

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

August 1, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Steve Buskirk

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

A. Call To Order *Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Amick

C. Roll Call *Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*

D. Approval of Minutes

MIN-22-028

July 5, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Amick, second by Shea to approve MIN-22-028. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Abstain 1 - Buskirk

MIN-22-029

July 5, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes

A motion was made by Amos, second by Clark to approve MIN-22-029. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Abstain 1 - Buskirk

MIN-22-030

July 5, 2022 City Council Minutes

A motion was made by Amick, second by Clark to approve MIN-22-030. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Abstain 1 – Buskirk

E. Communications & Petitions

COM-22-009

Madison Township Police Statistics June 2022

F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff

Mayor's Report

Ebert – Frist of all, I will say congratulations to Mr. Buskirk becoming the City Council member. Welcome aboard. Congressman Mike Carey is going to be in Canal Winchester August 11th. He wanted to set up a meeting with the office so we're going to meet. If any Council members would like to be present. I don't have an exact time and location yet but it will be August 11th so mark your calendars. Last but not least, the Blues & Ribfest. I think most of you were there, if not all of you went. It went very, very well. We had a great weekend. A good crowd both days and excellent weather. Looking forward to that weather for Labor Day I hope. If you have any questions about my written report I'd be glad to answer.

June 2022 Mayor's Court Report

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to approve the June 2022 Mayor's Court Report. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Fairfield County Sheriff

Sgt. Walker – I will have your statistics from June in the next packet for Council. I was off on vacation in July so I will have that for you. We didn't really have any instances with the Blues & Ribfest. I think it went over actually really well with the amount of people that we had so that went really well. That's all I've got if anybody has any questions.

Milliken – So, the fight wasn't that big of a deal?

Sgt. Walker – Juveniles fighting. Not even sure what it was over but I mean that was really it in the day and half. Which was pretty good.

Law Director

Boggs – I do not have a written report tonight but did want to address a couple of questions I received about panhandling in certain parts of the City. Which is an item that we've looked into from time to time. One of the challenges that we have from the legal perspective is that the courts have recognized panhandling as a form of protected speech. Any regulation of that becomes a matter of strict scrutiny and very hard to defend. You may recall that some years ago Columbus had a so-called aggressive panhandling ordinance and they now declined to enforce that. Other cities have had similar ordinances where they had to amend them under the duress of lawsuit and do so as part of a consent judgement. I wanted to just raise that to Councils attention that it is not a lack of trying or lack of interest in panhandling and making sure everybody in the community feels safe. However, I would point out to anybody watching or any of you as you speak to people in the community, if people are on private property and have been told either verbally or by a sign posted on the property that solicitation panhandling is not permitted then that may be a trespassing issue. That can be a circumstance where it's a trespass rather than a matter of free speech. Also, if I would point out that people are intimidated if they feel like they're under threat of force than what we call a request for money under the threat of force is robbery or attempted robbery. So, that would be a good reason to call Sergeant Walker and her colleagues in the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department. Last thing and then I'll take any questions that you have. We do have a request for executive session this evening concerning economic development negotiations and the purchase of real property for public purposes.

Walker – A storefront restaurant business, do they have any more say if there's panhandling on their property? It's not their property, it's owned by someone else or renting it. Do they have any more lawful rights to have someone removed from the front?

Boggs – If the person is on the sidewalk, no. If the person is in an area that the tenant or property owner has the right to control as the property owner or tenancy then yes.

Buskirk – Is there any restrictions of being a certain distance away from a bank? I though the City of Columbus had an issue with the distance from an ATM or bank related to the finance?

Boggs – That was part of their aggressive panhandling ordinance and they do not enforce that any longer.

Amos – I have a question for Sergeant Walker. I missed my turn but then I remembered. I saw this weekend at the Blues & Ribfest that they had the drone out which was very exciting to see. Our operator is phenomenal. Have we gotten any further along with potentially getting one for the City so that were not borrowing one when needed because we do have a certified operator here is my understanding?

Sgt. Walker – As far as like a deputy certified operator?

Amos – Yes. They've been trained to.

