amended. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Milliken, Amick, Amos, Clark, Walker, Ward

E. Communications & Petitions

[COM-22-001](#) Madison Township Police Department Statistics - December 2021

F. Public Comments - Five Minutes Per Person

[PCS-22-001](#) J. Gildow Public Comment Submission - 1/3/2022

[PCS-22-002](#) K. Holmes Public Comment Submission - 1/6/2022

[PCS-22-003](#) V. Collier Public Comment Submission - 1/6/2022

[PCS-22-004](#) R. Clark Public Comment Submission - 1/6/2022

[PCS-22-005](#) K. Teal Public Comment Submission - 1/6/2022

[PCS-22-006](#) D. Gunnoe Public Comment Submission - 1/6/2022

[PCS-22-007](#) A. Sargent Public Comment Submission - 1/6/2022

[PCS-22-008](#) A. Forquer Public Comment Submission - 1/14/2022

[PCS-22-009](#) N. Barr Public Comment Submission - 1/14/2022

[PCS-22-010](#) B. Rothrock Public Comment Submission - 1/14/2022

Chuck Carpenter, 59 John Anne Circle – I was born and raised here. I graduated from Canal Winchester High School. I guess that I was nominated to be on the Planning and Zoning Commission. I guess there was a lot of discussion at the last meeting. Unfortunately, I wasn't here to participate about my qualifications. I went down to city hall. Asked what the qualifications were and they said it was

the same as when I was running for city council. It's basically living in Canal Winchester. I filled out the application to be on the Planning and Zoning Commission and went the Mayor because I know he appoints those people and said, what can I do to help on any of the committees. He said would you like to serve on this and so I said yes. I guess I'm not sure what other qualifications you're trying to discuss or find out or whatever, but I'm here to answer any questions. I'm just here to help make Canal Winchester and continue to make Canal Winchester a city where my wife and I decided to retire to and live here. I'm trying to help the community out. I guess I'm running into a lot of roadblocks and I'm not quite sure why. The school district said that they needed help so I took the time, got my substitute license, and am trying to help out the schools, because again, the schools are important. So, whatever I can do. Ms. Amos asked if I would continue to help out with the CWJRD, which I missed the last two meetings because of some health issues with my wife, but I come on coming back for that committee also. With that, I'll stop talking and see if you have any questions of me.

Milliken – If anybody does have any questions at this point, I think it would behoove us to save those for when this resolution comes up, if that's ok.

Richard Ricketts, Ricketts Co LPA, 50 Hill Rd South, Pickerington – Counsel for Dale and Terri Schacht, the owners for the property that is proposed to be developed by NorthPoint. Not surprisingly I'm here to speak in support of that project this evening. I understand that there are many people in the community that do not support these types of projects. But I want to break my comments down into two different items. The first of those is to the extent that you support these types of projects. I hope you will give strong consideration to NorthPoint as being a developer. Like you, I've had the opportunity to deal with my developers over the course of my career and there's a big difference. And the proof is in the pudding. I hope that you have realized from your discussions with NorthPoint that they are willing to go the extra step and the extra mile to make this an excellent project. And that is what it takes. The difference between a good project and an excellent project really does boil down to the developer, their ethics, and the proof is in the pudding, and I believe that NorthPoint will in fact provide you with a quality product. Second point, and really is the more important point, and being from Pickerington and understanding like Canal Winchester that there are many issues and concerns to a community and school district when you are faced with the possibility of newly annexed and do we develop in our community or let the city of Columbus do it. This property is going to be developed and the question is is it going to be developed in Canal Winchester or is it going to be developed in the city of Columbus. Obviously, we do not know what will happen when it is developed in the city of Columbus but I'm going to speak with a little of education and background and knowledge. The first of those is there are likely two things that are going to happen because of the highest and best nature of the project and the property. The first of those is it's going to be a similar project to what is being proposed by NorthPoint. But in the city of Columbus, I guarantee you that they are not going to be required to provide the same level of incentives and improvements that have been offered by NorthPoint to Canal Winchester. That is intended to be a compliment of all of staff and members of Canal Winchester because you will in fact end up with a better product and project than if this is developed in the city of Columbus. The second point is if it is not developed in this type of a product, it probably is going to go to affordable housing. If you look the city of Columbus and you look at a developer, and I'm going to put my developer hat on, what would you love? City of Columbus wants affordable housing and you've got Canal Winchester schools. That is a scenario that a developer loves because of the market that they're going to be able to bring. If you look at what you can do in terms of the best interest of Canal Winchester, and I realize that some of you may not really support industrial buildings, but if you look at what's in the best interest of Canal Winchester, I think it becomes a relatively easy solution and that is number 1, Canal Winchester needs to annex and develop and zone this property. When you control it, that brings a great deal of ability to dot is and cross ts. You're also going to be getting a variety of financial incentives and resources as a result of it. If it goes to Columbus, you're probably not going to get utility dollars. You're probably not going to get some of the return on investment for lines you've already extended. And you're certainly not going to be providing, if this goes into affordable housing, it is not going to be something that you want to look at. All you have to do is look at history. You can look up Gender Road and if you are a Pickerington/Violet Township person, I look down Tussing Road and I realize we wish we had that one back. I hope that you will fact strongly consider what's in the best interest of Canal Winchester and support the zoning being proposed by NorthPoint so that this property can be productively developed in the city of Canal Winchester.

Kay Sargent, 6732 Braeswick Ct – It's time for the council to hit the pause button on warehouses. It was not surprising to me that the Planning and Zoning Commission took a strong stand and voted unanimously against the warehouses, the NorthPoint warehouses. I've been very disappointed in the city staff in how they have responded to concerns about traffic. Quite frankly Mr. Miles, you and your staff has responded better to these traffic concerns than our city. The council needs to follow the city's own thoroughfare plan. As they say, plan the work. That's been done. Now work the plan. Building the Bixby Rd/33 interchange is a key part of that plan. This intersection needs to be addressed before approving additional warehouses. Don't rush the warehouses. Work with other entities to make the Bixby Rd/33 interchange happen. It is not clear that the city has even started partnering with other entities. It is not clear how much local funding is needed but we are being scared into believing that every last TIF dollar is required. It is not clear what the

city has done to start, much less complete, a feasibility study. It is not clear if the city is applying for ODOT TRAC funds that the NorthPoint people pointed out tonight. Before any additional warehouses are to be approved for this area, these steps are needed. Correct traffic problems before any additional traffic. It is only because of a very strong Planning and Zoning Commission decision that NorthPoint made these changes. Chuck, you're a nice guy, I've talked with you before. But we need people with a strong zoning background. We cannot afford to have you have on the job training. We need a stronger person in planning and zoning and Mr. Mayor, I know you can make that decision. Good night and be kind.

Ann Bennett, 41 Elizabeth St – I am a resident within the city limits. The scope of services described in the comprehensive plan for the city RFP that's being sent to certain companies for proposal includes the following – “The plan should determine a vision based on core values, that are determined through the planning process. The plan shall address the desired balance of land uses, their location, desire, character, and density, as applies to undeveloped and potential redevelopment areas and the interconnection among land uses, the built environment, the socioeconomic environment, and the national environment.” A vision for the community based on core values that are determined through the planning process does not mean ramrodding through requests by out of state companies with no vested current or future direct interest in our community to replace large agricultural tracts and vacant land with obnoxious behemoths that insult and threaten our way of life and our environment. A vision for the community based core values that are determined through the planning process does not mean ignoring so many citizens who have been pleading for smart growth. A vision for the community based on core values that are determined through the planning process does not mean ignoring council's recommendation two weeks ago to revisit all current applicants to the Planning and Zoning Commission. A vision for the community based on core values that are determined through the planning process does mean that anyone in a civic leadership position who is willing to turn Canal Winchester into warehouse city has a responsibility to slow down and back off in order to give the comprehensive plan process the time it needs to complete its due diligence and return with thoughtful recommendations. Now, I recognize that some people who do not want to slow do have said that putting a hold on petitions for industrial and other warehouse friendly rezoning may open the door to legal action against the city by developers. If a few thousand dollars in legal fees are needed to buy time for the comprehensive plan to be completed, that is money well spent. Because otherwise the city may very well be wasting up to \$225,000 budgeted for development of a plan that is essentially ignored in advance.

