

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

July 6, 2020

6:00 PM

City Council

Mike Coolman - Vice President

Jill Amos

Will Bennett

Bob Clark

Patrick Lynch

Chuck Milliken

Mike Walker

A. Call To Order *Coolman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.*

B. Roll Call *Present 7 – Amos, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker*

C. Also In Attendance

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson

D. Request for Council Action

E. Reports

Matt Peoples -

20-120

Report

Peoples: not a whole lot in addition to my written report we do have on the trash contract we are schedule to have the opening on this Friday, had a request to delay for a week. Will be ready with proposals for first meeting in August; Coolman: can you give me an update maybe I forgot what we said but the hands free sign throughout the community; Peoples: they were posted the day it went live, it was kind of overshadowed by the Coronavirus but I believe we have eleven signs we installed at all entrances if you see the no U turn signs they will be on same post; Coolman: what about East Waterloo heading out toward Meijer and coming back in; Peoples: there should be one out there; Milliken: there is one there I drive by it every day, coming into town, not sure exactly where; People: it may be on a wooden post out there on a telephone pole that we use and it may miss your eye being on a telephone pole instead of a black post; Lynch: about painting 25 on the roadways, have we done any pre or will do post studies to evaluate traffic and speed to see if it is helping; Peoples: those are enhancements to the signs and for 35 down to 25, Groveport Road, Waterloo, Washington Street, but again these are just enhancements of existing signage, so no studies done for that, our traffic counter is not working and have held off on getting a new one right now; Lynch: I am all for what you are doing and it looks great and I am confident it will help just curious if there is statistical information; Peoples: it raises awareness on those transition points to highlight those trouble spots; Lynch: they can use all of the help they can get.

F. Items for Discussion

20-161

DORA - Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (Information)

Haire: This is a continuation of last week's discussion and there are still a number of outstanding items we need council's input on in regards to the DORA; sent out via email; some replied to email and I spoke to some on the phone; wanted to have a discussion this evening on council's thoughts in regards to the DORA so I can inform the Mayor as he puts together the application with is necessary to create the DORA for Canal Winchester.

Coolman: As I understand it from the last meeting we have to provide the mayor with answers to what goes on the application so can we establish that tonight or is that a separate; Haire: Correct, essentially how it happens

is the mayor submits the application to council and then council would have the legislative authority to create the DORA, so, at this point we are asking for guidance on what council's opinions are regarding the DORA so we can assemble the application over the next month and bring that back in August for your consideration; Milliken: I am one that didn't respond to the email and basically my thoughts on it were what we touched on at the last meeting. I like the idea of opening it up as a broad base release and contracting it as needed, I can't remember who brought that up, but I thought that was probably the best idea and I don't really have a problem with anything that anybody else submitted, I think it looked pretty good.

Coolman: Days of the week; Lynch: I say keep it simple and do it every day; All members agreed.

