

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

May 18, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council

*Mike Walker - President
Mike Coolman - Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken*

A. Call To Order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Bennett

C. Roll Call

Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

D. Approval of Minutes

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MINS 5-4-20 Work Session ([Minutes](#))

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MINS 5-4-20 Full Council ([Minutes](#))

***Motion to approve minutes from 5-4-20 work session and council meetings made by Amos; seconded by Coolman
Motion carried by the following vote:***

Yes 7 – Amos, Coolman, Bennett, Clark, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

E. Communications & Petitions

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Mayor's Email to Ohio Secretary of State ([Email](#))

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Mayor's Email to Franklin County Board of Elections ([Email](#))

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Madison Township Fire Department April 2020 Stats ([Report](#))

Jackson said we have one more; we received an appeal today for a Planning and Zoning Commission denial of a variance request I believe it was for an emotional support animal, so we need to set a public hearing for that, we would like to set that public hearing for the second meeting in June which I believe is the 15th at 6:30 pm if everyone is okay with that; I would also caution you a little bit that I will be doing my 2021 tax budget presentation that night, too, so we might have to move up the start of work session so we are not here too terribly late that evening, but if you are okay with that we'll go ahead and do all of the required newspaper notices for that public hearing. Coolman said that was under "old/new business" on the agenda; Jackson replied that it should be under "communications and petitions." Coolman said so Mr. Walker move that up. Walker said so June 15th, 6:30 pm public hearing; Jackson replied yes; Coolman replied yes.

F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person

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Dickerson Public Comment ([Comment](#))

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Clerk read the public comments by title only. Amos said she had a resident ask why, it wasn't anybody that submitted one, but they asked why we were not reading them so they are in the minutes, because we would normally have someone standing in front of us saying it and we could actually hear it, the question was why do we not read it and I am trying to get an answer; Walker replied typically we don't read the communications and petitions and this being a pandemic and it's something new to us. Walker talked to Hollins about it, Mr. Hollins are you with us right now? Walker asked are there any other cities doing this and can you bring some light on this? Hollins said if it's submitted in writing like this I don't know if anybody is trying to repeat them since all the council members have access to those if that answers your question; there are certain questions about the platforms that are being use and some of them have been experiencing problems and issuing in people to speak and then somehow releasing them back to non-speaking participants; we just hope and maybe we can discuss this a little under old business, we would love for the ten person limitation to be lifted and at that point we can get back to the normal and I don't know if it is going to happen at the end of this month or next month to get back to the normal process and have full opportunity for everybody to participate and bring forward all these issues and we'll discuss them in live meetings, it's just the logistics right now of trying to coordinate live public comments into our meeting; some of these are fairly lengthy and it could take up a significant amount of time if we were reading all of the written comments, I guess that is the feedback I am getting from other communities. Lynch said it seems to me that if a lot of people want to write something and make their statement and I can understand if we read all of these it would be kind of laborious and I understand we don't read communications and petitions, but a public comment is a public comment and I think a lot of people at least want to be heard; I hear what Mrs. Amos is saying that why don't we have the town council...especially with what is going on right now, things are different, things have changed, people want to know what's going on, and how can we facilitate that, we came up with coffee and the town hall, how can we do that, how can we implement it; I gave suggestions on how we can have people actually speak at this group through a web cam, and help me out here and maybe Ms. Jackson, is it true that when people actually sign in to register for this web cam to view us, are they actually able to talk back and forth or do you shut their speaker on and off; Jackson replied everybody comes on muted; Lynch said muted ok, are you able to unmute them; Jackson replied yes; Lynch said selectively, for five minutes only; Jackson replied yes; Lynch said so we actually can do some kind of public forum, so my question is why don't we do that next time, and in the email I sent you was why don't we attach a phone number or maybe when people sign on then Ms. Jackson or Audra can actually ask the people do you want to speak and when we get to this portion of public comment you can say Miss Blah Blah you are up to speak, you have five minutes, then they can join us on the web cam, I don't think that would be that hard to do. Coolman said I agree, I don't think it would be either, and remember during the public comment section it is my observation there are some of the communications that require...they are asking us for a response back and we don't respond back on public comment because we don't want seven different items or responses back to them, we want one unified one so the purpose of it is we are supposed to gather what they say and collect our thoughts on it and unify our response and send out a unified response back to them, I don't have a problem with that. Amos said I am very excited that there has been a greater number of people who have had commented to us lately than we have had in a long time so

thank you to everybody out there. Walker said there is more detail right now when they are writing in than when they come to speak, and they sign their name in and you (Clerk) are taking notes on that correct, so this is a public record of how they have written it in so there is a positive side to that as well it is a public record for everybody to read them, I am just thinking they are there to read so to be read out loud I am not sure I see; I did find something cause every time something comes up I like to find...this is from the Attorney General and what they say about it is Section 6 what about the writing for public speech or some other kind of public input in relation to a virtual meeting and it says nothing in Ohio law, which we know this, affords the public the right to make comments...although to speak at a meeting of a public body but generally most public bodies do give those attending in person the opportunity to speak, usually under reasonable and defined uniform limitations, a public body may arrange for such input at a virtual meeting using electronic technology being used by the body but it is not required to do so. Clearly taking steps to allow input is commendable and it gives a service to maintain additional normalcy at meetings of a public body; so, it's basically what I believe council...and how long the meeting versus you have a record that is exactly what they send in by writing, you have that public record and the thing we get back to, you mentioned the DORA, our normal state very soon. Amos said here is a reasonable suggestion, what if we ask Amanda Lemke about these comments coming in, can we do a simple instead of my written comments I want my five minutes then we can figure out how we can fit them in or do you just want us to include your comments in our...75% of people may never choose to actually speak, they may want their comment just like this but at least can we give them the opportunity and then we cut it off a little earlier and figure out how to get it connected so it can happen and give them their five minutes.