Anita Ervin, 8300 Bruce Ct NW – I am not in the city limits. I live in the Violet Township unincorporated portion, just over there where Busey Rd and Hill Rd meet. My kids attend this school. We live in this community. We work in this community and we consider ourselves part of this community even though I'm not a voting constitute. Many, many, many of my friends are. May of whom could not make it tonight. I would just like to take a moment and remind the Mayor of the words in his letter to Canal Winchester residents and the letter you put on the city's website. You said “As we move forward, move towards our future, I'm committed to using a common-sense approach that allows us to grow responsibly while maintaining our heritage.” In recent months, we have heard many comments and concerns that building more warehouses and moving forward without a community development plan is the antithesis of responsible growth. I will not repeat all the arguments here. We've heard them so often. But common sense tells me that if someone is insisting working against the desires of the majority of their constituents then there is a huge disconnect between them and the people they committed to serve. What causes that? Perhaps you're not listening. Perhaps they don't care. Perhaps they think that they know better than everybody else at the county who has an opinion. Or perhaps they stand to gain in another way. And while we may never know the truth of the matter, and I'm not trying to make accusations, I would encourage the city council and the mayor to think carefully the message that your actions are sending to the people who voted you into office. And the community has made their opinion very clear in this last election with the people that were voted into the new city council seats. Additionally, I'm concerned with what appears to be Canal Winchester city officials working to remove appointees that voice reasonable opposition to their plans. Do you really want to set a precedent of simply allowing leadership to remove people that don't agree with them? Healthy conflict yields better long-term results because it requires more creative solutions and it allows there to be checks and balances to power. You need to look no further than the concessions that Northstar has brought to the table. Just to see the benefits of opposition, I do not know Mr. Carpenter, I make no judgment of his character, but I'm concerned that his reputed close relationship with the Mayor and his lack of planning and zoning commission will result in his becoming nothing more than a yes man. We do not need another yes man. We need reasonable and honest and open discussion and healthy conflict. It also appears that some members of this council and the Mayor are putting a lot of effort into pushing these warehouses through. I challenge you to redirect that effort into attracting businesses that will improve Canal Winchester and are desirable for our citizens. We don't have to look far to see the impact of unfettered warehouse growth on good communities. We can look at Obetz, we can look at West Jefferson and the problems that they're having now. Is this really the future you want for our town? I'm not against growth. I like to order from websites just as much as the next person but we are at a crossroads in Canal Winchester. I plead with you to exercise the common sense that God gave you, honor the oath that you took when you committed to serve the people of this town, and work to grow responsibly.

Katie Moore, 7571 Embers Ln – I live in Ashbrook and although I don't have as eloquent of words as those who have spoken before me, I did at least want to come up and say a few things. I am for growth. I'm for responsible growth. I'm not necessarily completely against warehouses. But I do think we need a plan. Growth without a plan to me is very scary. Once the land is gone, it's gone. I completely understand from the standpoint of being a landowner, and if I were in their position I would absolutely want to be working with these developers. So, I completely understand that. However, I do think that it is in the best interest of council and the best interest of everyone to at least consider vantage points here. All we're asking for is to press pause. Let's think about these things. We have opportunities. Land is scarce in this area, in terms of outside of the city of Columbus. One of the reasons that I chose to live here, to move here, and to raise my family, is because it is one of the few areas in Columbus that still has a couple of cornfields between us and the city. When I moved here, I knew that those were going to go away. And I'm ok with that. All I'm asking, all I think that most of us are asking, is for us to be smart about what we do develop. Is it a warehouse? It could be. But without a plan I don't see how we're considering all options. I think we're selling ourselves to the first bidder that walks in and I think that we should be making smarter decisions. A couple of other points I want to discuss really quickly. I'm really confused about what the process for appointing someone to P&Z is. As Chuck had mentioned, the qualifications are to live in CW. I live here, I applied for Planning and Zoning. I was never called. In that spirit, we have the same qualifications but why is he standing before us today to be appointed and I never was even honored a conversation. I don't have a background in planning and zoning but I have a passion for my city. I have a daughter in our school system and I want to serve our community. How does this make me any different than Mr. Carpenter here who also has the same desire? I volunteer. My husband is involved on the CWJRD board and is also working hard for change in our city. So, something to consider here. I'm a little confused of what that looks like. Development like I said is inevitable. All I'm asking is to press pause until the development plan is created. Another concern that keeps coming up with the constituents that have elected all of you is the lack of police presence. As we continue to grow and annex more land, which is inevitable, I'm ok with that, that's responsible growth and controlling the narrative, makes sense. We still have contracted sheriff's here and we don't have a police force. That's extremely concerning to me especially with the recent events that have happened at the edges of our city. And within our city and in our surrounding communities. I think those are valuable concerns and things that we should be considering as we move forward and grow. Again, this land is in high demand. Other opportunities will come. There never will not be a seller for wide open acreage outside of the major city area. These buyers, the sellers are not going to have any issue making a very fair profitable transaction. I understand that, I respect that, I would do the same thing. All we are asking is please, press pause. Take a moment to listen to all of the different voices. Just because I think there is a thought that everybody is against the warehouses does not that mean that's what we're trying to do here. We want responsible development and growth. That requires a plan. We're working on one but it's not done.

Trish Preston, 9025 Waterloo Eastern Rd – I'm an area farmer and our farm operates as a social good enterprise that looks for ways to engage and give back to the community directly. I have a bachelor's degree in parks, recreation, and tourism administration and will happily complete my master's degree in environment and natural resources with a focus on sustainable agriculture and public policy management next spring. I'm a former police officer and park ranger and I served for 13 years as the Zoning Commissioner of the Violet Township Zoning Board. I've spent the last several months having personal conversations with elected officials and city planners and development directors in the region discussing the rapid industrial development happening in Canal Winchester. Every single one of them said that what is happening here is an example of poor development, setting us on a course for failure. Every single one of them. Every city needs to have a balanced approach to planning, recreation, agriculture, business and industry. A good city plan has a balance of all these things which makes it a desirable place to live and work. A well-planned city has many amenities. Canal Winchester has almost none. It takes money to get those things and the way to get that is through income tax. The only development that seems to be happening here is industrial warehouses and that is not creative, it is not innovative, and will certainly not generate the amount of income tax needed to grow this city and provide amenities unless of course you plan to build a lot of warehouses. Because it will require a large number of them generate the wealth that the city would like to have in order to grow. Canal Winchester, you are not Obetz. You never will be. Stop trying. Obetz's warehousing district is set away from residences. They have a daily influx of 25,000 employees into their warehouse area and only 5,000 residents who live there. They have infrastructure in place to support those warehouses. They have Rickenbacker. Do you know where all those executives who work in the Obetz warehouses live? Most of them live here in Canal Winchester. That's very interesting I think. Obetz has a lot to offer. But they planned it that way and again, they have their industrial area next to an airport and it's set away from industrial areas. In order for us to obtain the level with the number of employees that Obetz has to generate the kind of income tax that they have, we have to completely convert what we know as our small rural suburban town into an industrial town of warehouses at the density of Obetz, squeezed dangerous in and around residential housing and places where we shop and recreate. There could be no greater example of poor planning than to think that this is appropriate land use. We do not have the infrastructure to support this kind of development. The traffic studies have all had failing grades to show we cannot handle the traffic from warehouses. And worse yet, you are giving it all away when every single city the size of Canal Winchester would insist that this kind of development be in a planned district. You

have no recourse, no enforceable actions you can take when the developers do not follow through with the plan they have presented to you. Let's talk about the warehouses that have been approved when they told you they were putting in roughly 50 some truck pads. They doubled that and put in just a hair under 100. Then they came to zoning appeals and asked for a variance and said oops, that's our bad. We meant to ask for that in the beginning, but we messed up, and since it's already done, can we have a variance. And no questions were asked. It was granted. They doubled their capacity. And that would not have happened had it been in a planned district. No development director or city planner in the Central Ohio Region would pursue any of this without in being in a planned district and your city staff should be telling you that. When that warehouse occupant vacates, what comes in next could be any use under the zoning code and the city has zero power to ask them to comply with anything. If in comes a tire manufacturer with strong odor of rubber, smoke stacks, trucks, you name it, you want to ask them for certain landscaping or any number of requests to make it more palatable to the community, you will have no power to do so and no way to enforce these developers to do anything they said they would do because it is not in a planned district. All uses allowed under the zoning code could later exist. All uses. And you will have no say unless it is in a planned district. All of you on this council were voted in by the residents of Canal Winchester and you need to listen to the people who put you in those seats. They're telling you, no more warehouses. Put a moratorium on all development until the current process underway to create a development and economic development plan are complete. Redo the zoning code to match. Require all new development to be a in a planned district. Insist on a balance where different businesses can grow here and not just warehouses. Are you concerned that these developers will sue you? Don't be. Because every city administrator we talked to said do not be afraid to be sued. Let them sue. You get one shot at the future of this city and right now you are allowing a select few landowners and their million-dollar development contracts that they have been promised to determine the health and well-being of this city forever. And you get one shot. The development plan and the infrastructure to manage this development comes first. You are smarter than this. You know that this process should be followed. As a planned development district. Do the right thing.

Dyanne Gross, 7866 Mountain Ash Ln – I'm going to speak off the cuff. I did this before and I was put in the local newspaper so I'm not real happy about doing this. But I'm going to do it anyway. I've been here since 1996 when my husband and I's jobs came here from Defense Electronics Supply Center and we worked in Whitehall. I retired. I have traveled 33 for many, many years. I could be at work at 6 or I could be at work at 9. And over that timeframe, due to the traffic on 33, I started going in to work at 5:15. As we continue to go back to work, there will be more cars on 33. And now we're gonna have trucks. And I'm sorry Mr. Miles, with respect, a state of the art concrete building is still concrete buildings that are going to put more semi-trucks on 33. When we went past Dill's we had to miss all the holes. I started a van pool. People going to Lancaster. Sir, Canal Winchester, Carroll, Lancaster, all depend on 33. People in the van pool used to talk about where they would go to stay off of 33. It is growing from here to Lancaster. ODOT does not give, excuse my language, a rat's you-know-what about 33. There's more traffic on 33 than on US Route 70 in its heyday. 70 goes from east coast to west coast and you're telling me that this is gonna have no affect on traffic. You've got to be kidding. I don't care if you put a \$90 million project in here. And I really don't care if you go to the city of Columbus. I really don't. And I'm sorry, I don't see the advantage to the schools. I don't see the advantage to the community. And the other developer said, 33 is an ideal corridor. It ain't now unless they do some infrastructure, ODOT isn't even going to touch 33 for 15 more years. I don't care what you do, but from the city of Columbus for 14 miles from Canal Winchester down to Lancaster, if ODOT doesn't step in, it's gonna get even crazier as more and more people go back to work. And more and more people are going to go back to work. It's not going to be working from home forever. I am a former customer account specialist lead. My army was my customer. I dealt with people in Kuwait, Iraq, and whatever. I communicated with my customer. I got in trouble because I gave them the truth. If Dyanne says you can't get your material or you can't get your equipment, I told them why. All I'm asking for this council is to communicate with us, why do we want these? What's the benefit? Why? You don't communicate with us. It's frustrating. I put it on Facebook. I can't believe the lack of communication from this council. That's all I've got to say.