Sgt. Walker – Canal Winchester doesn't have a drone operator that is assigned up here yet. I do have a quote for the

Mayor and everybody. I got it I think a few days ago that I'll share. I think it's about \$7,300 for this drone but as far as a drone operator goes it's something that they want to have to do then go get certified to fly it. We don't have any currently that are stationed in Canal Winchester.

Amos – It's about \$7,300 for the drone. Is that heat seeking?

Sgt. Walker – I believe it has infrared capabilities. It has a camera so that we can take photos, see real time, all those images.

Amos – Hopefully we can afford to buy a drone. They're incredibly helpful especially when we're looking for children.

Ebert – We have been in discussion with the Sheriff's Department about that.

Shea – Can we continue on with the panhandling for one second? Two areas that I've observed at the most are owned by Casto. Lucas, is that something you can do? Reach out to their leasing agent and ask them if they're willing to post signs up.

Haire – I'll speak with Mr. Boggs about what language would need to be included in the signage and then may be able to be handled with the signage. They don't have active on-site property management that would be the preferable way to handle it.

Finance Director

Jackson – Regarding the police staffing study, I did receive an email from the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. The Mayor and I have reached out to them back towards the end of June beginning of July just to see if they would be interested again in performing a study. They did provide a proposal. In that proposal the scope would be a police officer staffing level recommendation based on several different approaches. That would be where we are at currently but then also provide a recommendation for law enforcement staffing for a five-year projection. They would anticipate once they got all the data they needed, it's about a 90 day turn around. That total cost would be about \$6,000.

Shea – Would they take into consideration that we service the Columbus side of population with shopping, medical, education, sewer and water? You know, we are their commerce center for lack of a better term and that population becomes a part of our population when they come in. They shop and they use businesses, patrons and do services, should that not be included in our population numbers? That's sometimes where we're getting our enforcement issues.

Ebert – That could be emergency vehicles not necessarily the Sheriff's Department.

Jackson – I guess this whole staffing is related purely to police. Any EMS runs or anything along those lines, that's not included in these police staffing study.

Shea – I'm not talking about that. Let's back up and let me say it in a different way. Matt Peoples has always told me that when he looks at how he plans his City services and his roads that he has to account for a population of Columbus. Columbus doesn't really service us or take care of the way we take care of our citizens here in Canal Winchester. We have a lot of folks that share services and use our City for its city services whether it be shopping, medicine.. I'm not talking about EMS runs, I'm talking about straight law enforcement. The population that were policing is bigger than the population that lives here is what I'm trying to say if that makes sense.

Ebert – They still only patrol Canal Winchester, they're not patrolling into Columbus.

Milliken – I think what he's trying to say is that there's people coming that are nearby that come here for a lot of

various different reasons.

Ebert – They know that there is a daytime population and nighttime population. They understand that so they will figure all that into their study.

Shea – I'm asking if we're taking into consideration that most of our crime comes from outside the City. I want to make sure that as that area grows that we are ready and we keep this town safe. It's one of things I ran on. If we're not talking about the elephant in the room which is Columbus, we're not doing a service to our residents. That's kind of where I'm coming from.

Amick – I think that'll be a fair question for the contractor when they come in and make their pitch, to ask them what factor or how do they factor that in to their equation when they're looking at staffing. That is an absolutely important question that will need to be asked though. I don't know that we know the answer to that yet.

Jackson – This is why we're hiring someone to do this. This isn't something we can do in house. I don't have an answer to that, I don't know how you put a number on that to be quite honest with you but I understand what you're saying. They are well aware of the population growth that has and will continue to occur just North of us. We've had very honest conversations with them. This group is also very familiar with Canal Winchester, they've done some work for us many years ago. This isn't a Canal Winchester only thing what you're referring to here and they have all worked in area where they have dealt with this as well. I can't speak to their methods and how they would come up with that. They're going to look at the data and that data is going to be what they're provided from Fairfield County and whatever other miscellaneous data they may ask for.

Ebert – I think they understand that when you have a Walmart or Meijer and you have establishments like that people are going to come from the outside into Canal Winchester. I think they are well aware of that. I'm sure that'll be factored into their study.