Coolman: Time, when are we going to have it; Lynch: 11 am to 11 pm reason being is our festivals usually serve until 11 o'clock so we might as well keep it in line with that so as not to confuse anybody; Bennett: agree only wonder if we should have separate hours for Sunday or when businesses close on Sunday; Amos: said yea, I think; Walker: I was considering the same thing earlier when I called and talked to Mr. Haire; Haire: There are a lot of varying regulations for liquor on Sundays, the state regulations; House Bill 674 which I talked about last week will scale back some of those regulations if it passed it would take away the separate permitting license for Sunday licenses stuff like that. I would not necessarily be opposed to having different hours on a Sunday if it started later in the day or things like that, but the more you amend that then the more confused people get and people say everyday it is 11 to 11 but on Sunday it doesn't start until 2 pm or 3 pm and may be more confusing for the businesses and for the customers; Milliken: not to get ahead of ourselves but I think that is something that we can put in the signage, too, say this is the end of the designated DORA and put the hours. Amos: for the festival on Sunday what are the hours that alcohol is served; Coolman: until 6; Amos: what is the latest time a restaurant closes on a Sunday, Shades at 9 on Sunday; Haire: probably say Barrel and Boar is open later; Coolman: I think they shut it down at 10; Haire: I would say most places but, I don't know what time Loose Rail is open until; Walker: you also mentioned something about the state of Ohio was changing things on Sunday as well and kind of getting more relaxed on Sundays; Haire: typically in Ohio you have to have a separate sales permit for liquor on Sundays and the bill that was introduced House Bill 674 is looking to eliminate that requirement; Walker: what is the time in other areas like Westerville is their time 10 or 11; Lynch: I think Lancaster is 11 o'clock; Haire: most communities are 10 or 11 pm, and most communities that had limited it to a certain number of days of the week have now changed that to seven days a week during the pandemic, so at least temporarily; Lynch: Lancaster is every day; Bennett: I would be satisfied if we want to say 11 to 11 seven days a week; Walker: I am 11 to 11 seven days and we can always back off if we needed to; Lynch: it keeps it simple and the businesses that close early on Sunday it polices itself; it is my understanding on Labor Day alcohol is served in the beer facility until 11 o'clock and on Monday it is over at 6, is that correct; Coolman: that is correct; actually at the Blues and Rib Fest they shut the beer tent down and do the brush of the tent at 11, first call is at 10:45 pm and they kick everybody out at 11; Lynch; okay, so if we follow the rules of the festivals and on Sundays for businesses who are not open they are not serving and you can't get alcohol and it polices itself; Coolman: it would be more direct to the point on Sunday and on Monday Labor Day and the beer tent during Labor Day festival isn't packed so it dies down on those last two days but on Saturday night it is full all the way up to the end, so that Monday is lightly attended because everybody stays for the parade and then goes home, it's a long weekend; Amos: I am good with 11 to 11; Clark and Milliken agreed; Coolman: unanimous for 11 to 11, actually my original thought was noon to 9 and the reason being due to the restaurants down here most of them shut their kitchens at 10 and bars are open until 11 and they rush everybody out at 11, so with the kitchens being closed that is when most of the foot traffic stops and I am okay with 11 to 11 if that is the way it runs. Again, I think making the time uniform we don't have to worry about

festivals or the Art Stroll or any of the special events that we have, it makes it pretty easy; Walker: what if you have a drink in your hand and it is 11:15 pm; I am just curious, do you throw it out, I just don't know the answer to that; Haire: I do not know how the liquor laws would specifically work in that case if you are licensed and in the DORA area, if you were served prior to 11 and then you can probably take away I would imagine; I don't know the answer to that; Lynch: I don't think the police are really going to say anything if you are in the area after 11 o'clock with a drink unless you are causing problems and that gives them a reason to pick you up, but I doubt there would be a problem.

Coolman: beverages being served; Lynch: all; Coolman: that would be beer, wine and liquor; Lynch: yes; Bennett: beer and wine; Walker: all; Coolman: all three; Amos: I honestly don't have a preference on this I am not a drinker, but my initial thought was A and B but if nobody has a problem with C then I am okay, but my initial gut says beer and wine; Clark: thinking more beer and wine but I don't know, I can do all; Milliken: all; Coolman: all three wins out.

Coolman: map; Lynch: map as laid out by Mr. Haire is sufficient; Bennett: I agree; Walker: I have a question about the gala event and to make sure that was included and it is so, that was important to me and Mr. Haire had already included that so I am good with it; Coolman: I am good as well; Amos: I am good with what was presented; Clark: I have concerns with this because we are hitting a lot of residential neighbors with this and it goes up Columbus Street to Trine and there are no bars up through there; Haire: on Columbus Street we are just including the properties with High Street frontage and on Waterloo we are going from Trine over, so it would include the city owned parking lots because we have those during festivals; at Labor Day they have the rides there between Shades and the community center and that is included; Clark; this map shows way more than you are saying, it goes all down Columbus Street and all of Trine and all the way back; Haire; it doesn't include the residents on Columbus Street; it just includes the areas behind them in the public areas, the parking lot over to the existing community center and on Waterloo Street; it takes in all of the commercial businesses and some of the homes along Waterloo Street. So, the primary area where the map included residences are East Waterloo, north side, North High Street; Clark: so the reason to go all of the way to Trine is to catch that parking lot; Haire: yes, and with the city purchasing the new municipal city complex it would take that in and a potential right-of-way and include that area for potential events; Clark; I am okay with most of it, but I really want to have a strong public comment period just to get all of the residents on board with this to make sure there is not like some uprising we don't know about; I know the businesses are in favor but I have not heard from any residents I think we need to have that comment period before I can support this at all; I have to have residents weigh in on this first; Amos: there was an article that ran about it and with all the conversations I have not seen anybody speaking out against it; Bennett; there is a public hearing section of this once it gets going after the application is submitted so we will have an opportunity to do that, we can go through process of submitting the application and residents can come in and if they don't want it we can say okay we don't have to do it; Clark; that is fine and that is where I am weighing my decision on that response; Amos: unless 674 happens before then and that takes away; Clark; yes, and there are three readings, too; Lynch; and more than likely there will be more press coverage on it because DORA seems to be a hot topic for most municipalities and it makes good news; Clark: I like how this mixes with our festivals and I am not sold it has to be an everyday thing but I can get to a point to where I can support that and like Chuck said we can always contract it if an issue arises in the future; Coolman: Mr. Clark we are just trying to establish the protocol that Mayor Ebert has to put on the application if we proceed after everything; Mayor: Sgt. Hendershot just returned from vacation and we had a conversation about this; my concern about this at this time, and like I say just at this time in our world, is the enforcement; for police officers to do anything is horrendous; you have seen the