Kathleen Vasko, 65 W Columbus St – I have a few things to say. I've lived here a long time. I don't plan on moving so to me my words are important for you to hear them. For those of you that know me, know that I am not a mouthpiece or spokesperson for my husband. But there's some gross injustices done and I need to speak to those issues right now. This is an email that I sent to council and I apologize I did not know the process for making this part of the public record but I want it to be part of the public record, so I'm gonna have to read it to you right now. And this is something that I have sent to council, staff, and the mayor. As we move in the direction of becoming a community surrounded by warehouses in every direction, there's a few things I need to say. The first thing that I need to say would be the manner in which my husband Michael Vasko found out that he would not be re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He was informed at the Planning and Zoning meeting in December that he needed to complete an application to re-apply and follow that up with an email to Mr. Ebert that he was still interested and which he did. He was advised of this by Andrew Moore only after he asked the question at the Planning and Zoning meeting in December and this is on the record. Side note, just so there's no confusion, Mr. Haire was there and he heard this discussion take place. So, when Mr. Haire said at the last meeting here that he wasn't sure, he did know because he was sitting right there. He knew the answer to the question. I don't

think that he wanted to go on the record and be perceived as knowing that that had happened because how what happened was wrong. You should absolutely be ashamed and most definitely be embarrassed how you handled the transfer of this information with a Planning and Zoning member who has served this community in good faith for 18 years. I am almost lacking the words to describe how awful, inconsiderate, and rude the actions of this government has been in the dealing with this issue. I have always been respectful and understanding that there are many components that make government work and things do not always work as every single person would like them to work every single time, but in the end we should be striving for our local government to represent the people, who voted you to those positions to do the right things. I have to say I have lost a great deal of respect in regards to how this happened. My next point would be that my husband should have had an idea that he was not going to be re-appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission based on a conversation that he had with a staff person in the fall, who told him that they were paying attention to what I, his wife, was doing with the warehouse people. They were paying attention to me and thought he was sympathetic to that cause. That is crap. If any of you know my husband, he doesn't operate that way. That was not a point brought up when it was revealed that my husband would not be reappointed by Planning and Zoning. Of course, I have received since then, an email that that was indeed the reason that he was not reappointed. And I'll go on if I have time with that point. Am I not allowed to have my opinions and thoughts separate from my husband? This was not a point brought up when it was revealed that my husband – said that. The point that was brought up was that certain people thought he had served long enough and it was time for a change. Do you think anywhere in your discussions your meetings your notes you will find mention of this concern by our government? I think the answer is no. Which brings me to who are these people that said he had served too long? I want to know who are these people. I believe it's a select group of people that serve a common select interest. I just want to know who the people are. In regards to the note that he did receive regarding, I did receive an email back, that he was not appointed indeed because as soon as I put that sign out in front of my house, he was a liability to the city. I challenge you to go back and look at his record and see where he has been a liability to the city. There are four other adult voting members that live in that house. So, you want to take away my freedom of speech and the other three people that live in the house with me, and my husband doesn't own the house, he just happens to live with us. I own the house. In conclusion, again no disrespect, you guys, when you're getting read to appoint someone to Planning and Zoning, we are at a critical crossroad with this community right now. And we all know it. We all know it. You need to appoint somebody. You need to go back and look at all of your applicants and you need to look for somebody who has the qualification. Planning and Zoning is your homework, your research tool.

Shea – I'd like to address Mrs. Vasko's concerns. I'm in whole-hearted agreement with her about the process.

Milliken – I think if we address those issues, I think it should be when we go and address them with the resolutions like we did with Mr. Carpenter. I think that would be the fair thing to do.

Michael Barr, 5656 Bixby Rd – I've obviously been here before. I have a vested interest in what's going on here. On the lighter side though, I have been approached by the gentleman that owns MyPillow and he wants to invest in my property and he's going to create this giant five acre pillow and all the plans that fly over my house, they're not going to have to go to these warehouses. They're just going to unload and drop it down on this pillow and they're going to drive it away. So, I've solved all your problems. No traffic, no nothing. Also, I think the golf course is for sale and I think it'd be a lot cheaper to buy the golf course and put a couple of warehouses over there. It's surrounded by a lot of houses but it's cheaper than the Schacht farm and it's got all the infrastructure. There's big roads and everything right there. But that will never happen. As far as this traffic study and stuff, they didn't even mention an acceleration lane off of Bixby where all these trucks – they say these trucks aren't going to turn left out of their warehouses. I've seen trucks come down that road. I'm not there to witness them coming out of the warehouses but it's possible. I think that little concrete berm where the trucks exit the warehouses, these guys aren't the smartest. They don't have the most tools in their toolbox, so they're going to go the shortest distance. That's not even including the warehouses they're proposing to build in the other property. There's no restrictions on them turning right onto Bixby. You're going to have a lot of traffic down there. It takes 20, 30 seconds for these trucks to accelerate. I lived in Bexley my whole life. There's been a couple events that have made me a better person. Meeting my wife has made me a better person. Having kids. Having business. Moving to Canal has made me a better person because I look out and I can see the sun come up and the sun come down. I can see lightning bugs come off the soybean fields. It's a beautiful place. And you're going to put these ugly structures right next to the highway where you have people coming up and down 33 that have never been to Canal. What are they going to see? They're going to see 36, 40-foot buildings. Literally from here over to there. The corner of that building that's going to be that far from the highway. And tell me that these little bushes or 8-foot berms is going to cover that building. It's not. That's what the perception of people driving down 33 and up 33 is gonna see. Are they gonna wanna stop at Canal? No. They're going to want to get as far away as possible. And sure. It's going to create some jobs. Great. But these people aren't going to – these people don't live here. And I'm sure he doesn't have a warehouse within 10 miles of his house. I'm sure of it. You can bet on that. But it's not about my property. I'll probably move up to New England to be closer to my kids. And I'm going to come back and bring my grandson who's just 5, 6 months old, 3 or 4 years from now, and he's going to say, "Grandpa,

what is that?" I'll say, that's what they decided to do. They decided to ruin this beautiful community. There's a place for warehouses, but not right next to the road. That property could be multi use. It can be a hotel. It can be job created. And this threat about Columbus, we've heard that from the very beginning. And Columbus isn't going to give them a big tax break. And it's not going to be easy, like snap the fingers kind of thing. It's just not gonna happen. That's this big white elephant they keep bring to the room. They're playing poker. It's a con. These people are coming to Canal Winchester because it's easier. They're not going to Dublin. They're not going to New Albany. They're coming here for a reason. They're laughing in their offices at you guys. Wow, this was so easy. They're making fools of you. They're throwing around like \$90 million for these two warehouses they're proposing to build. It doesn't cost \$90 million to build this warehouse. Look it up. They throw these numbers out. \$500,000 here, I don't have that kind of money to throw at you. It's a con. And they've got some people wrapped around their finger. If you want to believe all this, be my guest. But it's going to be your problem. It's not going to be my problem. My property is not going to go down in value. Good luck.

Angie Halstead, 59 Busey Rd – I feel like I've been up here a million times because I think I have. Again, I want to thank everybody for showing up and speaking tonight. I want to reiterate again that there's many that wanted to come but with COVID, I don't think this is even working well. People are texting me telling me they're getting kicked off constantly. Hopefully we'll find a solution to that fast so people can actually come and speak because a lot do want to be here. I want to suggest a Town Hall. I think it's needed. We get up here and talk to you. You don't interact. There's a community coffee. Three-fourths of the council don't even show. I know that there's a sign-up genius out there and no body signed up but maybe a couple of people. It'd be great if you guys actually participated and listened to the community and talked with us. Instead of listening and giggling and laughing at people when they get up here and talk. I know what happened last time when I was up here and it's shameful. We sat here and listened to these developers about how they don't live here. Well, they're right. They don't live here. We do. This is our town. This is not what we want. I listen to talk about the historic district and how we protect that. But what about everywhere else? Just because you're protecting downtown is amazing. It's great. But you're not protecting everybody else. It is your job to protect other people. We have Planning and Zoning for a reason. If we didn't, it would be chaos. It's not the good of one. It's the good of the community. I listen to scare tactics again. How much money we're throwing - \$90 million? So what? Is that worth our town? Is that worth destroying our town? \$90 million? Those other two warehouses that were done, that was done during COVID. People didn't know. You had Council closed down. We weren't allowed to attend. And honestly, I know a lot of this has been done behind closed doors for months before this even comes in to Planning and Zoning. Before this even gets presented to you. This is all a plan. We're not stupid. We understand that. We know what's been done. But we live here. Our development director doesn't live here. And it shows. Why doesn't he care about this town as much as we do? Why are we picking this low hanging fruit? Again, like Trish said, we need a planned district. We have nothing to hold their feet to the fire. They're going to come in here and smooth talk you and say whatever you want to get what they want. But then what? What are we left with? We're left with the destruction. We're left with no habitats for deer, for all of the wildlife. We're left with - one of the neighbors reached out to me that's near these two warehouses that are currently there. Her house is now a floodplain. Because all the concrete. That's what they turned her house into. When's enough enough? When are we going to put the line in sand and say we're done? We need this development plan before we go forward, period. It's going to be 12, 18 months, 2 years, and then what? We destroyed everything and there's no going back. And who's to blame? Everyone up here. Do the right thing. Do the right thing with Planning and Zoning. I'm sure he's a lovely man. But this is too important. Too important. You had a lady – I hope you all looked through the packets that the people that did actually apply for Planning and Zoning – because there was a lady in there, that's what she does. Ten years in experience in planning. But she wasn't called. That's sad. And as Cori who was here earlier, she had to leave, she said last week, get it together. Get it together.