Shea – I want to make sure it is factored into it. That's more of my concern.

Milliken – I think it's a good point Mr. Shea and thank you for your diligence on that. That's our job is to make sure that we're looking at the right thing. If it's redundant and we expect them to do it, that's great.

Clark – Will the next step be what're you going to propose? Legislation to authorize this new study for \$6,000.

Jackson – I guess that would be more of a Mr. Boggs question. The money is already budgeted because we had originally budgeted for the other study. I don't know because of the dollar amount, does Council need to authorize the contract or can the Mayor just do that?

Amos – Falls under the Ohio Revised Code limit so we should be good.

Boggs – Right. At \$6,000 that would be within the Mayor's contracting authority and I don't recall there being anything with that appropriation saying that it was to (X) vendor, it was just for this purpose.

Jackson – I guess from a staff perspective we wanted to make sure that Council was on board with this and that you did want to move forward because this was a project that you had brought up.

Amos – I hear a couple people asking questions of what the vendor will do. Is the request from some of you to have the vendor come in just so we can have a brief conversation with them prior to or are you comfortable with us authorizing the agreement and having it put on the next agenda?

Amick – I personally would like to see specifically what their deliverables and what they're going to do and give an

opportunity for Council to ask questions about things that may or may not be included in their study. Mr. Clark and I have talked a little bit about inviting the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department to come in and talk about their formulas and equations on how they determine staffing levels for a given municipality. I don't know where that landed. I don't know if that's still a discussion but I definitely want to have an opportunity to ask and understand specifically what they're going to do for us even though the amount is relatively low.

Clark – I agree. Not so much for the cost, I don't have a problem with that but just to make sure everybody is comfortable and being able to present what they would like to see in this study. If it's possible, maybe it's not possible. I probably have some things I'd like to see that they're going to be like that's crazy. I'd like to have that discussion.

Jackson – If that's the direction that Council would like to go, in my opinion, this proposal is moot. They're going to come in and they're going to take what you say and say yes, we can do that or no we cannot, here's our proposal, here's how much it's going to cost to do what you would like. If that's what Council wants to do that's fine, I can go back to them and ask them that but I don't think that was necessarily the discussion that we had with them initially.

Ebert – We didn't have the other group come in.

Clark – They came in the first time because we had to pay \$500.

Ebert – Not everybody talked to them.

Clark – It was the committee that was there. I think we need to have that dialogue with them because there was a lot of miscommunication with the last group. They couldn't provide and I don't want to see that happen again. We need to meet these people. We're spending money, we need to figure out what we want in this.

Jackson – Based off the discussions that we had the last time that we met with them. Not just Mayor and I. This is the same group that we had talked to when we interviewed.

Clark – Any contractor worth their salt would be willing to come in and meet with a group that is hiring them for a study like this. If they don't, if they're not willing to do that I've got real suspect.

Ebert – I don't think we're saying they're not willing to come in. We have to talk to them, I'm sure they will. What came from that meeting was to tell us how many deputies do we need now and five years from now. That was it. That was it for both of them.

Clark – I mean the other one went a little further into it I think with their proposal.

Ebert – Not at our request.

Clark – I agree.

Amick – Was there an RFI or RFQ or RFP? Were there any formalities about what was requested of them from us to them?

Jackson – No there was not. That was what caused the big difference between the two contractors that we spoke with way back when we started.

Amick – I remember reading both proposals and one was like a page and a half or maybe a couple pages and then one was several pages with a lot more detail. Not being part of that conversation, we didn't really know exactly what they were asked to provide so it sounds like one was on the beefy side and one was on the lean side. I'm not

really sure what they were expected to provide so maybe that would be the first step is, do we have a list of requirements for any party coming in to do this study?

Jackson – This is a Council driven process. We were just sort of facilitating the behind the scenes getting the meeting set up.

Clark – That’s basically what we want to know and we’re all not experts. I would still like to have a dialogue with them.

Jackson – I guess at this point what I’m hearing is this proposal, we’re not going to do anything with but we’re going to ask them to come in. Is that what I’m hearing?

