

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

October 3, 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 7:01 p.m.*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance Milliken
- C. Roll Call *Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*
- D. Approval of Minutes

[MIN-22-039](#)

September 19, 2022 Work Session Minutes

Discussion started at 1:06:09 on YouTube Channel***A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Buskirk to approve MIN-22-039 with the modification. The motion carried with the following vote:******Yes 7 – Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amick***[MIN-22-040](#)

September 19, 2022 City Council Minutes

Discussion started at 1:07:05 on YouTube Channel***A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Shea to approve MIN-22-040. The motion carried with the following vote:******Yes 7 – Amick, Shea, Walker, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken***

E. Communications & Petitions

F. Public Comments - Five Minute Limit Per Person

Discussion started at 1:07:44 on YouTube Channel

David Weaver, The Villages at Charleston Lake - Hello President Milliken, Councils Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Shea, and Walker. I am David Weaver. My school was The Ohio State University, I live in The Villages at Charleston Lake. I trust you have my written comments and that they are in public record. Please put this in too. To calm myself I say my wife tells me I give advice too often. She says it is often wrong or people already know it. Now, I ask you to give solutions to the most important and increasing threat we face. Our environment is becoming more and more inhospitable. No other problem is more threatening or more important. First, let me tell you a story about the Marines in Korea. November 1950 is a brutal Korean winter. Perhaps 10,000 Marines march north to the Chosin Reservoir. They run into perhaps 100,000 Chinese soldiers. The USMC made the most difficult maneuver – a fight retreat. They survived to fight again because their General had prepositioned stock piles of ammunition and food on the route of their march. Nothing is more important than preparing for environmental change which I believe leads to: our increasing anger, depression and anxiety because we are not acting, no preparing. To breaks in the electrical grid which brings back the 1890s. To worse epidemics and insufficient public health. To increasingly more days of high heat, extreme cold, heavy rain, and drought. To more and stronger storms. Breaks supply chains. Invasive insects (Asian tics now killing calves). I hope you and most citizens will support actions like creating an office of preparation. That has a mandate to act (not talk or write reports). Identify what other communities are doing that's effective. That may be hard to do given doubt, denial, distraction, delay and delusion. Join with other small neighbor communities to share the cost of the office of preparation. We are already behind. For our children and grandchildren we must catch up and win.

[PCS-22-041](#)

D. Kahle Public Comment Submission - 9/22/2022

[PCS-22-042](#)

D. Coffey Public Comment Submission - 9/23/2022

[PCS-22-043](#)

J. Smith Public Comment Submission - 9/23/2022

[PCS-22-044](#)

D. Weaver Public Comment Submission - 9/30/2022

[PCS-22-045](#)

L. Ryan Public Comment Submission - 9/30/2022

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff*Mayor's Report**Fairfield County Sheriff***Discussion started at 1:12:48 on YouTube Channel**

Sgt. Walker - The only thing that I have to report is that there were some overnight break-ins to vehicles in the Cherry Landing area last night. One of the suspects was apprehended and taken to jail. If anybody has any missing items from their vehicles, please contact the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. That's pretty much all I have to report at this time.

*Law Director***Discussion started at 1:13:24 on YouTube Channel**

Boggs – One item I thought might be helpful to address for the benefit of Council members and anybody watching at home or joining us in the room today, is there are a few comments in your packet this evening relative to 30 Liberty Street. I just wanted to make sure that we were on the same page with regard to that. There is currently an application pending before the Landmarks Commission for exterior modifications to that property. The council would serve as the appellate body of any decision that the Landmarks Commission makes with regard to those exterior modifications. I'd encourage you as members not to comment or make up your mind about those prior to any potential appeal from the commission. One item that I wanted to address because this is more of what the comments in your agenda packet drive at, is the use of that property. That property just for everybody's information is zoned Old Town Commercial and has been subject to that zoning for many years. One of the permitted uses in that zoning district is eating or drinking places which it's my understanding that is the owner's intention to open. They have by right under their zoning code the ability to do that. That is not something that Council or Landmarks Commission has any ability at this time to remove from that property. If you have any questions about that I'd be happy to answer them but given the comments in the agenda, I thought it would be worthwhile to address those.

Amos – At this point in time there's nothing coming before Council, it's all before Landmarks and the zoning codes. Some of the concerns were noise, lighting, traffic, and things like that. Where will that be addressed at? Where will those conversations take place?