Coolman said and you also have to look at the other side though, what if all twenty people do want to speak and we have a time limit of council up to 11:00 p.m. so if we have twenty people that is an extra hour and a half; if we have a full agenda we may be past eleven and we would not be able to finish our meeting and you got to look at both sides, because once you start it then you have to be consistent. Lynch said that is no different than any other meeting we have had for the years I have been on council, we could have unlimited people however it is up to the president to say this is our time limit and keep people in the five minutes and typically what I have heard in the past is please let's not be repetitive in our comments, like when one person says it let's not repeat and beat a dead horse, so there is a lot of discretion but it is no different than what we have been doing; I think what we have here is an opportunity to improve on our agenda in general, the comments that people are writing in I think it's great, people may feel freer to write something and send it in than to speak and may have a tough time public speaking, I know I do, maybe only 25% of those people would actually want to say something but let's give them a chance, to have someone write something versus getting up to actually speak are two way different things, we all agree and in sales that pitch gets delivered differently than when you deal with it personally than if you just write something. Clark said Ms. Jackson it sounded like somebody was squawk boxing on there what is that; Jackson replied that is a member of the public that is muting and unmuting themselves; Coolman said so that is happening right now; Clark said they have the power to do that; Jackson said from my standpoint that is what is most difficult about this is as much as I would like to say that I can multi-task I cannot sit here and monitor this for the public and follow your conversation, so if you were asking me a question I may not be paying attention cause I am over here trying to deal with what is going on with the computer on the technology side. Walker said we may get back to some normalcy shortly and back in town hall where the public can come in and go right to the podium and speak and give public comment, we hope that will be soon instead of worrying about that person and it's possible someone could say they are someone they are not and something that someone brought up

could be a concern, and then if I were saying for instance somebody say they are somebody and then they are not and they make a comment, just another concern about letting someone else come into the conversation. Clark said I am fine the way it is, I think this is a short-term thing, I have not had anyone personally come up to me and ask. Walker said I have not either. Lynch said based on transparency we want to be able to hear from the general public, if they have something to say...that's why we are all here. Clark said I agree and I read every one of their comments in here down the line every one. Lynch said I don't know the proper thing to do here, do we take a vote as to whether we create something to allow for, how do we do this, how do we solve this; Coolman said personally I think that would be changing the format of the meeting and how it is held and that would have to go through a work session so we set the agenda and the rules right and to allow for virtual public speaking so that would take a session of the whole and then bring it back to work session and then to council and make it part of our resolution in my opinion because we are changing the format of how we conduct the business and the simple fact that we are in the pandemic is a once in a lifetime situation I don't know if I am in favor of changing the way we do business just because of a setback. Walker said I have a concern right now for Ms. Jackson to be able to make that work, you have a job of that to make that happen. Coolman said we all want to hear what our public has to say, we all want to hear what our public has to throw at us, the comments are in our packets, we know who they are, I am not worrying about someone getting on the computer and somebody identifying themselves, I am more concerned with the timeframe, I am more concerned with what Pat was saying and Jill that people have a problem with coming into council and speaking in person, that public speaking is a challenge to them, and I want to give them a fair avenue as well and I think the only thing that I see is different versus reading their statements versus hearing them is the emotion they will put into their voice when delivering, so I think their message is still delivered, I think we still have the message and the end result when we are discussing here is how did we hear them, that's really what we are talking about it cause we are not going to respond to them, cause we don't respond to them during public session, we listen to what they have to say and we make notes.

Lynch said what is can figure out a way we can do a virtual town hall meeting and that way we are not taking up council time, we are not convoluting questions and answers and such here at council and we can move on with this whole agenda here and we just figure out how we can conduct the online town hall meeting. Coolman said again before I was interrupted; Lynch said sorry about that; Coolman said I agree with that and that is what I thought about when I read this along with some other emails that took place today is that we have a lot going on, we have a lot of development and a lot of new people moving in and a lot of questions and if you watch social media at all you can hear about it and read about it and people moving in here are asking where is the best place to get dry cleaning in this town we just moved here so we know we have a new population moving in, I do think we have a lot to share and I agree I don't have a problem with having a town hall meeting; I think a virtual town hall meeting is great because we can get it all vented if we want, we don't limit them to five minutes, if somebody has something they want to get off of their chest I think we should let them and let them speak without a five minute limit. Clark said it allows for the give and take discussion, I have no problem; Coolman said we can make that happen, we should probably get together and think about what the date would be. Lynch said as things are right now it would have to be virtual, they limit ten people in a room; Clark said these things don't work (picked up his laptop) for virtual communication, you can hardly identify who you are on this camera, so that is the type of thing you have to work through. Walker said Mr. Hollins we need to hear from you on this, is there anything we need to be concerned about that we are not thinking about; Hollins said the virtual town hall sounds like a great idea to me, it's dedicated for that purpose and we have got somebody whose attention is not divided trying to keep minutes and what-not so if later on the