Clark – I don’t have a problem hiring them if they can deliver what we ask for. I think we’re pretty good on moving forward with it.

Walker – I’m okay with moving forward with it and get it started because this has been talked about for so long.

Amos – Mrs. Jackson, you’re asking to put this on the next agenda?

Jackson – If you recall not all of Council was involved in this the last time. It was a small group of you that met with them and so it sounds to me like we’re going back to that step and calling them in and starting over. That’s what I’m getting out of this conversation.

Amos – I’ll just speak for me. Since I’m hearing people who were not in the original group would be to have them come in and explain their \$6,000 proposal and ask questions that have at that time. That would be my thoughts.

Ebert – What was the purpose of establishing the committee then?

Clark – To try to come up with the proposal that brought the report forward. We did and we hired a person and I guess they couldn’t perform.

Ebert – So, there’s only one left.

Clark – Right.

Amos – I think we need to move forward with them but I think that there’s some people who have some questions.

Clark – I don’t think it would be harmful to understand the process of how they’re going to do this and how it’s done.

Jackson – I will contact them about coming to a meeting. I will say I am not going to hold them to the \$6,000 until after they speak with you because they may want to update the proposal based on your conversations. I will try to shoot for two weeks but I’ll see what their availability is.

Public Service Director

Development Director

Haire – A couple items to update on. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee had their last meeting on the 21st of July. At that meeting they determined the branding and the website which is CW Growing Together which is now live. They also had a booth at the Blues & Ribfest to collect public feedback. Mrs. Amick, do you have anything to

add to that? I know you volunteered to work the booth there.

Amick – I did. I was there Friday night, not on Saturday. I did see several pictures of the board of where they as people what is your big idea for Canal Winchester. The board was pretty much full so a lot of general community interest. I know I had the pleasure of inviting all kinds of demographics over to the board and once you got them going, they were more than happy to stick post it notes up there. I think our first public action was well received.

Amos – I'd like to say that I'm all in favor of the chocolate road that was suggested by somebody.

Milliken – My favorite was sidewalks on 33.

Amos – There was some good ones.

Haire – Lots of good feedback that they'll filter through, and we'll have that summarized probably in a document that will go on the website so everyone can read through what the big ideas were. Their next meeting is on August the 18th. Then also wanted to highlight and kind of update on the TRAC process for the 33 SE corridor. They were scheduled to have a TRAC meeting to do preliminary scoring on the 27th of July. That meeting was cancelled and so their next meeting is August 24th. MORPC which is the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, they're soliciting public comments regarding the six projects that were submitted in Central Ohio and then the MORPC board generally ranks those projects. I know Mrs. Woodruff has put that out on the City Facebook page with a link to where you can supply those public comments. I would encourage all of you to do public comments and to encourage your networks to do those as well. The more public comments we have in regards to that the better. As I mentioned we're one of six projects in Central Ohio but the TRAC project that was submitted for the 33 SE corridor includes 270 and 33. It includes the Bixby Road interchange and it includes mainline widening from 270 to the Franklin County, Fairfield line which would add one additional lane in each direction. That total project was \$167 million. The request was for \$31 million for the preliminary engineering, the detailed design and the right-of-way acquisition. So, there's more details. MORPC, they've got a one-page flyer on their site which you can see here that explains the project. If you go to the ODOT TRAC website, the full applications on there that describes the project. There's a lot of information out there and would appreciate everyone giving your support to that project and encouraging others to do so as well.

Clark – How is it listed? Is it just under 270 Bixby Road lane widening or something?

Haire – Yes. It specifically called the US 33 SE corridor project.

Amick – Are the Bixby Road interchange and the two additional lanes of widening, are those two separate projects in the TRAC process or is it all one project?

Haire – ODOT District 6 does the project sponsor and they included all of those into one project so when we were meeting with them, they were considering a project for 33 and 270 and with the proximity of those two projects and safety study they completed recommended widening. They decided to combine that all into one. There's also been a federal earmark requested that has gained some traction by Representative Carey which was a request for \$3 million that was applied for by the Fairfield County Engineer and that would include the culinary engineering dollars for widening from Pickerington Road interchange to 270. I don't know if those appropriations will get through in the budget this year or not, but it hasn't been included. It was approved by the Transportation Committee as part of the earmark.