pictures on TV all over the United States and they are being shot at and brought down for anything they do; I would hate for our deputies to try to enforce someone who is outside the boundaries and have something bad happen; and in today's climate, the way it is today, it is a distinct possibility of that happening and I want you all to think about that very, very hard in today's climate; Personally, I think we should consider this for a later date based on our own deputies and Sgt. Hendershot has some things he would like to say that I never even thought about; Sgt. Hendershot: I just learned about this and tried to do some research and read the article and will check with Lancaster and how they do theirs; you are talking about opening this up seven days a week and for special events; for special events we can monitor that a little bit closer but with our deputies and our contract and special duty if you are going to have somebody out there obviously minimum of two people per our policy with two on the road we are not going to be able to enforce it at all really; just coming here I have three deputies out now and they are on two domestics and two thefts calls right now, so it would be really hard to enforce; Mayor: we are looking at hiring a couple more deputies next year so that will put us back to where we are right now because it will require two deputies for the DORA and two deputies available for other calls in area, two on first shift and two on second shift to do this I want you to think about that pretty hard; Bennett: I would add to that we cannot take any action without your application so, if you and the Sgt. don't feel this is the right time then it pauses right there and we can't take action without your support and I have not done research on how Lancaster is supporting it with law enforcement and the impact it is having and the climate we are having and the hyper focus on police officers right now and we want to put them in the best light and not compromising them; Amos: we should take that all into consideration and the good part is with no meeting the rest of July and if we do proceed with three readings we are looking at September at the earliest so I think we should still outline it and give them some guidance on what they should do and research for it so we are in a place to keep rolling until we know more; Coolman: I agree and that is the purpose tonight so we can get our direction, our bearings and get our parameters set so we are prepared so when it is the right time, boom; Bennett: I agree and I would like to thank the mayor and Sgt. Hendershot for the additional comments on that; Mayor: I just don't think we should be putting the deputies in in today's climate and with those hours it will take two on first shift and two on second shift so that is four additional deputies per day; I don't know how that is going to happen and we want more out on patrol now we are looking at six or eight deputies, that's all.

Coolman: the next item is cups; Lynch: I like pre-printed and if we can find an organization here to buy and stock them and then re-sell them to businesses that would be one way; or if there is a printer that can print and sell them, and everyone can stock pile their own and we need to come up with a logo and on a clear cup; Coolman: here is my take on it, I mean to take my council hat off and put my president of Destination hat on, here is what we need to think about, these DORA cups you have to inventory them and store them and you are asking an organization to have space large enough to store these that is a big warehouse; Is it possible to contract a cup supplier to custom print our cups with our logo we come up with and the bars, etc. can buy their own cups and store them; Haire: yes, other communities do that and we can talk to restaurants here to see where they order their cups and custom printing is available; Coolman; we can set the logo and we have enough suppliers around that would be willing to take that on; Lynch; we can have a logo contest; Haire: there are some inexpensive options; Amos; a graphic designer; Bennett: I would be open to letting each establishment facilitate that themselves; Coolman: I say we contract a supplier so we got them locked up and to help the restaurants and fix the price and come up with a design and each restaurant order and store their own; Walker: so, not going to Destination but each buy their own; Milliken: pre-printed cups, no stickers on cups; all in agreement; Walker: does any other DORA's have an Uber number or something that says drink responsibly; Haire: some communities sell sponsorships for the cups and they put their label on it; Coolman: my brother lives in Sylvania and he was not aware they had it, but their Rotary sponsored it and does the cups, but