agenda we can figure out a date and a time and give staff time to set up a platform but it should not be difficult, I frankly think that would go a long way towards meeting everybody's preferences here. Coolman asked Mr. Bennett do you have anything you want to add, we have not heard from you; Ebert said I agree with what Gene said that would probably be the best scenario; Bennett said a few thoughts, public comments while unprecedented I think it is nice for us to gather that comment electronically, it makes us more accessible to public comment and I like the virtual public comment option; I understand that people are disappointed they are not being read aloud however to that point we generally don't respond in standard format so I think while they may be disappointed, what are they disappointed in, that they are not getting a response and if they are looking for a response then I would say that a public comment really isn't the place to garner a response from council. For the town hall, don't we have a conversation with council coming up already on the calendar or is that too far out, Audra when is that; the Clerk responded it is scheduled for July 14th. We missed the second quarter meeting. Bennett said so that might be too far out for folks if we want to try to do something in the intermediate stage to replace the Q2 one, I guess those are my brief thoughts on that. Amos said the resident I talked to was not disgruntled or anything it was more that she said I have never really attended a meeting but since it is virtual I can put it on and listen to it and felt like I was better informed than I have been in a long time, but I can't hear what is being said like a normal public message and that was pretty much it. Coolman that is an aspect of this whole thing today is that people are more apt to attend and participate or at least listen because they are not identified and they don't have to interact with you; if you come into Town Hall people are intimidated when they walk in there, and some people don't have a problem with it, some people don't like public speaking period and I think that is where, I don't want to drag social media into it too badly but we can get better involvement and it could answer a lot of questions, I think there would be dialing in just to listen and gather information, and coming into these meetings what I really don't like to hear is we are being told there are people out there but we are being told who those people are; I would like to get a phone number, we have open door access to anybody all the directors and the mayor and we can get their questions answered, that is my whole frustration with the communication so I am okay if we don't wait until a quarterly Town Hall meeting, I am okay with having one every other month, it seems we have more questions being asked of us as long as they are being asked in the proper, polite channels. We have all seen communications where they are accusatory, they are negative, they are down-trodding on us and I don't appreciate that communication any more than they would appreciate communicating back to them that way, so, I would think it is an even give and take of our public and we owe it to them to educate the new ones that are here and even the existing residents we have, we should communicate, but there has to be an even format for everybody to get involved. Walker said will this be a temporary thing until we get back to council or doing public comments in council; Coolman said we'll play it by ear; Lynch said when we get back to public comments as part of our agenda; Walker said right but having it there is that the wish of council this is temporary I think; Lynch said I like the addition of the written in I think that is great and we get more people participating that way, I still think we need to have the Town Hall more sooner than later, whether we do it once a month I am game for that and I think in some capacity we should still have a vocal comment section for the online thing, but if we do have the once a month thing, the Town Hall once a month, or once every other month or so that helps, we need to hear from people. Milliken asked would you still do conversation with council and community coffee and all that; Coolman said it depends on council members who want to attend that; Lynch said community coffee is kind of separate from the council cabinet. Walker said a date; Lynch said we can talk about a date; Coolman said we can talk about it under "old/new business". Ebert said I would like to stress a little bit of what Mr. Coolman said a little bit ago that we have an open-door policy in the office, anybody can

call any director or myself at any time and any day, we don't turn down phone calls so they can call anytime they want to get the quick answer. Coolman said to expound on that and the point I am making is this is the third meeting in a row that you have to listen to me say that and it is a pride thing and I am very proud that we have such great talent in our directors and the other thing is that if someone wants information and they need it now then we want to get it to them but if they don't even attempt to call and they want to ask their neighbors and nobody has called in and nobody has emailed in and the only kind of emails we get are these public comments and some are not polite to us, then that is not a tit-for-tat, it's not an argumentative platform, it's a platform that I don't want, no more than Jill wants, or Pat, or Bob, or Chuck or Mr. Walker, we don't want to give out bad information and it could be a new topic that we are not even advised on, I would rather have that consumer go directly to the source so the directors can give consumers accurate information and up to date information and that is why I push that so hard because that is what I do; if I see something and I am not sure of it then I get on the phone and I call instead of asking someone who may know something about it, I would rather hear it from the horse's mouth and that is the important part, we want to make sure that accurate information is being given by the directors, directly to the consumers, that is why I would like to see people reach out to the city and be directly communicated with and they don't have to wait and that is why I keep saying that.

G. RESOLUTIONS

H. ORDINANCES

Tabled

Third Reading

Second Reading

ORD 20-022

Finance

Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000) of Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the Purpose of Acquiring Approximately 110.244 Acres of Land and Interests in Land at the Corner of Bixby and Rager Roads and All Necessary Appurtenances and Improvements Thereto; and Reimbursing the City for Any Moneys Advanced for Such Purposes; and Declaring an Emergency ([Ordinance](#))

- Second Reading Only

Amos stated second reading only.

ORD 20-025

Finance

Sponsor: Coolman

An Ordinance to Amend the 2020 Appropriation Ordinance #19-069, Amendment #2 ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Second Reading Only

Coolman stated second reading only.