Jenna Acklin, 55 Franklin St – We just walked down. We were watching online. Decided to come down. I am a resident of downtown Canal Winchester. This is my daughter Mira. She's 11. This is her first council meeting. She wanted to come with me. I agree with all the comments regarding warehousing today. I don't have anything additional to add. My concerns today are directly for you, Mr. Mayor. I've sent you several emails, including all of council. Only one time have you ever responded and that was to correct me because I thought the Bender Scholarship was a sports scholarship. That was the only time you responded to anything I ever wrote. The appointment of Chuck Carpenter to Planning and Zoning, while lots of other candidates were not even contacted, and a well-qualified servant of our community was dismissed, is suspect. I understand it is your discretion as the Mayor to make those appointments. But to so flagrantly say to the public, it's my decision and I don't care what you think, is just a very bold move on your part. I understand there may be no violation in in but I think everyone sees it's wrong. It's wrong. You had qualified candidates that you did not consider. Mr. Carpenter said himself at meet the candidate night that he's known you since you were 6 years old, in first grade together, that he's for warehouses, and that he doesn't think the problem with council is that they're not listening to the residents, but rather the problem is that residents aren't listening to council and the mayor. It's pretty clear by Mr. Carpenter's own words and not the impression of the troublemakers you think we are, where his allegiance lies. He has already said, I am for these things. I think that the community should be listening to council and the mayor. They know better. I will also bring up the incident that occurred at my home where my neighbor's daughter came over wearing a gun, screaming and threatening. And she was cited

for disorderly conduct and menacing. A warrant was issued for her arrest that summer, in July. That was closed without the knowledge of the sheriff here in Canal Winchester. And it's my understanding that you are above them. That here in Canal Winchester, because we don't have our own police department, that you're the final boss when those things go. It was done backhanded, that that warrant was closed. When I called in October to ask about that, it was reopened. You can lean over and whisper all you'd like. It was reopened. The prosecutor reopened the case. I had been told per your instructions, you had to check with the prosecutor to see if that was something that could be prosecuted. You couldn't make those decisions. The prosecutors told me that in fact that is wrong. It is 100% up to the sheriff's department if they file charges. And then the prosecutor just handles the case. Because of your mishandling, and I'm holding you responsible because you are the head of our sheriff's department here in Canal Winchester, because of that delay, that woman who was cited for disorderly conduct and menacing for having a weapon on my property and threatening my 15-year old son and myself. She plead guilty in court. She then sued my husband and I for \$6,000 in small claims court for attorney's fees for that criminal case. So, then we had to go through that. That was just dismissed a week ago. And in that court case she came in there and said when she contacted the city, the city told her, they were so sorry. They tried to get it to go away. But the woman kept coming in every week to throw a fit so their hands were tied. So, they had to do it and they had to arrest her against their will. So when she was taken in, she knew it was my responsibility because I demanded it. The case was dismissed. So, we're done with that. But it's been a year and a half. We're constantly still harassed by the same neighbor. You've never once responded to any email or concern I've had with this city. You continue to not listen to the citizens and to not even respond. And then when we come to meetings like this or to the coffee meeting when you are there. I addressed you there and yes, I become heated because I was speaking on this same issue when you stated you could not answer, do black lives matter until you attended diversity training. And then did not attend the diversity training that you said you were going to attend. At that time, you shut me off and said this is inappropriate. You said this is not the time for you to bring this up with me. However, you don't respond to emails. You don't answer questions at community coffee unless Lucas Haire is there to answer your questions. You have trouble answering questions about financial things unless Amanda Jackson is here to answer those questions. I see zero information coming from the Mayor of Canal Winchester. Except for decisions like appointing Chuck Carpenter to Planning and Zoning without considering any other new applicants and disregarding a long-serving servant, Mike Vasko. There's no defense for the way you handling yourself. Not even this city. The way you handling yourself. There's no hiding from it. People like to say oh they're just rambling on Facebook. We have to ramble on Facebook because you don't listen to us. You don't respond to our emails. If we oppose what you say, you shut us down in a public forum. It happened to me with city council several times within the last year and a half. But I'm not addressing that. Hopefully we're starting with a fresh slate. But I can't do that with you and I will not do that with you. But I am calling you out in front of all of these people to see. You contributed to Chuck Carpenter's campaign for city council. I'm not saying that's wrong. I don't know if that's wrong. But I know you contributed to his campaign. I know Wisner and Wood contributed to his campaign, I believe, from what I saw on the records. And a son-in-law as well. And now, here we are. I'm not saying that's wrong. But when you look at the candidates and what happened with this failed city council run, and now this happens, it can't get shadier. So, I'm just asking you to do the right thing. I have zero faith that you will. But I'm asking that you do the right thing and maybe say, let me take a step back from that. Rethink it and maybe prove something to your residents. I know you're not running again so you really don't care. But I'm asking you. And I'm asking council to please do not let this go through. Please. Thank you.

Jennifer Hayes, 43 Liberty St – This is one of my first times attending a council meeting and successfully multitasking writing and speaking. I had no intentions of speaking and attending tonight but I am so moved by the community that I live in currently to do so. Again, respect to you, I don't know you. You seem great. But I've lived in Canal Winchester for a little over a year. I am somebody who grew up near Independence High School but went to Groveport and graduated from that community. Prior to moving to Canal Winchester, I lived in Newport Village in Groveport for four years. The love of my life and went to prom together. We have a small business that we run together. And the year that we have been in Canal, I cannot tell you how much and love that we have been shown and how much we have been embraced by the community. It has been incredibly heartwarming. So proud to be able to walk over here and to be able to attend the meeting tonight. To know people like Cori and the Prestons. To meet city kitty most recently, to have such charming things, and to make this connection. This is such a blessing and what a small community and what a fantastic turn out to see how people care about the community. In saying all of that, it is disheartening to hear that, it kind of harkens back to the days of Bucky Rinehart or Dick Celeste and even Blagojevich in Chicago to hear that we're not necessarily what might be best for the community. We're hearing the voices of the community. I appreciate that you have a passion and you want to do well. Who doesn't? I can certainly appreciate that and I don't want to speak ill of you, I don't know you. But to hear that there are qualified candidates who could have that vision, that experience, and not have to learn trial by fire at the expense of the public, why would we not vet them? Why would we not consider them as viable options? It seems like dirty politics to tap a friend and say hey, you ran for student council. I was vice president of student council in Groveport. So, when you said that I was like oh I could do this. I don't think any of us wants me to. I chose to come up and speak because Canal has embraced us, and I'm wearing my I Am Canal shirt, as is the love of my life, because we are. Canal has managed to embrace us in a way that our hometown of Groveport did not. He grew up in Groveport off of London-Lancaster, and I grew up like I said by Independence, but Canal has managed to embrace in a way our own

community previously did not. And we are grateful to be here. Please make decisions that make sense. Choose the people who have the experience. Make that an investment. I've never been so proud of the community and getting to know people through BrockStrong or through the Touchdown Club at high school or through doing events at Lutheran David Church. Like I said, getting to go to the farm hop, and Autumn Moon, and things along those lines, this community has such passion. These shirts were made because of two little children who were shot just outside of our community followed by the events of Lithopolis. Does that have anything to do with zoning and development? No. But what I'm saying is it's a special place. Why aren't we doing what we can to protect that? Why aren't we considering every viable option and every qualified candidate to protect that? That's amazing. That's a really special place. And I have a lot of pride for being here. I hope you will find that as well.

Laura Taylor, 65 W Columbus St – I am one of the few voters at that house. I am for the no warehouses. I have worked in a warehouse now for 5 years. My company is DHL and I'm going on record about saying that. I know for a fact that the baseline workers are not making what the developers are saying they make. I live with my aunt and uncle because I cannot afford to live in Canal Winchester working at a warehouse made by the same developer as the Newport ones that they are building. They are lying to you guys when they say that they are making \$50, \$60,000 a year for each employee working there. Their base employee is making maybe \$30, if that. Make sure you are considering that when you're making the warehouses come in.

Milliken – I would just like to say real quick before we move on, and not to exacerbate this debate that's happening, but there's been times when I would like to address certain things that the public comes to speak to us about. In the past I would wait until Old or New Business to bring those up because I wanted to make sure we had efficient meeting and stayed on task. However, in the past, Old or New Business would come up and a lot of the residents would left the room already. I just want to make a quick point and say that I'm speaking for myself. I hear you. And I've told some of you this before. Just because some of us may disagree, it doesn't mean that we're not listening. I hear you. I empathize with you. I live here to, believe it or not. I have to because I'm in this seat. I'm sorry that we fall in different line of things. And I just want to say, with respect to Ms. Moore, I think, and I'm sorry I missed the lady that spoke with the t-shirt, I just thank you for, you sold yourself short saying you weren't the best speaker, but I think you spoke very eloquently and I wish more people would approach the podium like that. I think there does need to be improvements in communication. But it makes it difficult to have a clear and concise conversation when you're just getting yelled at. And I know that's part of the job, I get it. But I just want to say, I'm more than willing to speak to anybody so long as I'm treated with the same amount of respect that I would give you. Also, I would love to attend more community coffees but I work on Saturdays.