Sylvania is a small town; Lynch: the Destination Downtown Lancaster does their cups and stores them and might make a little bit of money off the cups; Coolman: you have to inventory that and report it and I don't think Destination has the manpower to do that.

Coolman: sanitation is next; Lynch: we should put additional trash cans at farthest reaches of area and let each business know they are responsible for helping to clean up every day and we could reassess this as it goes, but the businesses need to be responsible; Bennett: is there a standard plan for this; Haire: just generally use where your waste receptacles are and with special events how you want to manage that and I live in a community with DORA and I have never seen cups laying around; Walker: are the extra trash cans put in are the responsibility of the city or of the liquor owners; Haire: they are placed in the right-of-way and would be the responsibility of the city; one problem is we have residents who dump their own trash into city waste cans instead of paying for trash service themselves; Amos: with this being a recyclable plastic cup hopefully most people will take them home and reuse them; Walker: can we make them recyclable only; Haire: a problem with reusable cups is that people refill them in the area instead of going to an establishment to buy; Coolman: remember you cannot enter an establishment with a full cup from somewhere else; Haire: there are 28 communities in Ohio that have DORA; Bennett: it would be nice to be able to recycle; Coolman: some restaurants wanted to promote the outside dining and would wash and reuse internally; again you can't walk into an establishment with a DORA cup; Milliken: if you do the disposable cup there is a trash issue and if you use the reusable cup there is the potential for people to try to refill it themselves; for now looking at it I think the reusable would work better and if it is a problem we can address it later; Walker: has it been a problem at any of the communities that are using reusable cups; Haire: he would reach out and ask if there have been any issues with reusable cups, they are expensive and there is an extra charge in those communities; Walker: it gets to the point of people just putting their trash in it; Haire: it can be a burden to the ones supplying cups; Lynch: it is my understanding you can bring an empty DORA cup into an establishment without liquid in it and if I go from Shade to Harvest Moon I can take my drink from Shade and drink it along the way and then go into Harvest Moon so, the trash is not being dropped outside; Bennett: the disposable cup can be recyclable so can there be a recycling container at the door to be collected; Haire: most of them are not recyclable, any cup with the mouth wider than the base is not recyclable; Amos: any cup Solo cups are a 4 or 5 and considered general recycle and can be taken; Bennett: I don't want to get caught up in the trash plan; Coolman: issue last year that someone who lives down here was using public trash receptacle was using it as their own trash can and it was a rancid smell so what Lucas said about that is true; I'd rather see disposable cups and not see people in parking spots filling up their cup and not benefiting a business down here; Amos: there will always be someone trying to break the rules; Haire: SWACO website says cups are not recyclable in central Ohio; Amos: the Waste Management rep told us we could take 5 or 6 coded cups for recycling; Coolman: said we'll look into it more but go with disposable cups now; Haire: we will look into that more as to how other communities handle it.

Coolman: signs are next; we need a lot of them, need to be identifiable, bright colors that draw your eyes to them so people notice them; Lynch: located at the end of each road and a couple in the alleys and parking lots, slapping them on existing light posts; Walker: somewhere have a don't drink and drive sign.

Coolman: we spoke about law enforcement; Clark: Sgt. Hendershot, did Lancaster hire four additional police officer when they enacted their DORA; Hendershot: I don't know, will have to ask them; they are in a crunch right now they are talking about laying off 15 officers so I am not sure what they are going to do now. Mayor: I spoke to Mayor Scheffler, he said they do have officers patrolling the area during 11 am to 11 pm, they have a lot more police officers than we do; Coolman: said we will do further research on law enforcement.