First Reading

ORD 20-026

Public Service

Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance to Waive Competitive Bidding for Municipal Recycling, Waste Hauling and Disposal Services and Declaring an Emergency (**Ordinance**)

- Request waiver of second and/or third reading and adoption

Motion to suspend rules and waive the second and third readings for ORD 20-026 made by Bennett; seconded by Lynch

Amos said we need to state the reason for the emergency; Peoples stated it is due to the timeframe associated with the expiration of our current waste hauling contract with Waste Management

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

Motion to adopt ORD 20-026 made by Bennett; seconded by Coolman

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Coolman, Amos, Clark, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

ORD 20-027

Public Service

Sponsor: Clark

An Ordinance to Make Technical Corrections to Ordinance Number 23-10 (**Ordinance**)

- First Reading Only

Clark stated the reason for the emergency to bring the amount of tungsten up to the proper code.

Motion to add an emergency clause to ORD 20-027 made by Clark; seconded by Amos

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

Motion to suspend rules and waive the second and third readings for ORD 20-027 made by Clark; seconded by Amos

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

Motion to adopt ORD 20-027 made by Clark; seconded by Lynch

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Lynch, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

I. Reports

Mayor's Report

20-167**Report**

Ebert said he has nothing to add to his written report, but he would be happy to take your phone calls or your questions at any time.

Fairfield County Sheriff

20-168

Report

Lynch said in reading over the statistics sent by the Sheriff's Office of Fairfield County, it seems to me that last month the average was about 70% busy time and here I see a 77% busy time, a 64% and a 63% with an average of 68%. If I remember our conversations correctly with Sgt. Cassell that we were told that sweet spot was somewhere in that 60% busy time that is where they are most effective and anything beyond that and they are stretching their guys a bit, it seems like we are tipping over that line a bit and stretching them a bit and we want our police to be as effective as possible, so, that leads me to my questions of where are we with the police force evaluation consulting and is that something we can move forward with, because we talked about increasing our police force, but do we need to increase our police force to help Mr. Hendershot out here; we talked about having some kind of evaluation and a consultant so where are we at with that. Mr. Walker asked for Mayor Ebert; Ebert said I don't think we have heard back from the Ohio Retired Police Chiefs Association, go ahead Gene; Hollins said the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police; Ebert said yes that is it, I don't think we have heard anything back from them yet, we are still trying to do something along that line, we don't know of another association out there, at least that I am aware of, maybe Amanda has run across something, but I don't think there is another association out there like that that does that type of analysis and recommendations that we are aware of at this time, Amanda do you know of any. Jackson replied no I do not Mayor, if you recall the last time we talked about this the individual we had communicated with had retired in the midst of our conversation and he passed off our information to someone who was taking over his business, and I have not heard from that individual but we were told they were working on a new process and they did not think they would be done with that process until the end of March and now given everything that has happened since March I do not really know what they are up to at this point, if they are still going out and doing these types of things at the moment; the last time I tried to look for this individual's contact information I did not have it, I was merely given a name and so I had no way of getting a hold of them. We can definitely explore and see if that has changed since the last time but I was under the impression they were contacting us and they have not done so. Ebert said it is probably not fair to talk about this without Sgt. Hendershot being present; I thought he mentioned a meeting or two ago about those percentage numbers that they are deceiving depending on what they are actually doing, it can make those numbers deceiving, and I don't recall exactly what that was but if we can corner him the next time and we can get a better idea. Walker said that would be great, Mayor Ebert, if we can try to have him at the next meeting; Mr. Lynch had mentioned about what Sgt. Cassell had said so that we can find out and in the meantime I know a few years ago we had put back money aside to bring in a deputy just if we need to, but we should probably talk to him first and have, can we have him at the next meeting, Sgt. Hendershot; Ebert replied yes, I will see if he can make it, I am surprised he is not at this one to tell you the truth, he probably had something come up; Jackson said I will get ahold of him. Clark asked Gene where is the resolution from the Franklin County Prosecutor about the Madison Township agreement that our police were going to talk to them and vice-versa and do more patrolling, we passed our resolution and I have not heard after the Franklin County Prosecutor was going to get the document from Madison Township, where is that; Hollins replied as you may recall the reason the county prosecutor's office had not started on something was because we both had to pass formal resolutions saying we had an intention to enter into a MOU like that, so we did it and sent it on to them and you are right Mr. Clark I don't think we have heard a thing from them since; but it is really the agreement that is necessary, we have the home rule authority to enter into that but the township doesn't without statutory authority and so we need them to do that first

draft because we can't draft something that gives the township the right authority that is what their attorney has to do to make sure they have got the right invocations and the right statutes to make sure they can do this, so, I can get on them and see what is going on. Coolman asked how do we get that in motion, how do we do that; Hollins said that is what I am saying, I can call down there to their civil division and see if anybody working on it after we went through all the extra steps to get them a written resolution, etc. to get the process moving specifically. Clark said they have had that, when did we pass our resolution, this has been like six months or more; Hollins said I would say that is about right six months; Clark said it is really up to Madison Township to contact the Franklin County Prosecutor because it is their attorney in this situation if they really want to do this, they need to contact the Franklin County Prosecutor to get this written so they can pass something in their township meeting, right; Hollins said yes and their attorney can probably tell me but when a client calls it usually gets a better response; Clark said so it's in their court. Amos said great bringing this back up Mr. Clark and I just want to make sure that somebody, Mr. Hollins, is following up with Madison Township, let's just make sure it doesn't get dropped; Hollins said he can't call the township directly he would have to call the prosecutor's office, clients can talk to clients for sure.