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff

Mayor

December 2021 Mayor's Court Report

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Milliken to approve the December 2021 Mayor's Court Report. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Milliken, Amick, Amos, Clark, Walker, Ward

Mayor – I don't have anything to add to my written report but I'd be glad to answer any questions.

Milliken – With regarding a comment we heard this evening about partnering with ODOT on the 33/Bixby Rd interchange. I just wanted to know what conversations have been had up to this point and kind of where we are.

Mayor – Matt, Luke, and I have met with ODOT on three different occasions over the last six months, eight months maybe. And we met with them last January, a year ago. That meeting then was 33 in general. The need for more lanes, just general complaints about 33 from our standpoint. We have met with ODOT recently about the Bixby Rd interchange. Along with that discussion was the Gender Rd interchange and what needs to be done and what our thoughts are on what needs to be done there. We've had several meetings with ODOT.

Clark – Lucas, we also have another upcoming meeting in a couple weeks?

Haire – We have a meeting scheduled to meet with ODOT at the central district office on the 24th.

Clark – That's at the central district office, their main headquarters, right? Not their district office?

Haire – Yes.

Law Director

Boggs – I distributed last week an overview of materials to all the members of council just as refresher for some and maybe some new material for others of you who are new to council. Hopefully that made its way to all of you and hopefully you find it helpful. If you have an questions arising from that, or are not covered in that that you’ve been dying to ask, please feel free to contact me. I’m also happy to answer any questions you have right now.

Fairfield County Sheriff

Jackson – Sgt. Walker is ill this evening but she wanted me to pass along the message that she included some statistics in your packet this evening and if you have any questions about those, please feel free to reach out to her.

Finance Director

Jackson – I do not have anything in addition to my written report this evening.

Public Service Director

Peoples – The only thing to add to my written report is just an update on the snow storm we just had. If you all noticed, it started with probably about a quarter inch of ice on the ground, or freezing rain that made it much more difficult. We had the crews out starting at 8 o’clock on Sunday evening until probably 8 o’clock last night. All of our departments assisted with that. I’ve heard a couple of comments about the job they did and I will pass that along to them and the crews.

Development Director

Haire – Just an update on Planning and Zoning. We were scheduled to have a meeting last week but were unable to do so because we didn’t have the four members to form a quorum at that meeting. I think we are just deferring until we get more appointments and that meeting will be as schedule on February 14th. We also don’t have a Landmarks Commission meeting due to lack of business. That meeting has been canceled. It would have been next Monday evening. There were no applications filed. The RFP process – we are receiving a number of questions and comments. What we have done with those is we’ve asked everyone to submit those in writing and we’re publishing them online. If you got to the RFP portion on our webpage, you’ll see those comments with clarifying answers so that all consultants can have the same information and the same answers. I believe Mr. Moore is posting those on Fridays so I believe the first round was published last Friday of questions that we’ve received. I know we’ve received more since then. Just keep an eye on those and you’ll be apprised of all the updates that are taking place. I think he’s sending those out to all the committee members as they come in.

Amos – The next session that we have is the council’s work session, you are still intending to come and provide us with an overview and a plan. Do you know how soon the agenda for that will be built so that residents can start looking at it and potentially come up with questions they have?

Haire – I would ask the same question of you. If you can clarify what you would like on the agenda, I’d be happy to figure out what to present. If everyone can help clarify what they would like to get out of the meeting.

Milliken – I was planning to bring that up under Old or New Business or at the end of the meeting when we were going through our upcoming meetings.

Haire – I know I’ve received some emails from a few council members about that so if everyone kind of wants to figure what exactly they would like to talk about, I’d be happy to try to accommodate that.

Amick – Just a point of clarification, at the December 15th CWICC meeting, a presentation was given. And at the December 20th Council meeting, I believe Mr. Clark had requested that that overview be given. I would say in the lack of any refined agenda for that, I would suggest that agenda be the same as it was at the CWICC meeting.

H. Resolutions

RES-22-001

Mayor

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MARK CAULK TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025

- Adoption

Milliken – Heading out of last meeting, we were expecting to see an application from Mr. Caulk and did we get that, because I haven't seen it.

Mayor – I did not see one either.

Milliken – Have you heard from Mr. Caulk at all?

Mayor – No sir.

Haire – I've spoken with Mr. Caulk and requested the application. He said that he would send one in but he has not done that.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Ward to adopt RES-22-001.

Amos – I'm not sure why we posted it to the agenda if the question we had originally asked wasn't fulfilled.

Boggs – The Charter provides that the Mayor appoints members to Planning and Zoning Commission and Council confirms them. It does not provide any mandatory application process or for any other supervision of that process of the appointment by the Mayor, aside from the confirmation. With that being the case under the Charter, Mr. Shea's motion is in order.

The motion failed with the following vote:

Yes 3 – Clark, Milliken, Walker

No 4 – Amick, Amos, Shea, Ward

RES-22-002

Mayor

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CHUCK CARPENTER TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025

- Adoption

Amos – Before I move to do anything on this, I just want to have a small conversation. I had asked the last time that this was up for additional candidates to be contacted. I reached out to several. None of them had received a single follow up, a single call. And I know that the Mayor is supposed to pick this position. But I want to reiterate – we are in a position right now where our city is asking for us to be responsible for development. They are asking for us to put people in place who are responsible for development. I'm not saying Mr. Carpenter, I don't know him, I agree with everybody else in here, could be a wonderful person. But I had conversation with some of the candidates and I had a conversation with Deb McDonnell. I had a very long conversation with her. She serves in a planning and zoning capacity. She asked me questions I would have had to refer to Lucas on because some of them were quite in depth. She knows what she's doing. She said to me flat out I didn't think I'd be considered because I've only been here for a year. But this is my permanent home. I came here to retire. And I asked her if anybody had reached out to her. I'm sure she has integrity. I'm sure she has all these other qualifications and somebody would tell that about her too. As we are in a crisis situation with some of our residents and we are making crucial decisions, I want to know if it makes it here, that the appropriate people have done their job. I need people who have a background in planning and zoning to have my back when we make these decisions. I need to have faith in them when they make a decision. Mayor, don't you want to know that the right people are in the position to make those decisions?

Mayor – I followed all the rules as set by the Charter. I did it all by the Charter. The only qualifier to be on any commission within the city of Canal Winchester, it's clearly stated, you must be a resident of the municipality. Period. No others are qualifiers.

Amos – I'm not disagreeing that that is the only qualifier.

Ebert – Council has had the opportunity, you just had the opportunity last year, to change that in the Charter. No body did it. It was never brought up. Chuck is probably one of the only ones, well one of maybe two people, that served on the Charter committee that said in the committee that we need to do this every five years instead of every ten years, because things change. I give him a lot of credit for that. I give him a lot of credit for being who he is. He's a fine human being. He has a brain. He can think for himself. He can read everything that's going on about our community. He knows a lot about Canal Winchester. He's the only one out of all the applicants, I think, once he filled out an application, came in and talked to Luke and Andrew about it. The only one. And that was

after he filled out an application. Before I ever even appointed him.

Amos – I completely accept the reasoning behind why you chose him but I believe you did the bare minimum in making your selection. I think that all the candidates should have been considered fairly and I don't think that was done. With as crucial as development is right now with us especially going into a 20-year plan, it's crucial that we get the right people in place. And I feel like people with experience in this right now that we had apply, should really be who we're looking at right now to help bring us to where we want to be. That's my opinion.

Ebert – I have no idea how Chuck would vote on anything. You can laugh all you want but I have no idea.

Milliken – I have a question for the council members that voted no for Mr. Caulk. A lot of this discussion has been centered around one appointee, Mr. Carpenter. And there really hasn't been much debate around Mr. Caulk and I'm wondering why that is?

Amos – From my end, my debate on Mr. Caulk would be that I don't have a resume to compare it to. His resume could come back just as easy. When I looked at all the applications, I redacted names. I think it's fair. You redact the names and you start looking through what they listed on the paper. Because then you're not looking at candidate, you're looking at the qualifications. I didn't have anything for myself to look through to even compare him which is why we had originally asked for that.

Milliken – I'm not questioning your vote. I'm more questioning the lack of debate.

Shea – I would like to address that. I would say quite simply that you established a process. The process was followed by every candidate except one. You've requested that that candidate follow that process. We are a government body. We should do everything the same way, with a process. And that is why I voted no on Mark Caulk. I know Mark Caulk. He is a very qualified individual but if we don't have everything followed and everybody's doing the same, we're not applying the laws and the processes equally here, and I have a problem with that.

Milliken – Mr. Carpenter, I promised you some time and I think others had questions. I think there were some members of council that might have had questions for you. I would like to open that opportunity first. Anybody have any questions? No, ok go.

Shea – The speaker is not part of the body and therefore is not able to speak during debate.

