

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

December 18, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Work Session

*Will Bennett-Chair
Bob Clark
Steve Donahue
Bruce Jarvis
Bobbie Mershon
Mike Walker*

Call To Order

Bennett called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call

Yes: 4 – Bennett, Clark, Donahue, Walker

Not present: Jarvis, Mershon

A motion was made by Donahue, seconded by Bennett to excuse Mr. Jarvis and Mrs. Mershon from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 – Donahue, Bennett, Clark, Walker

Also In Attendance

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire, Amanda Jackson, Bill Sims, Sargent Cassel

Reports

Bill Sims –

[17-278](#)

EMH&T Engineering Updates 12-18-17

Sims: We'll kind of cover some of the projects, where we're at right now exactly as we move in to the new year; our capital improvement projects this year are wrapped up; the only one with remaining paperwork to do is the street program; we just finished what we're going to do with the towing path parking lot; actually, I just dropped off all the papers on Amanda's desk this afternoon so they will be there for her when she is in; we'll finish up the surface coat of asphalt and the lighting and landscaping with the 2018 street program; I met with Mr. Spencer regarding the 2018 street project; we are getting everything finalized there; it is our intention to put out the bid right around February 1st; pretty much the same time as the Gender Road phase 4 project; it might be beneficial to have contractors bidding on both like work basically; the street program will be primarily High Street from the railroad tracks to 33, resurfacing; we're going to try to get in a little more sidewalk too to help fill some of that gap between the railroad tracks and the first piece of public walk closer to Pfeifer Drive; there is kind of a piece from the railroad up to what we call West Hocking Street, that private

drive there; from a residential standpoint we'll be working on the early courts in Ashbook; the early phase is there; Bruns, Burgstresser, Creek, Heffley, Ashlar, Atwell, Brick, Clay Court east and west, and Saylor Court; basically the intention there is to try to work on the perimeter so that we can work our way out as we progress with the work; that way we're not running back over to new projects to get back into a court; additionally, we will also hit some of the more main drives like Embers, Jenkins, Murdock, Walnut at the very north end, those four streets on the hill, there has been issues over the years with some trench issues up there and so forth; there is some pavement stuff there that needs to be taken care of; again, that main extremity allowing us to work our way back to the subdivision ultimately over the next several years; we'll include our sidewalk program as well which will extend down Washington Street toward Washington Knolls; hopefully include a good bit if that subdivision; completion of the towing path parking lot; we're going to address some bike path conditions; we've done sealing over the years periodically; we're going to go back and seal Dietz Drive bike path and then make the turn on to Thrush Drive at least up as far as Foxhill; there's really extensive root damage to the path up through that area; trying to make some repairs there and then overlay the whole thing with a thin coat; also, a condition that has been developing here over the last year and a half particularly on Buckner Drive in Westchester; it's kind of the extreme end of that court there, the last couple hundred feet; they are having a base failure right in the middle of the road; we're going to get that taken care of; also, our general items that we do every year; we make the striping improvements city wide, crack filling, pavement rejuvenation, we recently placed asphalt on a number of curb and pavement repairs in various locations; some associated with water repairs and things of that nature over the last year; and also just deterioration; that's kind of the gist of it at this point; hopefully we will have favorable bids ; combining this with the Gender 4 project should be able to give us some very competitive numbers for next year; with Gender Road we met last week with utility companies to see how they're progressing with their potential conflicts; I guess the good news is there were no surprises; there were no significant conflicts; there were a couple close things that we're going to have them look at a little bit closer just to be sure that we're able to deal with it; nothing that looked like it was going to require any redesign on our part; South Central Power, who had the most significant amount of work actually are prepared to start work early to mid-January on their relocation efforts and they're intending to be complete right about April 1st; which is exactly what we asked them to do; so that's good news; we'll