Coolman: special events; Lynch: I say we open it to all events and all vendors; Bennett: yes, keep it open during special events; Walker: keep it simple; Coolman: concern is the beer tent at the Blues and Rib Fest because that is our money maker and we can look at this and reorganize a little bit and the biggest request we receive in the beer tent is can I take my beer out of here and go listen to the bands, so I am all for keeping it even across the board; all others agreed. Coolman: Mr. Haire I think we only have a few points to finalize to give to the mayor

20-162**Bed Tax Funds Distribution (ORD-18-032 Bed Tax Grant Award Process, Exhibit to ORD-18-032, Bed Tax Fund June 2020)**

Coolman: the grant award process is what we have discussed previously; Ms. Jackson do you have anything to comment on this; Jackson: I was not at your meeting last week so I do not know what was discussed, and I was not at work today, I will be back to work tomorrow. If you will allow me I would like to look through what you discussed before I make any comment, but feel free to continue the discussion this evening; Coolman: that is fine I didn't mean to do that to you; I had asked Audra to send us all an email which she did, to get your ideas on how you would like to see the bed tax distributed moving forward with new hotels opening; do you want to start this out Mr. Lynch; Lynch: I think we should keep grant program that council gives out for the \$20-30,000 for that; I think we need to look at increasing signage along 33 and the bed tax is supposed to be used to bring people into our community, can we create more illuminated signage to draw people into our businesses or is that a Destination Canal Winchester thing for marketing; I think \$30,000 for façade grants because I think that is money well spent to fix up our downtown area, I think that is something that can be put together by council. I know CWICC has done in past, and I think the balance to go to implementing the old town plan as opposed to parks. I don't think we should be putting this kind of money towards maintenance of parks. I think parks should be self-sufficient, we need to look at alternative financing. It is going to take a lot of money to maintain that park, and I don't think the money from the bed tax will come remotely close to what it needed. I feel we need to look for other alternatives; take the excess money and put it towards the old town plan, and see if we can't get some of those ideas implemented sooner than later;

Bennett: So I looked at it; we collect six percent; Destination collects 25% of the whole amount. I actually think we could increase that to 35%. I think there are opportunities for Destination to do more; and I think giving them more resources to do that would be fitting; so I would propose increasing Destination Downtown Canal Winchester's "chunk" to 35%. I do agree with Mr. Clark there is value in funding the CWICC, so I had that slotted for 25%, and then I think, you know, joint rec. is this an opportunity for us to help support that? So potentially move 20% there; the last 20% could be the city grant fund; and again open to how we shift this around; ultimately as we are growing we need to start looking at how we are going to support these organizations that are supporting the city; I don't think you can have too much travel and tourism promotion; I think the more dollars we could spend there the better; I think recreations amenities and services that the Joint Rec. provides is of value; I think supporting that is important; I think Mr. Clark is dead on; where we can do more with this money by doing façade grants; I think that makes sense; I hear your concern also, Mr. Coolman, about DORA, and what it will impact; that increase could help mitigate any concerns of future financial loss; but I think in the end, if you are looking at 20%, that may be more than we want to put towards the city grant program; so if we want to shift 5% somewhere, I am open to that; I'm just thinking it is a starting position for how we can move forward;

Mr. Walker: My thoughts were to potentially keep the council grants \$25,000, earmarking \$60,000 to the parks and \$15,000 to CWICC & signs; correct me if I am wrong but if you have the money in the parks couldn't that

be moved, Mr. Haire? Mrs. Jackson? Can the \$60,000 from the parks be moved around? Jackson: Technically once it goes into a specific fund, it can only be used for what that specific fund is set for; I was just going to have a discussion with Gene about the legislative implications of your discussion right now; and the way our current ordinance is written and what, if anything we can do to help facilitate this; because right now it says 3% into the general fund and 3% into the bed tax fund; but you are talking about the entire 100% here, or at least that is how to took Mr. Bennett's comments; which is fine, but again we have to look at the legislative side of this too; this isn't just going to be a discussion, we would have to look more into it. Mr. Hollins and I will look at the legislative side it; like I said, I haven't really looked into this since your discussion last week; I don't even know what your discussion was, so just give me a little bit of time, and we will figure something out; Walker: Well I guess I asked the right person, we will just move on from me, because I'm not sure at this point;