Boggs – Under the rules of Council, when an ordinance, resolution, or motion is before Council, an adequate opportunity shall be provided for all members of council to be heard. However, in order to expedite business and assure that a minority cannot effectively abrogate the desire of the majority by dominating the floor and preventing a vote, the rules of discussion contained in the following are set forth as the official policy of Council. The presiding officer shall recognize members prior to such member taking the floor. No member shall be permitted to speak longer than 5 minutes at any one time. No member shall be permitted to speak more than 2 times for or against the proposition under consideration. While members may yield to other members, the limitations set forth above shall prevail. No member shall be permitted speak a second time until all members have been heard at least once or a member who has not been heard wishes the floor. The presiding officer, subject to challenge from the Council, may refuse the floor to any member when the tactics are obviously dilatory and not in the best interest of Council. The above rules may be suspended to permit unlimited debate by a vote of three-fourths majority of council. Under the rules of debate for the Council, debate is limited to members of the body.

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Shea to suspend Council rules to continue debate and allow Mr. Carpenter an opportunity to speak. The motion failed with the following vote:

Yes 3 – Clark, Milliken, Walker

No – Amick, Amos, Shea, Ward

Boggs – The debate of Mr. She's motion on the vote can proceed with five minutes per member, each member getting the opportunity to speak once before any member can speak twice. I would also note that by Charter, the Mayor has the right to participate in debate.

Clark – I'm not sure anybody can say how much Mayor Ebert put the time in checking all the qualifications and all of that. I will also say there are plenty of members on zoning that don't have zoning backgrounds that are serving. And had get on there somewhere.

They might have experience now because they've been on it. But at one time they were appointed with zero background in planning and zoning and they're serving and doing a great job. These qualifications are arbitrary. I think he's an executive business man. He's owned two different businesses. He's served on the Charter Commission. He's ran for Council. I don't know that why would preclude him all of the sudden and be able to emphatically say there's other people more qualified than him. That's kind of in the eye of the beholder of the application. And the Mayor has the prerogative to bring who he wants. And we have the right to say yes or not. That's obvious. But what you're doing is you're going to delay this community and put us in a position. We can't have planning and zoning meetings and we're not going to be able to move business forward. And we may lose a lot of opportunities coming down the pipe here. People will just walk. That might make everybody out there happy and thrilled. But you know what, it's not going to make me and my taxpayers that are telling me they want the jobs. They want the income tax coming in. They want police. They want McGill Park built. You don't build that without the revenue. And that's how you get it. By creating employment. Creating jobs. I know a lot of people feel they're not good enough jobs but they're good jobs. I think we're putting ourselves in peril of really shutting our community down here.

Ward – How many members are there active on Planning and Zoning right now?

Haire – Five.

Ward – And how many is a quorum?

Haire – Four.

Clark – And two refuse to come to the meeting until there's seven. So, we've already lost two more. We're already down a quorum.

Shea – Actually I spoke to several of them today. And they have another reason why they wouldn't come.

Amos – I agree with Mr. Shea. I had conversations with several of them. There was an underlying reason. But our ask at the last meeting was very specific. And none of our ask were addressed. The application is still not in hand. Other candidates at least being contacted was not addressed either. Our asks were specific. That's my big issue. We're in a crucial part of the development. And I agree with you whole heartedly, Mr. Clark. There are some people on there who have never done it before and they are learning as they go and they are doing an amazing job. I think everybody has a starting point. If we weren't in such a crucial spot, we were not developing at this rate years ago. We weren't developing and turning these things as fast as we are. Again, my opinion, I really feel that does have a background right now, if we have one available to serve. And we do.

Mayor – I want to go back to December of last year when four of you were on council at the time and that's when we were talking about the comprehensive plan. During at meeting, I'm pretty sure it was in December, the comprehensive plan was brought up and who was going to serve on that committee, the current committee. There were members of council who pointed out in the audience and said I'd like to have so-and-so on that committee. And then a second person member did the same thing. If I'm not mistaken, there were three appointed that evening just by saying I'd like to have so-and-so, I'd like to have so-and-so, I'd like to have so-and-so. There was not vote taken and there was nothing else done. It was just a matter of people saying I'd like to have so-and-so, I'd like to have so-and-so. That's your appointment. I didn't say a thing about it until right now. That's your appointment. Chuck is my appointment. What qualifications did the people have that you appointed? The comprehensive plan is going to be our most important tool we've brought before this city in the last 20 years or better. Yet it was a matter of point fingers and saying I'd like to have them.

Walker – I'd like to say the Mayor is perfectly qualified. It is his decision to appoint someone. And this is what he's done and he's brought it to Council. This is the way it's been since I can remember and it is by the Charter, presented this way. That is why I am voting the way that I will be voting this evening. Mayor Ebert's perfectly capable. He was elected by the community, by the city. He's perfectly capable of picking someone for Planning and Zoning, of who he feels is fit for that.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Ward to adopt RES-22-002. The motion failed with the following vote:

Yes 3 – Clark, Milliken, Walker

No 4 – Amick, Amos, Shea, Ward

RES-22-003

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE

Development

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER OF CERTAIN TERRITORY IN MADISON TOWNSHIP CONTAINING 70.625+/- ACRES AND BEING LOCATED SOUTH OF BIXBY ROAD AND WEST OF RAGER ROAD

- Adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-22-003. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No 2 – Amos, Ward

RES-22-004*Development*

A RESOLUTION INDICATING WHAT SERVICES THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER WILL PROVIDE TO 87.4± ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, FOR THE ANNEXATION KNOWN AS THE LEVIN ANNEXATION BY DAVID J. ROBINSON, AGENT FOR THE PETITIONERS

- Adoption

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-22-004. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Milliken, Clark, Amick, Amos, Shea, Walker, Ward

I. Ordinances**Tabled****ORD-21-054***Planning and Zoning*

Sponsor: Clark

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER, REZONING AN APPROXIMATELY 70.625 ACRES OF THE EXISTING TRACTS OF LAND OWNED BY TERESA L. AND DALE C. SCHACHT, NORMA JEANNE SCHACHT TRUST, THE STATE OF OHIO, AND NP CANAL WINCHESTER LLC, LOCATED ON BIXBY ROAD AND RAGER ROAD FROM R – RURAL IN MADISON TOWNSHIP TO LM - LIMITED MANUFACTURING

- Tabled at Third Reading

A motion was made Clark, seconded by Shea to untable ORD-21-054. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

No 2 – Amos, Ward

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to adopt ORD-21-054.

Clark – The NorthPoint project. I believe this is the most important vote I have taken in my six years. I understand it's an emotional issue for a lot people. I understand people that live next to this would have to look at his and I get that. But I have to represent everybody in Canal Winchester. I have to look at the totality of the debate and see what's out there. This is going to be the single most important issue is blocking Columbus' ability to annex nearly 500 more acres across the street from 33. They will have contiguous access when they get the Schacht property to go under 33 and take 500 plus more acres on the other side of 33 and annex that as well. Columbus will approve this project and it will annex and it will zone to permit these buildings. Columbus recently rezoned several parcels from employment centers to manufacturing facilities. They will take what they call these employment centers and they will rezone it to allow for limited manufacturing. It's been done recently in Columbus. Columbus does not want the 33/Bixby Rd interchange and will not require many of the other road improvements along with the visual setback and requirements we are. ODOT District 6 is in the same district as Columbus that has Franklin County. They have a \$1 billion project at the 70/71 split. That's their most critical project that they want funded. They do not want another \$90 million, \$70 million project to come and compete for those dollars that will siphon money away from their downtown corrector route and bring it down here instead of the 70/71 split. The question is not will these buildings go up but who will control the development, who benefits from the revenue generated. Columbus, Columbus schools, or Canal Winchester and our local schools? I've been in meetings with Columbus. I've been in development meetings with them. I have 25-year history in working with and seeing Columbus in what they do in these meetings. They are very aggressive and they will come and if somebody tells you they won't, they just don't understand. They will. They will annex this in a

New York minute and the Schacht – I've talked to Dale Schacht, he said he'd do it – I've talked to David Schacht, he confirmed Dale will do it. I've talked to the developers, they're going to do it. And Columbus will tell you, they are not going to turn away an \$80 million facility, 300 jobs, \$14 million payroll. They're just not. If we turn this down, people are going to ask 5, 15 years from now, what the hell happened that night? How did we let Columbus take this and scoop this up and then come and drive 500 more acres down the road and get that as well.

Amos – Residents, I'm going to talk to you for a second. Everything Mr. Clark has said has pretty much rung true with all of the conversations. You've asked us to do our research. Some of you have over and above in helping us do research, so thank you. As residences it's very important that you keep playing your piece and keep standing up for your fight. What Mr. Clark said, unfortunately I can't discredit it. After conversations with Columbus. After conversations with other developers. Looking at plans they've had proposed. Looking at how they came to fruition. Looking at how they didn't have close to the modifications that we've asked for. And we've fought. I'll give you full credit, I'm not easy to deal with. But every time I walked in the room and said, this isn't working, and you said tell me why. You did your investigation and it did come to fruition that there were things wrong. Mr. Clark is right. I hate that he's right.

Clark – I would be accepted to if we didn't have Columbus utilities right there, ready to go, I would be willing to slow this down and try to see if there is a better deal but we don't have time. That's what it comes down to. I think the development plan will be good to look at other areas. This area over Bixby with Columbus sitting there, it does press an accelerator of what we've gotta do. But I think they development plan could come in and look at the other Basil-Western and a lot of that area and what we've got in Canal Pointe and the areas that we've got on Diley still. I'm all for waiting for the development plan and all that. But here we don't have the time.