Law Director

Hollins said the only additional note I want to make is that I told Mr. Peoples that he should write that ordinance about tungsten as an emergency and he said no, council will never want to do that (laughter) but Mr. Clark I tried to save you all of those motions. All kidding aside, we did have the end of the road on the municipal income tax case that was brought on behalf of Canal and about 150 other municipalities last week before the Ohio Supreme Court, it went well, we can't read the justices' body of language but we are optimistic we don't think they would have taken the case unless they thought the court of appeals didn't come to the right ultimate decision and that ultimate decision from the court of appeals being the state had the authority to dictate to us how we write our income tax codes and how we collect income taxes and so we obviously didn't agree with the Court of Appeals then we are glad the Supreme Court took the case and now we wait for their decision but we are cautiously optimistic looking around the seven justices, there was one pretty vociferous in support of the state and nobody else seemed to be taking his lead; I will let you know as soon as we hear but we sure would like a strong opinion saying that home rule is still in existence and allows all of the municipalities to work together to collect and write income tax codes and collect income taxes without interference by the state much less collection of our taxes by the state and it has been a disaster so far with the centralized collection of net profits tax. Coolman asked do we need an executive session tonight; Hollins replied no, if anybody needs it we can call in on a joint number but we have been trying to avoid executive session due to the logistics, but no reason it is needed.

Finance Director

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Jackson said the 2021 tax budget on her report and we will have a public hearing about this in June; my plan is to have a draft to you by the first meeting in June so you will have the opportunity to review that before I go over it and give you the chance to come up with some questions for my presentation, and a reminder about that it concentrates on revenues, there is expenditure work done, but it is not the final appropriation for 2021 that will be brought to you in the fall; and we will take into consideration the

effects that COVID has had on our revenue when we do that budget for next year. Because it is a public hearing and public hearings are defined differently in the revised code than a public meeting, it will have to be open to the public in some way shape or form for them to be at that public hearing, so, Matt, Rick and I are working out the logistics of how we are going to do that and that is not until the second meeting in June, we have a little bit of time, but just so you know that things might be a little bit different for that particular meeting. Right along with that on our income tax collections I know we talked about this at the last meeting, and RITA sent out notification to communities that across all of their 170ish clients that income tax collections are down 38%, that is pretty significant obviously; Canal Winchester has seen a 3% increase over where we were last year, but I still think we will see somewhere between a 5 and 10% shortfall of what we expected to receive this year; obviously keeping a close eye on it now that things are starting to open up a little bit and hopefully we'll see some positive numbers coming our way. The other thing that was announced was that Franklin County has pushed back the due date for their property taxes officially to the beginning of August so we will not be getting those funds when we typically do. We don't have a cash flow issue, I am not worried about that but just a heads up that another revenue source that has been impacted by all of this. Coolman said it doesn't mean we won't get the property taxes, it is just delayed; Jackson replied correct. Bennett said we are projecting a potential downturn of 5-7% over last year, is that the projections off of this year or every year; Jackson replied that would be based off of this year's projections; Bennett said ok, so if we have a 5% decrease what does that mean every year is that still trending about even then; Jackson replied typically when we do the budget we are very conservative so we always end of collecting more than we originally anticipated, so what you are going to see is probably still an increase over 2019 but it won't be what we anticipated cause my budget number is higher than what I had budgeted for in 2019 if that makes sense; Bennett said yes, it makes sense; Jackson said we are not in any financial dire-straits by any means, and 5-10% sounds like a lot and it is a lot but we have, as we have preached to you, been very, very conscientious of our spending over the last several years and we are set to weather a storm like this; we are still able to move forward with our project plans; Bennett said and that is why I was curious that even if you are projecting a loss year after year you are still projecting to run about even or a little bit ahead, so I was just curious and that answered my question and job well done.

Public Service Director

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Report

Peoples said we hosted the Red Cross blood drive at the community center in honor of Brock Johnson and with the virus shut down they were not able to do it at the middle school this year, we were able to accommodate them at the community center and they had a great turn out with 84 units of blood collected so they were very happy with that and helping the blood supply and they appreciated that we could accommodate them. We had informed you of our decision to not open the pool on May 8th that we sent that out, and as a background there have been a lot of comments both for and against our decision, we had all intentions to open the pool this year and with all of the restrictions we had anticipated a reduction in the capacity due to required social distancing and due to these capacities we had discussed restricting it to city residents only, our community is much larger than the Canal Winchester corporation limits and the city is roughly one-third of the school district population, we know those folks are part of our community and to put restrictions on it to upset two-thirds of the community would have been very difficult to have to do so that played into our decision with some capacity and distancing issues, and the enforcement of these rules would have been very challenging to our mostly high school aged employees, the employees of Columbus Pool Management, and to put enforcement on