Coolman: my opinion was, I earmarked \$25,000 for council to give out in their grants; I think that program needs to continue; however as the revenues grow, I would like the majority of the 75% earmarked towards the park development; that is our shining star, that's going to need help; I'm not sure if it is enough to fund it; but every little bit helps; and then 25% of the remaining is to go to the CWICC; as we found out they don't have much of a balance, and if Lucas comes across a deal that's great for the city he needs to be able to react quickly instead of coming to council asking for money from the general fund, getting approval, that kind of thing;

Amos: So Will and I serve on the JRD; we had a long conversation; a lot of the numbers he had presented tonight are numbers that we came up with together; I really hope that everyone will consider JRD in our plan; we do play a huge part in the community with serving in the form of Parks & Rec; last year we did 6k dollars of work at Hanners Park; so we are committed to this city; and committed to help make things better on our end, plus we are starting out adult programs; something Will had mentioned that I thought he was going to say it, so I will throw it in there; maybe we shift the scholarship money for the Bender to the JRD; and allow the JRD who serves the schools and the city to potentially take that over to help make it easier on the city itself; because we could encompass all of the school districts; and that would take it back to the original scholarship; Clark: So you are going to fund it? Amos: Well with the money you would hopefully share with me; Bennett: if there was 15-20% or anything directed towards the joint rec they could take it out of that amount; Jackson: I just wanted to point out that was how the scholarship program was run prior to the way it is now; we were letting the Alumni Association do that; and the previous council's desire was to allow council to award the scholarship, but it sounds like in this discussion that we will be going the other direction; if council wants to let go of that; it is not a burden on the city by any means to do the scholarship program; I think merely the discussion has been; who is eligible for it; Amos: I guess for me the big thing is I... taking the last week; and really thinking over everything people planned out; you know, other signs thing; should we promote more things inside Canal Winchester, absolutely; do I think it belongs to Destination Downtown to get more signage and promote our events; yes, because you can target better the activities we want to promote and things going on; the façade grants are fantastic; If our businesses are looking good, and if the community is looking good; is it just the four blocks you are talking about? Clark: I think we can recommend it; but we don't walk into CWICC to just to façade the place; we can't say we want to do façades and no one comes forward year after year; and that money just sits there, that does nothing; where we might have somebody who wants to bring in 500 employees; and need a road built, and they will come if we do that; it's not going to be enough build it but it would be to partner with them enough to say "Hey, come on, we will help you come here"; Amos: The field of dreams philosophy; and I see the value in that; it took me a minute to play it all in my head; but I think there are ways; I know if we start looking at this and include CWICC we will then have a good chunk of