Amos – Katie Moore out there said we need responsible development. She's exactly correct. Everybody in this room has been preaching from the rooftops that we need responsible development. I've talked to Greater Southeast. We're super lucky to have Vangie Barnes living in our community and I can't tell you how many phone calls I've had with her. She's a wealth of information. It's a shame she can't talk tonight. Apparently, she took an officer role and now she can't talk. That stinks. But I have had lots of conversations. And I will stick with the fact that I still think it should go through Planning and Zoning. I've said that from this morning when I had the conversation because a lot has changed since the original plan. But Mr. Clark is right. We have had so many conversations with Columbus. I've been very lucky. Ashley was able to get us a conversation with a Columbus Planning and Zoning rep and we were able to ask some very fair questions. And the one question I will say and dissuade, never once did he say it would get approved for housing. Never once. So, I disregard that. I don't think that's true. But what he did say to us, very clearly, was that this will be developed one way or the other. And that Columbus would definitely entertain this because they've been told to find jobs. And that's the hard part. And so I sit here, and as residents you're asking me to make a decision that I haven't slept in days over, because truthfully, you matter to me. Your voices matter. You asked me to do the research, I've done it. I'm asking it for it to go to Planning and Zoning, it's not going to. And I'll vote based on that. Because I truly believe our Planning and Zoning plays an infrastructural part of ensuring that we have all of our is dotted and our ts crossed. But I need you to know that this is coming. And every developer, every attorney for this property, and the owner have said it will come. And Columbus has told us they will consider it. And that stinks. It's not a win situation.

Shea – Really the question on the floor is do we build it in our town or do we let Columbus build it? Do we give the revenue and take the control? Have the more beautified landscaping, the mounds, the tenant who wants to come, who wants to put \$14 million in payroll, who wants to contribute to our local community, be a part of our local community. I think this is a no brainer.

Milliken – Is it even possible for it to go back to Planning and Zoning at this point? If this was voted down, just out of curiosity, what that looks like.

Boggs – If this application is voted down, it is dead. There is not, in my review of the code, a method for remanding this type of decision back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. This is a legislative action. They have made their recommendation. It is now Council's job to accept or differ from that recommendation.

Milliken – Ok, thank you. Ms. Amos, to your point, in a perfect world, I'd love to see it go back to Planning and Zoning too. But just in the discussion that we heard tonight, and I take your work in that you spoke with members of P&Z, and they said if it weren't for these changes and it seems like these changes were addressed. I would think that the vote on P&Z based on what I heard from you would be a little bit different this time around.

Amos – And that is kind of the jest that I got. But they said the same thing. They really would have loved to have seen what we saw,

so that they could comment or ask questions because truly their major hang up, and everyone I talked to I asked what was your major hang up, and their hang up was infrastructure. Getting in and out of this. Do I think this solves the problem? No. I think it's a good start. I think as this is developed by Columbus or by the Township or by Canal Winchester, there's a lot of things that are gonna have to happen. We're creating a nightmare. But our residents, they are speaking loudly. I'm sure all you had the same weekend that I did with residents reaching out. But it's also looking at the facts, it's hard to deny all the conversations, all the research they asked us to do. And I did it. Read lots of stuff. Lori and I together read 161 page traffic plan and discussed it at great length.

Milliken – I have a million other things I could say on this but I mean, at some point, we've got a lot of other things to move on.

Amos – Just for clarification, there's no way that this would go back to Planning and Zoning? That it could.

Boggs – Not this application. It would be a matter of filing a new application and starting back at square one. And I'll look at Lucas because he administers this day to day.

Haire – I code actually requires that you can't apply for the same application for the same zoning district for at least one year.

Amos – That's what I was afraid of.

Haire – And we have a pre-annexation and development agreement that contemplates that there would be detachment from the annexation if the zoning is not grated to the developer or owner satisfaction.

Shea – And per the conversation we had in your office today, Mr. Haire, we still have teeth as this part goes underway because of the development standards, the permitting standards. We still have leverage in enforcing this because in order occupy the building, first they need a temporary occupancy and then they need a final occupancy. If they don't meet the criteria we've agreed to, they're not going to receive that, correct?

Haire – Correct. If you look at section 2 of that ordinance it essentially states that the mounding will be included as proposed in the plan. So, the 8 foot mound, the associated landscape plantings, fencing, screening adjacent to US 33 and Bixby Rd is to screen any trailer parking or loading areas. And then all the improvements recommended in the Canal Crossing Phase 2 traffic impact study dated 12/21/21 regarding US 33, Bixby Rd, Bixby Rd and Winchester Pike intersection are implemented. This condition shall further require that the developer shall contribute its proportional share as determined by the City of Columbus to improvements necessary at the Gender Rd and Winchester Pike intersection. Essentially that's putting in ordinance that they need to complete those improvements or contribute to those improvements. They need to include landscaping. Any future plan – the next step in this process is the site development process that goes back to Planning and Zoning Commission – they would need to meet those standards as part of that or those would be a condition of their approval on their site development plan.

Clark – So there is teeth in this ordinance. We can take legal action if they do not do these certain things.

Boggs – Dirt cannot move and the building cannot go up until the site development plan is approved.

Haire – Correct. The site development plan would be the way we would control that that happens. There would be a site development plan is approved by Planning and Zoning. That is monitored throughout construction to ensure that everything is completed to plan. We inspect all the improvements at the end, including every tree and plant that's planted. We run into these issues where they substitute plants and we make them go tear them out and replant them. The details are paid attention to.

Amos – Mr. Boggs, you believe the ordinance is strong enough for me to hold their feet to the fire.

Boggs – Yes. The Planning and Zoning Commission cannot approve a site development plan unless it has the conditions in Section 2, as well as the general conditions, the general development standards for the LM district. So yes, you can hold their feet to the fire on those.

Amos – And the site development plan still has to be completely approved through Planning and Zoning?

Boggs – That is correct.

Amos – So there's still time to negotiate, if I have to. I just need to make sure. One of the conversations Mr. Haire and I had earlier was that when they're committing to us for the lobbying for the 33/Bixby Rd interchange, I believe it was Ms. Sargent pointed out, it's imperative for us to get this, she's correct, and it is absolutely imperative that we get this overpass to draw traffic off of Gender Rd and more evenly disperse it. When the developers walk in the room and are committing to help us and to getting the lobbying and I don't know how well this works out, and this is hopefully where I can rely on Ms. Preston whose been through some of this stuff and pick her brain on it, I want to ensure that once this building is built, they don't go, ok, well good luck on that freeway overpass. That's my biggest concern, is making sure that I can include some of these things in the site development plan so that as we're developing further we can make sure we're keeping out end of the deal.

Boggs – To that I would say, for requirements as to lobbying or contribution to undefined studies, are not items, that in my opinion, would be closely connected enough to the development standards, the physical development and use of the site, to be enforceable as conditions of the site development plan. That is not to say that we could not engage in a separate agreement with the developer to memorialize those and make them enforceable in contract.

Amos – No disregard to the developer, I mean they've come to the table and laid the book out, but at the end of the day, I'm still responsible, we're still responsible to our residents and being accountable to the decisions we make. And this one is a tough one. Like Mr. Clark said, it's probably the hardest one we've made in six years. And I still won't fall sleep easy tonight.

Amick – I think we'd all love to have a fast forward of 20 years from now and the infrastructure issues that plague us all everyday were all taken care of but one of the things that I have noted is that there are a lot of parties that have to come to the table with money, with influence, to make the decisions for all of the infrastructure components that are necessary. I want to tell you that I'm encouraged by the amount of conversation that is now happening with the Franklin County Engineer's Office, with ODOT, with our own people and the city of Columbus. I feel like in the time that I've been involved in paying attention to these discussions, I feel like after the first time I'm like, they are starting to play together in the sandbox. So, by that I'm encouraged.

The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes – Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker

No – Amos, Ward

Third Reading – None

Second Reading

ORD-22-001

Development

Sponsor: Milliken

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES LOCATED ON FRANKLIN STREET, CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO OWNED BY TIMOTHY W. FISKE AND LEE OSTER

- Second Reading Only

Shea – We got that appraisal coming?

Haire – I should have it next week.

ORD-22-002

Development

Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON BASIL-WESTERN ROAD

- Second Reading Only

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Ward to withdraw ORD-22-002 from consideration.

Boggs – Ordinances, in general, are read on three separate occasions, three separate days. This is second reading. There's not, to my knowledge, a procedure to remove it at this stage, unless you were to – your desire is to move so that this does not get to a third reading?

Shea – My desire is to move to a vote to withdraw this ordinance.

Milliken – What’s your thoughts?

Shea – I think Mr. Clark so eloquently stated them in his defense of the Bixby Rd property when he discussed that we do have the time down on Basil-Western because we don’t have Columbus knocking on our door. And I think it would be prudent to take a step back and take a breath. If that is not acceptable, I am more than willing to table it as well. But this breakneck pace of large tract development, these folks that have come in and spoken to us, our residents, they’re not making any more land. We have this land available to us, but I think we can slow down a little bit and pump the breaks on this one.

Milliken – I would be more in favor of tabling, then striking it all together at this point. I would like to hear from Mr. Haire how that possibly influences the process. And what ramifications, positive or negative, this might have.

Haire – This particular parcel is currently served with utilities from Fairfield County. This property is currently not within Canal Winchester. It’s in Violet Township. It is zoned residential in Violet Township. If they wanted to do other than residential development on the site, they would need to go through a rezoning process in Violet Township. The reason that most developers seek to come into Canal Winchester is because we can offer them greater incentives that they can receive than staying in an unincorporated area. That is the advantage. This developer wanted to keep their options open. That’s why they brought the pre-annexation agreement to you. They could retain those options and look at it from the owner’s perspective. He wants to retain the options to develop those residential or develop as industrial. That’s the reason this is before you in the format that it is.