Haire – Any change in lighting would be reviewed by the Landmarks Commission to the exterior of the building. In terms of noise that's not something we evaluate. We don't have a noise related ordinance so it's not something that we look at in our approval process for any building code related items. In terms of zoning review, the only zoning review on this property would be to issue some type of fence permit for an outdoor patio that they're placing on the building. The proposed use their proposing on the site of eating and drinking establishment is a permitted use under the Old Town Commercial Zoning District so they would get a zoning certificate as part of that.

Shea – When we do Dye Addition is that part of the system getting upgraded over there on Liberty Street map?

Peoples – That's not part of the Dye Addition.

Shea – I know it's not part of it, but I didn't know if it was going to get done because they were talking about how there's no curbs on the street and that might be something we could look at so at least people know where the street boundaries are. I would agree with them on some of those concerns. I know curbs are expensive but if it's going to become a commercial area, we probably want to have them.

Peoples – I guess just to caution that is the house at the corner of Columbus Street and Liberty Street was the same condition as the houses further North of that on Liberty Street with gravel parking alongside the shoulder. The curb that they put in doesn't allow any parking on that side of the street. I just wanted to point that out. If we put a curb in there, it's not widening the roadway and right now it's gravel there where they park.

Amos – *The full set of plans for this will be on the Landmarks agenda?*

Haire – *It was on their last agenda and so last Monday evening they considered the application. They did not receive full approval at that meeting so they'll be back with changes likely at the next Landmarks meeting which will be on the fourth Monday of this month.*

Shea – *Mr. Boggs, have you been in touch with the attorney representing these folks?*

Boggs – *Yes.*

Shea – *Does he understand the issues at hand?*

Boggs – *I can't speak to understanding. I think that she does from what I explained to her and her feedback to me, but I told her very clearly that this is permitted use and the city has no review over that aspect of it. It's only the exterior modifications that are being proposed at Landmarks Commission. I suggested that if there is concern from the neighbors that they reach out directly to the property owner or operator of the establishment to get things off on the right foot there. Whether that suggestion is heated or not, I don't know but that's where we stand.*

Finance Director

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

Public Service Director

Discussion started at 1:19:54 on YouTube Channel

Peoples – *Just a couple things to add to my written report. Dick Miller and Urban Forestry crew partnered with the Metro Parks on a tire sweep. They picked up 57 tires and had nine volunteers along with them. We had an Eagle Scout do a Footpath Bridge project that's put in at the covered bridge at James Kelley Preserve. If you're looking at the covered bridge from Washington Street, it's over on your right-hand side down over the hill. Pretty much as soon as you went down the hill there was probably about a two-foot drop into a little creek. We've got a path across there now and that is just about done. I think they're going to put some signage back on there. That's about the only thing that's left. Thanks to Corey Amos on that and hopefully that gets him much closer to his Eagle Scout. The Trine Street project, the paving, is scheduled to be done this week.*

Amos – *The Bixby 33 interchange, I know in your report you said you're continuing to work on the TRAC process. They had that meeting last month where they were going to start evaluating, where do we fare in that meeting?*

Peoples – *Still going through the process. I don't know if they've ever released any of that information. That is still part of the evaluation process. There are some in-person meetings where ODOT will present the project. I believe Mr. Haire and Mayor Ebert will be at that to present.*

Haire – *That's the next step as they do regional meetings across the state. The Central Ohio meeting is later this month and I'll be presenting along with Mayor Ebert in regard to the benefits of the project from a local standpoint. ODOT District 6, who is the project sponsor, will be primarily presenting.*

Amos – *First of all, do you need any of us to go with you?*

Haire – *I don't know the format of the meeting yet. Once I know that, I'll let you know whether it's going to be online participation from the public or whether they'll be in-person participation from the public.*

Amos – *Are you incorporating in your portion? There's been many traffic accidents just in the last two months at those intersections. Are you incorporating any of the traffic studies or the traffic information that's happened in the*

last two months in your presentation? Just to show the increase.

Haire – I will be incorporating development, both Economic Development and the development related issues that are likely to come in the area. ODOT will be talking specifically about safety.

Amos – 33 and Rager Road, we had talked about putting a roundabout and they're closing that off to 33. Do we know where that's at?

Peoples – It wouldn't be a roundabout. It would be a cul-de-sac.

Haire – That is a requirement of NorthPoint so as they move forward with their project and transportation improvements, they'll be required to do that. That's North side only.

Amos – The last time we talked to them they said that they were waiting for, or they were seeking approval of ODOT. Do we know how far they've gotten on that?