also be meeting with the railroad in early January to do a walk through in the coordination of that project with the Gender Road work as well; the design is pretty much about wrapped up; EMH&T will be delivering that to them shortly if they haven't already; getting ready to start in the spring is the Columbia Gas pipeline; they'll be replacing their B1-11 through the city which kind of runs north of Meijer, through Canal Pointe, across Winchester Pike, and Gender Road at Wyler; that's a massive project for them; we have a lot of right-of-way permitting so far to do with them; several road crossings they will be performing by Bore; they are looking at March of 2018; everything seems to be going on that timeline at this point; so we are pretty much prepared completely for that; private stuff, they're still working in Canal Cove section five; if the weather would stay favorable for a few weeks they might be able to get the drain tile in; or maybe a curb, but it's really almost kind of day by day at this point; we're going to be doing a CO inspection at the Macintosh facility this coming week; everything is about wrapped up there; site wise everything looks very good; you've probably seen the new section of bike path that is in there; New Faith Church has begun construction there on Thrush Drive; I think they started on building construction as their site work now; Brew Dog Hotel work is under way; utilities are just about done; as far as waterlines in but not tested and they're working on sanitary; hopefully in the next couple weeks all the underground should be finished with that' Winchester Ridge Phase three will probably be coming along this winter; at least getting the utilities done for that project;

Walker: I've had a few people ask about the noise wall; is that still 2021; Sims: I have not heard anything new at all on that; they made a couple revisions and had a plan review process they went through there that was not very significant; no change in the timeline at this point;

Bennett: with the phase four project for Gender Road, are we 100 percent relocating the power lines; originally we talked about two plans, one that had an island; Sims: we are moving the powerlines; Bennett: the powerline are being moved, correct; Sims: yes, that massive pole that is there will be replaced with another massive pole at a different location; it won't be right on the edge of the pavement like that; Bennett: I just wanted to confirm because I hadn't seen the plans and I wanted to make sure we were moving on this;

Request for Council Action

[RES-17-023](#)A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION OF 2018
BED TAX FUNDS**Attachments:** [2018 Bed Tax Grant Funding Recommendations](#)

Bennett: Mr. Jarvis and I met with Mrs. Jackson two weeks ago and went through very spirited conversations over how to sort of slot this funding; I know there has been some conversation, Mr. Clark you mentioned that you had some questions about the Scioto; Clark: yea, River Valley Cycling event; it is a pretty huge event that will impact our community; there are twelve thousand riders in this event and this is the first time they've moved the location from where it was to our area; we've one hotel and two more coming and possibly three; that in itself, filling that up one night would pay for the money that I think we could give them; I would love to see that bumped up to at least \$1,000.00 to make a bigger splash than \$500.00 if that's possible; Bennett: Mrs. Jackson, we had decided we were not going to exceed the \$20,000.00 limit that we had set originally; but I know we had some funds returned from last year's grant process; Jackson: yes, we had just over \$1,200.00 returned between two different programs of unused funds from 2017; Bennett: Mrs. Jackson, do you have any concerns about us maybe putting that money back in the cycle for next year; Jackson: no, as I stated at our meeting we have enough money in there if it's council's desire to fund any of these programs fully or all of these programs fully, it would just require an appropriation amendment after the first of the year; Donahue: I see we gave \$500.00 to the Brock Strong, I would like to see that bumped to \$1000.00; the Brock Strong baseball competition brings a ton of people to town; Bennett: some of the conversations that we had that it is great to donate money to that; we all thought it was a very worthwhile organization; the challenge was, we're supplying funds for them to fundraise on top of; it is basically us granting money for them to raise money; so we are kind of supplementing their program; and I think we were trying to be cautious not to get caught in the habit of doing that; Donahue: but it's the same thing; discussion ensued; Bennett: I can tell you that we had discussions over maybe revamping our guidelines for this process next year to sort of have clearer guidance for us internally on how we'd like to allocate these funds; Donahue: I didn't know if you'd go additional or you had to go Peter, Paul to put it there; that would have been my exchange; Bennett: would you like to borrow or make it additional; Donahue: do we need to borrow; Jackson: you can do either Mr. Donahue; you can either borrow it or I can come back to council with an appropriation amendment after the first of the year;