Amick – If the whole project isn't approved, there goes the interchange?

Haire – It is part of a larger project, yes. On this TRAC process that would be correct. We would have to reapply in

the future.

Shea – Does ODOT District 6 remember this side of Franklin County?

Haire – This is a pretty large project that would include a lot of improvements and then also there is a District 5 request for the Pickerington Road interchange for construction dollars.

Milliken – The size of scope of a project from your recollection in the past, does that typically help or hurt a projects chance of getting approved or is it just kind of situational?

Haire – The impacts are obviously much greater when looking at as a corridor wide improvement. There was a lot of success doing that with the far East freeway improvements that were funded in the last round of TRAC. That includes 270 out to 256 on along I-70. There's some fly over ramps constructing at 27. There'll be some improvements to Brice Road and the mergers that take place between 270 and Brice Road. There will also be a new interchange constructed at Taylor Road and I-70 which is just beyond 256 which will direct traffic onto 204. All those were projects that were pursuing TRAC independently and they decided to merge all those into one and it was funded in the last round.

Amick – Do you have any idea the breakdown of the total \$167 million? How much of that is just the Bixby Road interchange?

Haire – The Bixby Road interchange I believe was \$58 million of that but I'd have to look and confirm the exact number. It's somewhere around that \$60 million.

Shea – Can you send us all an email to that public comment link so we can share that with all our people?

Woodruff – You have to send an email or mail a letter. It's not an actual online form to submit. I can send you the information.

Shea – I have a question for Mr. Buskirk. Since you worked in the engineer's office, do you have any comments on the TRAC experience?

Buskirk – You asked a question about how they decide which one to do. There's a lot of information that goes into that. They do traffic impact studies; safety studies and all those things boil down and give the projects different scores. Depending on how you score on a project determines how they choose which one. The comments that you make through MORPC will also help to gain traction on those as well. I encourage all of us to do that.

H. Resolutions

RES-22-028

Finance

Sponsor: Shea

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENDER RD/WINCHESTER PIKE INTERSECTION CUSTODIAL FUND

- Adoption

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

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

RES-22-029

Council

A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 22-026, AUTHORIZING A 42-INCH FENCE AT 70 EAST COLUMBUS STREET

- Adoption

No discussion or vote occurred during this meeting.

RES-22-030

Council

Sponsor: Amos

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE BUSKIRK TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.08 OF THE CITY CHARTER

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Walker to adopt RES-22-030. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Abstain 1 – Buskirk

I. Ordinances

Tabled

ORD-22-023

Development

Sponsor: Milliken

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 20 SOUTH HIGH STREET, CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO OWNED BY DONALD E. MOODY

- Tabled at Third Reading

Third Reading - NONE

Second Reading

ORD-22-026

Development

Sponsor: Amos

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

- Second Reading Only

ORD-22-027

Development

Sponsor: Shea

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

- Second Reading Only

First Reading

ORD-22-028

Council

Sponsor: Shea

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

- First Reading Only

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - Monday, August 15, at 6:00 p.m.

**TENTATIVE* Committee of the Whole - Monday, August 29, at 6:00 p.m.*

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

CW Human Services - Walker

Walker – There will be an elder care and memory care discussion this Thursday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. Very important. Hope you can make it and I will ask if you have anything to add to this Mrs. Amick.

Amick – Please communicate and share that information with your friends and neighbors. I’m not sure Mr. Shea heard, it’s an elder care and memory care discussion group being sponsored by Canal Winchester Human Services this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Shea – Very important. You can judge a society how they treat their elders.

CWICC – Clark

Clark – Our next meeting is August 31st at 11:30 a.m. at the City Municipal building here in the conference room. We do need to talk about appointing. Mrs. Ward was our representative to CWICC along with myself. We need to discuss appointment of that to fill that seat on CWICC. How do we progress with that? When can we do that?

Shea – I nominate Mrs. Amick.