Haire – Based on the conversations we've had with ODOT, they would like a public engagement process so there'll be some type of public engagement process to solicit comments from interested parties that use that roadway.

Amos – There's no date set for that yet?

Haire – There is not.

Amos – Will you keep me informed of that? I want to make sure that we are present at that meeting.

Amick – I have one more thing for Mr. Peoples. I wanted to go on record and publicly commend your staff. Several months ago, I had the opportunity to get a one-on-one deep dive tour of all the water and sewer services. They were explaining to me about the UV disinfecting machines, it's like the last step in the disinfection process, and one of your staff proceeded to tell me that they can't get parts for it. They were learning to rebuild this thing on their own and I saw in the report that it's been rebuilt by your own staff and that it passed all the disinfection tests that are required. Great job to your staff.

Development Director

Discussion started at 1:26:10 on YouTube Channel

Haire – On legislation this evening, the two ordinances to enter into the Community Reinvestment Agreements and Related School Compensation Agreements, we would like those to remain on the table. I appeared before the Groveport Madison School Board last Wednesday evening along with NorthPoint to introduce the project to them and discuss any of their concerns. We had a pretty lengthy discussion in regards to that and they then tabled that till their next meeting. They'll be hearing that at their October 12th meeting. I would like to table it till our next meeting, which will be on the 17th and then we should be prepared for them to have a decision which needs to take place prior to us taking any action. Since our last meeting, the Comprehensive Plan public charettes took place, many of you attended portions of those meetings. We had over a hundred different residents attend various meetings throughout and then more watched online. We did the live stream on the YouTube channel, and I think at one point we had 35 people watching from home which was as many people were in the room at one time. Good to have people participating in multiple ways. As a result of that, a first draft of Community Values and a first draft of a Future Land Use map were developed. Those will be further refined based on public input from the survey process and from future public events that are going to take place in November. That is the next step is working with the Steering Committee and getting a community survey out. I think the intent is to try to get that survey out later this month. We're working on a process on how and who will be surveyed. They're working with the University Partners to help develop that to ensure that it's not biased and statistically valid. Also, the closing on 20 South High Street,

we had that scheduled for last week and needed to delay that so hopefully that'll take place later this week.

H. Resolutions

I. Ordinances

Tabled

ORD-22-026

Development

Sponsor: Amos

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

- Tabled

No discussion during this meeting. ORD-22-026 remained tabled.

ORD-22-027

Development

Sponsor: Shea

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

- Tabled

No discussion during this meeting. ORD-22-027 remained tabled.

Third Reading

ORD-22-032

Finance

Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #21-053, AMENDMENT #4

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Amos to adopt ORD-22-032.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Abstain 1 – Walker

Discussion started at 1:29:14 on YouTube Channel

Amick – I just have one quick question for Mrs. Jackson. The \$300,000.00 for water engineering, does that come out of the general fund?

Jackson – No. It comes out of the water capacity fund; I believe is what I put in there.

ORD-22-033

Public Service

Sponsor: Buskirk

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

- Adoption

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

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

ORD-22-034

Public Service

Sponsor: Walker

AN ORDINANCE TO SET WATER USER FEES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE SPECIAL WATER ALLOCATION DISTRICT

- Adoption

The motion was made by Walker, seconded by Milliken to adopt ORD-22-034. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

ORD-22-035

Public Service

Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO SET SANITARY SEWER USER FEES

- Adoption

The motion was made by Amick, seconded by Buskirk to adopt ORD-22-035. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Second Reading

ORD-22-036

Finance

Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 185.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

- Second Reading Only

First Reading

ORD-22-037

Council

Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE CANAL WINCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- First Reading Only

Discussion started at 1:31:55 on YouTube Channel

Amick – Mr. Boggs, if we can make those adjustments to ordinance #22-037 for our next meeting, please.

Boggs – That will be corrected for next reading.

Amick – Ms. Ankrom, just so you know there was a miscommunication about the amount so it will be corrected as per your August 15th proposal for the next Council meeting.

Amos – I have a few questions for Ms. Ankrom. One of the questions I had was that do you have a specific person in mind that you're looking at for this position and if so, what makes them qualified to bring the chamber where it needs to be?

Ankrom – We brought her on part-time on a 90-day trial period basically on whatever funding we were going to be able to get. I of course do not have her resume with me. I don't know if it was included in any of the reports from Denise. I think we can get that to you.

Amos – I don't necessarily want to pick your candidate. What you're looking for is someone to build the chamber into this perfect model. I guess I just want to know what do you use to figure that out and did they have previous chamber building experience?