Clark – So all this does, it just says that we’re interested in annexing their land at some point. We’re not even saying we’re providing utilities.

Haire – This is the same agreement we have with NorthPoint and with Stotan. It gives them the ability to detach if we don’t zone for the purposes that they would like. The owner would be interested in keeping his options open. Whether that’s moving forward with Roebing, who is in contract to purchase that, or whether that’s moving forward with other development in the area. They’ve been monitoring what happened on the parcel to the west of this, that obviously impacted their plans. They were waiting to put this in front of you until the agreement with OPUS was done and that rezoning decision was done. When it was found out that that would not be done because OPUS backed out of that deal, they needed to move forward anyways. I guess, the agreement in front of is you is because they want to keep their options open on whether they’ll proceed with annexing and moving into Canal Winchester or whether they proceed in pursuing development in the township.

Clark – So how do we do this legally, or how do we slow this down, without creating what some people would call a moratorium on development? If we just say we want to wait two years for a study to come out and that’s not considered a moratorium.

Haire – I don’t know a specific way to do that. WE have planning and zoning processes. The timelines and the process is all put forth in our zoning code. If you wanted to do something outside of that process, I’m not exactly sure what that would require.

Boggs – In general, if there was a desire to have a general moratorium on development, there would have to be an ordinance setting that forth expressly so as to override your code that puts forward the timing and application processes for zoning approvals that Mr. Haire just mentioned. Inaction would not do it. Property owners could continue to generate applications and they would move through the process on those timelines.

Amos – If I understand you correctly, we as council could do an ordinance to put a moratorium into place. That can be challenged legally by a property owner, is that correct?

Boggs – That is correct.

Shea – Only if they’re in the city.

Boggs – If they’re in the city or if they have some kind of property interest in a property within the city. So, a nonresident with an interest in property that is located within the city could challenge the moratorium.

Milliken – So something like pre-annexation agreement?

Boggs – A pre-annexation agreement is totally different, in the sense that if we're talking just about a moratorium in the sense that we're using it, it's about a moratorium on the administration of your zoning and rezoning processes.

Shea – Can we back the bus up? I don't think I'm calling for a moratorium.

Ward – I don't want that.

Amos – I think that's a nightmare.

Clark – What I'm trying to explain, we're getting close to saying that we're going to slow all this down for two years. That's close to, I would classify that almost a moratorium.

Amick – I think that's a pause. Our residents have asked us to put a pause on planned development until we better understand what that means for our community and a pause is an undefined period of time. Whether that's a year and a half or two years, I think that is what they've asked us to do, to put a pause on it. A moratorium says no.

Clark – Well 20 people have of a count of 9100.

Boggs – The motion on the floor is limited to withdrawal of the ordinance that is up for second reading to consider this particular pre-annexation agreement.

Shea – How do I withdraw my motion to withdraw and turn it to a table?

Boggs – Under the rules of council, the mover may withdraw their own motion, which is a difference between your rules and Roberts Rules of Order. If you, and I believe Ms. Ward was the seconder of your motion, if you both agree, then you may withdraw it and make another other motion to table that second reading.

Ward – I withdraw my second.

Shea – I withdraw my motion to withdraw.

The motion to withdraw ORD-22-002 from consideration was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Ward to table ORD-22-002.

Amick – How long can an ordinance stay tabled? Indefinitely?

Boggs – Under Roberts Rules, an ordinance may be tabled for 1 additional meeting without being acted on. Now in practice, the city council has generally treated a tabling as indefinitely.

Milliken – Seeing how this is only on the second reading, I just want to say where I stand. At this point, I'm not in favor of tabling this until maybe we get to the third reading and I would like to spend a lot more time with Mr. Haire and ask some more questions prior to being in favor of tabling this. But I'm not ruling out that tabling is possible.

Amos – I'm hoping that the presentation at the council session really elaborates on a lot of this. Gives us the big picture. I think that's what we're all looking for. The big picture, a big planning picture. Whether is industrial or multiuse or doctors or dentists or restaurants, hotels, whatever it is. We want to look at the big picture.

Amick – Is a pre-annexation agreement similar to a first right of refusal, meaning the land owner has a piece of property they want to sell. If we say we're going to keep this tabled, what do they do next?

Boggs – With this being tabled, there is no agreement in place. They could walk away by the end of this sentence, if they wish.

Walker – I would believe that what Mr. Milliken had said is also a good idea because we can always move it to the third if we choose.

Then it can always be tabled in the third. That does give you more time to spend with Development Director Mr. Haire. Not table right now and maybe there's a regret because of this sentence being made that someone walks out and leaves while it's on the table. By moving it to the third, if we do, it gives us more time. It can always be tabled on the third reading, if chosen to be.

Shea – I can agree to that. Motion withdrawn.

The motion to table ORD-22-002 was withdrawn.

ORD-22-003

Development

Sponsor: Milliken

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED ON BASIL-WESTERN ROAD

- Second Reading Only

First Reading

ORD-22-004

Finance

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE REPRESENTATION IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER MAYORS COURT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

- First Reading Only

J. Council Reports

Committee of the Whole - Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Milliken – Ms. Amick, I believe you were making the request to move the location of this. Is that correct?

Amick – No, I just recommend that this presentation be given at the Committee of the Whole, that it be an agenda item.

Milliken – I was talking before the meeting about setting this agenda and making sure we have something to discuss. I believe Mr. Clark was going to talk about the police study. And then we were also going to have Lucas give a presentation. I just want to make sure that whatever we do we are able to facilitate as much people as possible. Would the administration be willing to do the Community Center? Would that even make sense? Lucas, did you have a power point or something you were looking for more direction?

Haire – I'm looking for more direction. What I don't want to do is give you all a presentation that then everyone believes is the predetermined comprehensive plan.

Amos – Agreed.

Haire – I can tell you about available land. And I can tell you about existing zoning and what is permitted in those areas. And what existing planned districts we have and what is permitted in those districts. But what I don't want to do is stand up in front of you for half an hour and talk about what makes sense in all these areas and what people are bringing to us. And then it looks like we've predetermined what all these areas are planned for.

Amick – Lucas, I believe I changed my vernacular in my email to you over the last couple of days. I call it a Land Overview. Would that be an appropriate thing to call this presentation?

Haire – Yes.

Milliken – I like that. Anybody else have any Committee of the Whole recommendations or suggestions?

Clark – We got in your email, Amanda was so kind to send everybody out the two proposals that we got for the police study. Take time to review those. And I thought at Committee of the Whole, just come with discussion items and hopefully we can decide on what

direction we want to go with one of those plans and get into an agreement and get this study rolling. Basically, both of them are just looking at the number of police that they're recommending that we have and down the road, if we're understaffed, overstaffed, whatever, in that type of study is what is going to take place in this. There is nothing going to be in it about how to start a police department and how much a police department is going to be. That is going to have to come later in another study.

Amick – There was a clear scope question when I read both of the proposals, and I realize this is just the beginning of the discussions, but it did not appear to me that both of the respondents knew that there was to be a futuristic look into the headcount question. I read both their proposals and they clearly are not the same.

Clark – That's good information. Because that's something we definitely want.

Milliken – Is this something that can be discussed at Committee of the Whole?

Clark – Yes.

Work Session/Council - Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - TUESDAY, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services

Walker – I've been in contact with Aletha Mullins from CW Human Services and the words from them are that they are now in the midst of getting ready for their biggest fundraiser, SOUPer Bowl 11. Sunday, February 13th, if anyone is interested in baking goods for the bake sale, or putting together a nice gift basket of sorts, gift certificates for services for the silent auction, that would be amazing. If interested, call Aletha Mullins. Baked goods can be dropped off that morning and auction items can be dropped off anytime before the event. Time of the event is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an important fundraiser for them as it is to raise funds to keep them in the building. Also like to add, they have some coats right now available for younger kids that they've been promoting on their Facebook page. If you know of anyone in need, please have them contact Human Services.

Jackson – I wanted to let everyone know that on your desk this evening was the last quarter report from Human Services.

CWICC

Ward – I have nothing to report.

Clark – Our next meeting is March 30th, 11:30 in the Interurban Building. Also, going back to the police thing, Mrs. Amos, Mr. Walker, Mayor Ebert, and Ms. Jackson are meeting again with Madison Township on Friday to continue the discussion with Madison Township Police possibly providing an officer. 2 o'clock.

CWJRD

Amos – Our next meeting is this Thursday at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. We will be welcoming our two newest members, Mr. Shea from City Council, and Kevin Butler, from the school board will be joining us taking John Metzler's position. Matt Krueger and I will retain our spots on there but we will be voting for new officers and our new Director has started. He is in week two. We definitely saw some things going on last week and we will continue working towards success.

Clark – Where is he being housed? Where's the location of his office? Right here?

Amos – Yes, upstairs right now. And Mr. Shea brought the treasurer. Part of our future plans is to have additional conversations towards the additional funding of potentially some positions that we need to have covered. We'll be having that conversation here in the near future.

Destination: Canal Winchester

Milliken – The first Art Stroll meeting was held last Tuesday and the next full Destination meeting is the 25th of January.

K. Old/New Business

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 9:48 p.m.

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

Yes 7 – Shea, Milliken, Amick, Amos, Clark, Walker, Ward