our programing that each of our council members serve on; so we have Human Services that we're helping; it would cover CWICC, hopefully the JRD, so we are starting to cover more the committees we serve on; and giving us more things going on to help promote this awesome city; Clark: Can you come in and ask for any of the \$25,000 dollars of the bed grant that's granted; write a grant proposal and come and give \$2,000 to... Bennett: I could, but I don't have too; Clark: Why wouldn't you? Bennett: Do you want me too? Amos: 2k compared to 15-20% is a big difference of the bed tax grant; Clark: Yeah, but there is not that much, go ahead; I will get Lucas up here and he will explain how little bit of money that actually is. Amos: I will say, we did apply for the grant this year, the JRD did, in conjunction with Human Services, and that money was used to help finance the financial aid for students or youth who could not afford the fees; so we did apply for it but we used it towards what our community was desperately reaching out to us, and letting us know there were a large number of youth not being served; because they couldn't afford it, and then COVID hit; so now we are starting to roll it out, and we have already seen the doors are knocking down; so we will exhaust that money rather quickly. Bennett: But I guess if we are going back to how much is in that fund, or how much we are annually collecting, Mrs. Jackson where you projecting \$120,000 in collections per year? Clark: When my formula came out CWICC got a whopping \$13,000; Bennett: See in my formula Mr. Clark, you were getting \$30,000 dollars; Clark: Just right off the top? Bennett: Right off the top; with the proposal I had; Destination would now collect \$42,000 which is a \$12,000 increase, if the amount Mrs. Jackson gave is collected; Clark: They are going to get an increase when this builds out; Bennett: They are playing a very large role in drawing people to this city, you cannot underfund it. They have expenses, they could probably use additional employees at some point, same with the Joint Rec. at some point the city is going to take these services on or the businesses that we are delegating these responsibilities to are going to have to grow their staffing on their own because we have the desire to do more; Clark: I guess your formula is better, if CWICC gets \$30,000 then I'd be happy with that; Jackson: So when we did the budget for 2020 we had obviously anticipated a different year than what we are seeing; so it was actually more than double than what we had previously collected, so close to \$300,000 total; but at the time we were under the impression that the hotels would be built and up and running, Brew Dog would be full every weekend, but obviously things are very different now; Amos: Even off of \$120,000, I still say... I mean the hotels have been booked; I talked to the one hotel that is actively running and they have stayed consistent the last couple of months; they said they have seen more couples "getting away" than ever before; so they have been booked solid; Jackson: Which hotel are you referring to? Amos: The one behind Wendy's Jackson: Oh, the Best Western Amos: Yes, the Best Western, thank you; and then Brew Dog has opened back up, that's exciting news; and hopefully the other one will get their furniture in there soon; but even at a \$120,000 that's still a good chunk of change; Bennett: I mean at that point, Mrs. Jackson's projections are \$300,000, so you would potentially be doubling the amount that we would be constituting to all those; Haire: With the \$300,000, with the proposal Mr. Clark and Mr. Coolman discussed, you'd have \$12,500 going to the CWICC annually; \$37,500 to the parks annually; that's only accounting for 25% of the total; that's taking \$25,000 for council grants, 75% of the remainder to parks and 25% to the CWICC; that's all going to change we will have 272 rooms operating and when go back to a more normal occupancy level, in my estimate we will be seeing, in my estimates, somewhere around \$315,000 to \$400,000 annually; Lynch: I would rather see the \$37,000 in this scenario that you just talked about instead of going to parks, go towards development and bringing people to our town, so either to destination or to CWICC, and let's talk more about other ways to fund these parks and keep them up and running and maintained; and more money to these youth and adult programs; Jackson: Couple things I want to point out; one, just some perspective, the CWICC has a little over \$300 in their checking account; so anything the CWICC has to expend, which is not much on any given year, the city pays for; unless we come to you and ask you to transfer money to them, like for façade grants and that type of program; The only part of the ordinance that has to stay the same is we that have to give Destination

Canal Winchester a minimum of 1.5% of the 6% total; you can always go more than that, but that is the minimum; Coolman: I'd like us to put something thought behind how much council gives out, should we revisit that; I know it fluctuates based on how much bed tax we collect, but should we earmark a flat amount and call it a day and take the extra monies there and float it over the CWJRD; As our community grows how many more organizations are we going to have saying "We need some help"; Bennett: I agree, wholeheartedly, we can set it at a flat amount or just knock the percentage way back; if we're projecting \$300,000 if we want to knock that back to 5%, 3%; I don't think it needs to be more than \$12 to \$20,000 dollars; Amos: I agree, I really like a flat rate for giving out grants; gives us some money to play around with; and if we set \$20,000 then we approve some for the JRD, and we can move that scholarship over that just solidifies that number even more; Coolman: Why don't we, judging by the time, 7:15; why don't we table this, think about it; I agree with a flat amount instead of a percentage; like Mr. Lynch said in the near future we are going to have a lot of demands for any extra money to get these parks done; Milliken: I also agree with the flat amount; I spent a lot of time volunteering when I was younger for my home town Recreation Department; I would love to see some money go that direction; but since we have a two committee members here pulling for that and one pulling for CWICC, I would like to see maybe Human Services money per chance? Clark: That's a lot of the \$25,000 that a lot of those can come out of that; Milliken: I would like to see a little bit come off the park portion and maybe, I don't know what direction we go, but maybe the JRD; Coolman: Let's think about it; Human Services is a line item in the city budget and get a pretty good chunk of change from the city already; so think about where they can use it, talk with Aletha; everyone else think about where it should go; we can talk about it when we resume session in August; Jackson: This seems like a topic that is going to take a while to hash out; may I suggest that we take this to our next Committee of the Whole, rather than a regular council meeting? It is scheduled for the end of August; Coolman: OK we will table this until our next Committee of the Whole meeting which is the end of August.

G. Old/New Business

H. Adjournment @ 7:16 p.m.

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

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