Ankrom – I don't know that she had previous chamber building experience, but she does have education in business and marketing, I believe. She seems well versed in a lot of the different things that we're doing and talking about. So far, she's been a good fit. I'm not sure what her history is.

Amick – What were the expectations for that first 90 days?

Ankrom – So, really getting into chamber master and understanding that which is our database. A lot of social media, promoting events that we have coming up including our 5k, Health Fair, going out and reaching members, bringing new members on. Really that part-time position that we just need to survive for right now. Denise did write out clear expectations that were sent to her, I just don't of course have those with me.

Amos – There's a lot of strong chambers around us. I know where I work, we take part in the Pickerington chamber. With the surrounding districts having stronger chambers, is it an opportunity for us to pair up with them to create a partnership?

Ankrom – I'm not sure what that would look like. I can tell you that the candidate that we have in the office now was interviewed by Pickerington and they picked somebody else but really made a good recommendation for her to Denise when they were hiring. I mean I think we're open to those conversations. I'm just not sure what that will look like.

Amos – I'm just wondering. I can't speak for Canal because I don't work with the chamber, but I know that in Pickerington we see a lot of different opportunities that they provide. The last time you were here, I'd asked about some fundraising, and we did get some numbers from Denise as far as what you guys have fundraised. She showed that you had a 27% change between expenses and income in the past year. There was a 27% deficit between the two years.

Amick – It's listed under the category of expenditures in the update that she sent out after the August 15th meeting.

Amos – One of the things we discussed was if we met you halfway or if we met you at a certain number. If that was even a consideration, where would the chamber come up with the money to even do that?

Ankrom – Really, it comes down to building membership and securing membership. That's how the majority of chambers function. That's kind of like our whole purpose of this proposal is to be able to have somebody to really focus on that.

Amos – How much time do you have left in your 90 days?

Ankrom – I would say she's been with us about 30 days.

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

***CANCELLED** Committee of the Whole - October 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.*

Public Hearing - Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

- DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area)

Work Session/Council - Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.

CW Human Services - Walker

Walker – This is from Aletha Mullins. We just had a volunteer appreciation cookout on Thursday, October 29th. It's a great way for us and our board members to show the volunteers how much we appreciate them. Although it was a cool evening, we had a great turnout. The Community Gardens were such a hit this year and we have had several people tell us they enjoyed coming out to the gardens and are very appreciative of what they offer to our community. She'd like us all to remember dates and to mark your calendars, Decembers 10th Destination Downtown is hosting Reindeer Games to support our Adopt a Family program. December 15th is Adopt a Family and February 12th, 2023, Souper Bowl. I will have stats once I finish the quarter report for the city.

CWICC - Amick

Amick – Nothing new to report. Our next meeting will be November 30th at 11:30 a.m. here in Council Chambers.

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Amos – We had an emergency meeting this Saturday to be able to open our wrestling program. The last two years we have not had a wrestling program due to a lack of commissioners and volunteers. This year we are thrilled to say that we are on task to have it, so we did approve that this weekend. We posted our position for our assistant. We'll be doing some interviews this week. Other than that, our next meeting is Thursday, October 20th at the Town Hall.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Milliken – Destinations holding the skeleton contest for anyone in the 43110-zip code. Be sure to follow the Facebook page for entries if you'd like to vote, you can go to destinationcw.org and click on the skeleton contest to follow the directions there. Destination is partnering with the Historical Society for the Founder's Day event coming up on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Historical Complex. The first Winter Farmer's Market will be held November 5th at Faith United Methodist Church.

K. Old/New Business

Discussion started at 1:42:45 on YouTube Channel

Milliken – I do have one item. I've kind of refrained from a lot of the questioning on the lighting at McGill Park because I haven't had the opportunity to drive by at night and I finally have. Mr. Peoples, if I remember correctly, we were kind of talking about the brightness of those lights and in my opinion, I didn't think that they seemed too bright. It just seemed like too many were on. Can you remind me where we left off in that conversation? Are we still fielding complaints about that?

Peoples – I've not received any since the last time we discussed it at Council. If I remember correctly, we have 27 lights out there and 11 of those go off at like 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. They're the ones that are by the soccer fields so the main drag going in, those ones will stay on.

Milliken – What's the determining factor for how many you choose to leave on or is there one?

Peoples – There's two circuits out there. They're either on or off and so we put a timer on one of the circuits.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 7:43 p.m.

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

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