top of their duties as lifeguards, gate attendants and concession stand would have added to the challenges along with it; from a financial standpoint the reduction in the capacity would have greatly reduced the membership and admission revenues, I know Ms. Jackson said we are in good financial shape, but to have more reduced revenue, the Columbus Pool Management contract we like to break even there and anything additional we put in there we are not able to recover from. Last Thursday the Governor announced at his press conference that city and club pools were able to open, we already knew we would be able to open but we didn't know when; today the Mayor and I were on a conference call today with the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Group, and Franklin County Public Health is encouraging communities to keep their pools closed, they have a large concern from a public health standpoint about the spread of the virus and the exposure it will cause even with the restrictions and they will be writing a statement on it this week; some communities are looking at July 1st as a potential date to open their pools but still with concerns from a public health standpoint. After today's discussion and reviewing the restrictions from the Ohio Department of Health has not changed our mind, we still feel that closing the pool is the right decision, it is a very difficult decision, but it is in an abundance of caution and I am okay with that I would rather error on the safer side than open it up. The larger part of disappointment to me is that we have a lot of community members out there who need something to do, this would have been a great outlet for them. Regarding the comments of people saying we are wasting water because we filled the pool, but we had all intentions of going forward with the season starting this Friday; it takes about a month and half to get things moving, we had plumbing issues we had to take care of from last season and we need to have water in the pool to test the repairs that we made, repairs to a restrainer basket and a main line, and we don't want the pool pumps sitting there from the end of the 2019 season to the beginning of the 2021 season, about 20 months' worth, it is not good for stuff to just sit there. So, you will see water in the pool we are circulating it and we discovered one of our newer motors needs new bearings, so there are things that we have to do to maintain the pool and keep the equipment moving. It is not a thumb our nose at anybody, every once in a while we will turn the mushroom pump on and we'll do it at off times so we don't give anybody a false sense of hope that we would be opening. I don't have a time frame on when we would drain the pool, we drain the recreation pool all the way down, but the competition pool it never drains down, leave about six feet of water in the deep are, and if we did that in the middle of the summer it would be nothing but a mosquito breeding ground; that is some of the consideration. For Columbus Pool Management I do not know what their schedule is and they have a lot of other clients and they offered us guidance and provided us with some ideas on how to make this work with the distancing but ultimately it is and for an abundance of caution to keep the pool closed was the best decision. Amos asked what is our financial obligation to Columbus Pool Management; Peoples said I don't have a final, we pay them ten times through the year per the contract and June, July and August is the highest due to personnel they have, and it will depend what else we have them do as we proceed; our water plant guys are capable on the equipment over there and they can't work on the pool while it is in active recreation so we can buy some time and pick up some of that work to do to keep the pools running. Amos said so there is not a carrier fee we have to pay on this agreement; Peoples said we talked to Columbus Pool Management and discussed that if the pool is closed then the contract would be adjusted, it's roughly \$135,000 a year for the contract and we have probably paid about one-third of that. Ebert said the conversation today was with about 27 other communities and it was a mixed bag, some wanted to open, some did not and some are still on the fence; but the Franklin County Public Health director and the Columbus Public Health director both said we are taking a high risk if we open and they did not recommend opening and as Matt said they are sending out a letter that they recommend we no open; and another thing that hit home with me is they said if there is

an incident at the pool and a person has the virus you now have to contact everybody who was at the pool that day and that is what they call contact tracing of all the attendance for that day and that would be an awful lot of work. Union County, Marysville said they are going to open and they were proud of that and they said they got their county public health director involved and they said it was okay, and Dr. Roberts of Columbus health pointed out that Union County has 300 cases total and Franklin County has 4560 cases and that is the difference; Union County and Marysville is a lot less risk than it would be for any pool in Franklin County; we learned a lot today.

Lynch asked Peoples about a conversation with ODOT regarding traffic on 33, Brice Road and Gender Road, what is ODOT saying about Brice Road; Peoples said we reached out to them about Gender Road phase six which included the interchange and Shane Spencer was in to talk about that; last year around the same time we did Gender Road phase five application; we reached out to ODOT to let them know what we were doing to try to gage their interest and they are starting studies on 33 and I don't know how far they are with that and it is something that they are looking at; Mayor and Luke were on that call as well if they want to chime in, but it seemed like they were a little bit further along than I would have anticipated, talking about smart lanes and ramp configurations and that type of thing. Haire said ODOT has engaged a consultant to do a safety study of the corridor and they will evaluate a number of alternatives and what that does to traffic, some of those alternatives are the Bixby Road interchange, ramp metering with a signal as you get on 33 to control the flow of traffic, Matt mentioned the smart lanes which allows you to drive on the shoulder, also increasing the number of lanes and closing off certain intersections; there will be a number of alternatives that will be evaluated through this safety study, we'll keep in touch with the consultant throughout the process and do that hand-in-hand with our thoroughfare plan that we are undergoing now. Clark asked is there a timeframe to start and end this by; Haire said he doesn't know if there is a timeframe associated with this, and he will have to get back to you, I know they awarded the contract and so they do have a consultant; Clark said that is good news; Lynch said that is good and people want to know that something is actually being done with 33 and the warehouses going up and it will be nice to see that Bixby Road interchange come to fruition, it would be wonderful.