Milliken – Mr. Boggs, when we typically do this it is an executive session item. Are we free to do this the way we’re trying to proceed?

Boggs – You are of course free to have the discussion in public but since it would be a discussion of appointment of a public official, you could do an executive session if you prefer.

Clark – I am fine with that. I will second Mrs. Amick to the appointment.

Milliken – Mrs. Amick, are you okay with that?

Amick – I am.

Jackson – Can I just clarify? This is not an appointment to the board, this is an appointment as a Council representative.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to appoint Mrs. Amick as CWICC Council Representative. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Abstain 1 - Amick

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Amos – We took a vacation month last month so it was great. Our next meeting is August 18th at the Old Town Hall building. We do have some things that are getting ready to start rolling out. Fall soccer is coming which is super exciting. We have a fall ball going on this year so it’ll be the first time with CWJRD. For those of you not familiar, it is more of a learning experience for youth. It will be self-umpired through the parents and the coaches. Then, we also have wrestling. Getting ready to work with the coaches on getting wrestling up and running. Lots of good stuff. We’re glad to see kids in sports again and adults.

Shea – I’d just like to say that the city’s contribution financially to help fund the recreation director has been

absolutely one of the most stabilizing events that's happened in any event of that program. I hope that we as a body would continue to support it because recreation is good for our children, sports is good for our children and there's so many values they learn there. I think it's something that our community is totally behind 100%.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Milliken - I have a brief statement I'd like to just read. This past weekend Destination Canal Winchester hosted another successful Blues & Ribfest. Destination would like to thank the City of Canal Winchester and their employees for their hard work before during and after the festival. They do a fantastic job each and every time and helping us make this event happen. We also want to thank the many organizations and individuals that work this event. We certainly couldn't do it without you. We also want to thank the community who came out and attended. On a personal note, my wife and I signed up to come in Saturday morning and help do some of the cleanup and there really wasn't a whole lot to do because the City did that great of a job. I think we were there for half an hour top. So, pass Mr. Peoples and everybody else along the well wishes. The only other item, the Farmer's Market will return this coming Saturday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

K. Old/New Business

Shea – I have some new business. Give me a month off and my brain starts running. One of the things that I talked about in meet candidates' debate when we were all running for this position, was the idea of putting special duty officer at establishments that consume a certain percentage of police time. That's something that I want to get back out there because I think we need to look at that and explore that in terms of special duty policies and things like that. I'm going to go around and do some research and kind of look at it and see what's going on in other suburban communities, what their requirements are, and what it is. I've also got Mr. Boggs looking into it because there are certain places where they consume a lot of our police resources and at that point perhaps they should have their own officer that they're paying to be there. I was cautioned by Mr. Boggs how I talk about this because some of those establishments that are being robbed are victims of crime. I'm not trying to be unsympathetic to them but I am asking them to help a little bit of prevention. I mean, if I thought someone was going to steal from my house every day, I'd be sitting on the front porch with a shot gun saying come on in. That's just a different story so I think this is something that as we continue growing population, we're going to continue to have issues and we want to keep a safe community for our residents.

Amos – Sgt. Walker, question to his statement to the part that was important. If you have a store or business who hires somebody privately and off duty things like that, when they do get a shoplifter and they are going to prosecute, they're still required to call you to process? Is that correct or can they process?

Sgt. Walker – If they hire special duty either it be with the Sheriff's Office or Madison Township, that officer working that special duty would be the one taking the report, doing the charges and all that.

Amos – So, it could potentially alleviate some stuff for you guys?

Sgt. Walker – It could. I can tell you that almost every call that we get to Walmart is a two man call so that takes up two of our deputies when they go to Walmart just because half the time the people that are stealing aren't very friendly. If there's one deputy for special duty, they may need to still call a deputy over.

Amos – That's a good point to ponder.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session @ 7:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Amos to adjourn to executive session to consider confidential information related to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests of economic development assistance under Chapter 715 of the Ohio Revised Code of involving public infrastructure improvements directly related to economic development project as well as the consideration of the purchase of property for public purposes. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

City Council returned to meeting at 8:54 p.m.

M. Adjournment @ 8:54 p.m.

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

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