Donahue: I won't be around after the first of the year; are you guys going to do it after I leave; after the first of the year is what I would suggest; Bennett: appropriations amendment, yea I'm fine with that; Mr. Clark were you asking to bump the Scioto Valley to the full amount; Clark: no, I think that \$500.00 is good; Bennett: we had \$1200.00 returned from last year's process so we are technically still under; Walker: so we'll move both of these to the first of the year; Jackson: none of the money gets paid out until after January 1st anyway; I will bring an appropriations amendment at the second meeting in January, I'll have them pass it on first reading and I'll cut the checks; Donahue: so do we need to pass this resolution this evening; Jackson: we don't have to but it's typically what we've done; Donahue: what would you have us do; Jackson: I'm okay with it either way; like I said checks won't get cut until the middle of January; Bennett: I guess we'll just do it next year; Jackson: so you want to carry this over; because I know one thing you don't like to do is carry legislation over; Walker: let's carry it; Bennett: yea, it would make a cleaner start to the year; here's my concern is having this discussion all over again; if we pass it tonight; I would like to pass it tonight with the amendments; Donahue: it's up to you guys; Donahue: I'll forward it to full council; Jackson: just for my clarification we're bumping up Brock Strong and Columbus Outdoor Pursuits each to \$1000.00; Bennett: correct; Jackson: so the new total will be \$21,000.00; Bennett: yes

A motion was made by Donahue, seconded by Bennett that this Resolution be forwarded to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 – Donahue, Bennett, Clark, Walker

[RES-17-024](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL VASKO TO SERVE A FOUR YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2021

Mayor: it's the reappointment of Michael Vasko who has actually been on Planning and Zoning but it's been several years; probably fifteen or sixteen anyway; he does a great job; I want to reappoint him for a four year term;

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Donahue that this Resolution be forwarded to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 – Bennett, Donahue, Clark, Walker

RES-17-025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MARK CAULK TO SERVE A FOUR YEAR TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2021

Mayor: I would like to appoint Mark Caulk to a four year term as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission; Mark Caulk has over 40 years of experience in commercial construction industry; his strengths include every aspect of project development, construction expertise, he also has vast experience on various projects and industries including manufacturing, retail, healthcare, entertainment, multi-family education and government; Mark is currently Executive Vice President of Construction at Brexton Construction Company; he brings a lot to the table

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Donahue that this Resolution be forwarded to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 – Bennett, Donahue, Clark, Walker

RES-17-026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMOYA COX TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018

Mayor: Jamoya Cox is the co-owner of Peacocks Learning, child care, tutoring, educational and mentoring service located here in Canal Winchester; this is for an appointment to Landmarks Committee; Mr. Cox has over twenty years of experience in project management including recommendations for educational facility planning, urban housing development, and downtown revitalization; Jamoya's work with the latter resulted in the development in the downtown revitalization plans for Canal Winchester and the city of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Jamoya is passionate about community development and believes that there are always opportunities to improve upon; with your approval I'd like to appoint the three mentioned;

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Donahue that this Resolution be forwarded to full council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 – Bennett, Donahue, Clark, Walker

Items for Discussion

Bennett: I did have a couple of things; I was looking through previous minutes; there was a resident that came in talking about the lighting at the Macintosh facility; was there an update on a resolution for that; Haire: yes, there are a number of changes that have been proposed; I don't know if they're complete or they will complete sometime this week; they reduced the size of the lights; they are actually forty percent less bright; they have redirected some of the heads; the LED's are all contained within a structure, it's a big flat; they redirected the tilt in some areas and they are also constructing shields; we have final inspection tomorrow afternoon; we'll look and see if that's been completed; Bennett: a resident that came in about flooding a while back; I think it was out here in the meadow where we had done some regrading; was there any resolution to that; Peoples: gave him my business card never heard back; Bennett: I was looking through and trying to do a little research into Civic Clerk software; I really didn't find too much; one question that I did have though is as we are looking to find new software and new conveniences; I don't know if this is something that is needed or not but I was just curious; Sargent Cassel is there any software that we need as a city that would have the sheriff in any capacity; I didn't know if they have any forms that they have to fill out if they need to be digitized or if there are any efficiencies to aid in their duties; Cassel: our county IT helps us out with all that stuff; Bennett: Okay, so that's provided by the county; Cassel: yes; Bennett: I didn't know with our contract whose role that was; I just wanted to follow up from our side to help approve with efficiencies because we're always talking about manpower

Old/New Business

No old or new business

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Walker, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 – Clark, Walker, Bennet, Donahue