Development Director

Haire said as Mrs. Jackson mentioned there are a lot of people in Canal Winchester getting back work which is good news; our largest three private sector employers are all operational again now in some capacity and they are all connected to the automotive supply chain and a lot of the equipment manufacturers are manufacturing automobiles again so that has been helpful to get them up and operating. We are looking forward to restaurants opening later this week and having dine in customers; I know some of the restaurants here in town had a good weekend with the nice weather and got folks out on the patios and figured out how they are going to operate safely in the environment we are in now, good to see those things happening. We do have some new businesses opening up as well, if you have not been down West Walnut Street, GC Pallet purchased 880 West Walnut and they are just about complete with their renovations to that building and if you have not been by I suggest you take a look across the street from Brew Dog the second building back and it's amazing what a coat of paint and some landscaping improvements can do and new fencing it looks very nice and look forward to get them open and operational there. In Planning and Zoning this month we do have two plats at Villages of Westchester section nine one and nine two will make 24 more lots available, the extension of Conner Court that is under construction currently. Residential construction still remains strong we have not seen any slowdown here we are still seeing an uptick of where we were last year, still going strong there.

J. Council Reports

Work Session and Council Meetings on Monday, June 1, 2020 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session and Council Meetings on Monday, June 15, 2020 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, June 29, 2020 starting at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Milliken

Milliken said the final figures raised for Community Week was just over \$97,000 so great job to everyone in the community for their contributions there. They have canceled their group trips and in June they are going to resume transportation to personal appointments for clients. In June hoping to have people back inside the building with the necessary sanitary precautions. The garden boxes are up as well.

CWICC - Clark and Coolman

Clark said next meeting is July 29th at 11:30 at the Interurban Building. I am also wanted to report on the McDorman Municipal Complex meeting as the council representative and I attended the May 11, 2020 meeting as the preliminary kick-off and Bill reported on that so I won't go over the same things he went over but I did try to bring up some things I thought council as a whole would be interested in; I said the community center would be a high priority for the makeup for the size of that and what is included, the size will be a discussion item, I heard the possibility of adding a new reading room to that and the possibility of moving the conference room that is connected to the community center and maybe making that more towards the middle and freeing up additional space from that point, but nothing is set in stone; so those are some things being discussed. Milliken said I am assuming at the new building we will have a much larger room where we hold our executive session, and maybe this is too far ahead, but I would like to see that room be able to be rented out at some point, I don't know where that room will be set in the building, but I think it is a good idea for it to not be wasted space when it is not being used; Clark said I think what they are looking at, and Matt you can chime in if I say something wrong, but our executive room would be near our new tenant and could be shared space with that new tenant, I can't say who that tenant is at this point, but they would share that space and maybe have some cost share in that and use it and maybe rent that space out at times to be used through the new tenant or the city, you are talking about right next to our council chambers; Milliken said yes, whatever room we would use for our executive sessions. Jackson said one of the challenges with that is the technology piece and the computers and things that we need to have in the space, your executive session room at town hall right now is also used for Mayor's court, so there is a computer, printer and phone that is in there now and we have to take that into consideration if we do rent the room out so that it is not easily accessible to those renting it so those are the types of things we are still talking about. Lynch commented about utilizing the spaces that are not used by us, the council chambers, too, and you see a lot of council chambers that have fixed seats and that kind of limits that facility to just council meetings or whatever; if the seats were not fixed in that room then it could be used for other functions so that might be a consideration. People said the council chamber will be shared space, as well, is what we are envisioning, without fixed chairs; the council desk would be fixed; Lynch said the audience would not be theater type seating; Peoples said correct, moveable; Lynch said I think that would make the space a lot more functional; Peoples said there is also a discussion about the size of the council chamber and being able to divide that so there would be a large room that we could divide into two smaller rooms, as well; Lynch said another consideration for council chambers, too, is that if we keep up with the technology of web cams and at least filming the

meetings and broadcasting out there then you will have a lot more people watching from home; there are some hot topics coming up where people want to attend, I think we are getting to the point where we won't have as many people at the meetings like we may have before because you can watch from home, so that might be something that comes out as far as size of those facilities; Amos said who would want to watch us on a regular basis; Bennet said who wouldn't want to watch us on a regular basis.

CWJRD - Amos and Bennett

Bennett has executive board meeting Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm, virtual meeting, look for a Google Meet link on our website. Working on opening some registration for some fall sports to just garner the interest level with the restrictions and how that works; as we all know the Governor's office issued some guidance for baseball and softball and we are working through that to see if there is anything or how we would apply those locally and I am sure that will be a heavy topic of conversation on Thursday night; but for fall sports we opened some registrations with no cost associated with those at the moment just to gauge numbers and see how many folks are going to be interested in coming back in the fall at this point.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Walker

Walker said no meetings planned that we know of; Coolman said Art Stroll is canceled and officially announced and canceled Blues and Rib Fest; we are working on a few ideas for later this summer we can come out of the pandemic and start gathering with caution, there are some events we would like to coordinate but at this stage of the game we have nothing planned.

K. Old/New Business

Amos said we need to set a date for the Town Hall meeting and decide if we are moving it or keeping it in June; Lynch said we have our first council meeting on the first is that correct so let's do the following week; Amos said Mr. Bennett does that work for you Tuesday, June 9th? Bennett replied sure. Clark asked if there was anything that day like Planning and Zoning; Jackson said, no, they meeting on Monday. Clark asked how are we technology wise, can we be up and running or do we have to do all of this ourselves, if we do I nominate Pat to put it all together; Jackson replied as I think you all know since this whole thing started we have explored a lot of technological solutions and this one is by far the best one we have come up with so I don't think we have anything else to offer so if you have suggestions we would love to hear them; Coolman said well, before we get to that stage, the Town Hall meetings that we have had have been very effective and the public has been very appreciative of the one attended by our directors; the questions that are asked of us, we are either not competent enough to respond or we don't recall the information or we are not up to date with the latest information and the directors have stepped up and filled that gap. The first question we need to find out is that June 9th is okay with the directors and do we want the directors there and I think personally speaking I would want them there; and going back the reason we are doing this because of the letters that were sent in and the questions that were sent in were questions they want to know about the financial stability and they want a breakdown of the expense report, they want to know what the budgets are, they want to know how we are effected by tax collections so they want to know the process or progress of businesses closing in Canal, are projects continuing, so I think there are a lot of questions that pertain to that.

Amos asked Audra, if you can send a message out to the directors and confirming who can be present and hopefully get a good majority of them, and then the second thing we would need to establish, cause at the meeting we have them sign-in to speak and go down the list, so I think we would need to get with

Ms. Lemke to make sure there is a way for them to sign-in so that we can effectively unmute them during it so we can still control the muting and so we would go down the list and say Mr. Coolman you are up, unmute Mr. Coolman and ask your question and we can have that conversation and then we can mute afterwards to start the next person, that way we can effectively control that chaos and volume control, so those are the things of Audra I would ask to try to set this up effectively online. Lynch said we can use the same format we have here since it seems to be working quite well. Amos asked Mrs. Jackson about the software, I heard you say that some of the residents are managing to unmute themselves, and I am not familiar, I know with Zoom I can shut them down and they cannot unmute themselves so is that a flaw in the software or is that; Jackson replied if I do that then it prevents Mr. Bennet and the Mayor, and Lucas and Gene from being able to control themselves; I can't pick and choose who does that so when you have the mixed virtual and in person setup it presents a challenge; Amos said so what I am used to with Zoom they have a, and it may not be the option we want for Town Hall, but for our Zoom meeting we receive an administrative login and we have access to our normal conversations and then we have the public login and we are able to control what goes on for the public but they don't have any control, if we don't unmute them then they are muted; maybe that is something we can look at, but I don't want to add more and ask more of Mrs. Jackson if we want her to talk during town hall and be able to answer questions I don't want her to have to be monitoring the software at the same time, that seems like a lot; I will be happy to help you work on a solution, I think there is a way and we'll figure it out.

Clark asked how are we going to promote this and June 9th seems pretty quick to me to put all of this together, but who is going to promote it and how are we going to get this out; Lynch said if you think the 9th is too soon if we waited to maybe the 23rd or the 30th and if more changes could be lifted and we wouldn't have to do it virtual; Clerk stated we would post the notice like we have in the past to the city website and a paper posting and a posting on the city Facebook page; Clark said like a public service announcement, a PSA, out to the media; Jackson said that is Amanda Lemke, I don't believe she did a press release the last time, but it would be the same process that Audra goes through when she pushes out the agenda so if you get a text message about that; Clark said so the media gets notified, right; Clerk replied yes. Amos asked do we want to look at the 23rd; Coolman said I think we need to give a fair amount of preparation, I like the idea of having it I just don't want to come off as unprepared; Clark said I think waiting gives two things, one we are more prepared if it is virtual and two, it might buy us some time; Walker said that gives us two dates, the 23rd and the 30th, to work with the directors and see where they fall, too; Jackson said you have Committee of the Whole scheduled for June 29th as well; Clerk said I won't be here the 18th through the 23rd, so that will be up to Amanda if she will be available to clerk; so are we shooting for June 9th or are we waiting; Clark said I think we wait; Coolman said I agree, my opinion is I want to be prepared, and I don't want to go into it blind or unprepared, so I think June 23rd is the better date; Clark said I think it buys us time to deal with this and make it live; Coolman said June 23rd is roughly a week away from our regular meeting schedule; Clerk said your regularly scheduled town hall is July 14th, the one that has been scheduled; Coolman said June 23rd or July 14th; Lynch asked if we do June 9th or the 23rd then it is two weeks from now or four weeks from now, what more information are we going to get in those two weeks; Coolman said the technology and making sure we are holding the meeting properly the right way and also if restrictions loosen up; Lynch said the technology is what it is; Coolman said I am listening to those over there that put this together and they are not sure, and I don't want to push them to the point where we are operating on the twelfth hour and we fail to deliver the right product in the right avenue for people to access; Clerk said I am going to pass to Amanda and Matt, they set up the technology so whatever they feel is possible for June 9th. Amos said I do agree with what Mr. Milliken is saying that by that date we might be able to, I mean we still have to practice our

distancing, but there is plenty of room that we could separate it out and space people out; Walker said so we are looking at June 23rd; Clark said yes, Tuesday, June 23rd; Clerk said okay not the 9th it is the 23rd. Milliken said I am free until July 4th; Coolman said I don't know I don't have my calendar in front of me Chuck; Walker said we'll do it at 7:00 o'clock; Coolman said seven until; Amos said until it ends; Clark said so we can take the 14th off, we wouldn't have another one three weeks later, right; Clark said so you are in agreement you are canceling your meeting on July 14th; Clark said yes, maybe reconvene in August or something and decide if we want to do every other month or something; Walker said June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn made by Milliken; seconded by Clark
Motion carried by the following vote:*

*Yes 7 –Milliken, Clark, Amos, Bennett, Coolman, Lynch, Walker
Adjourned at 8:35 pm*