



**Monroe Council Agenda
Regular Meeting
March 22, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Funk opened the regular meeting of Council at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Council members present: Marc Bellapianta, Tom Callahan, Kelly Clark, Jason Frentzel, Keith Funk, Christina McElfresh, and Ben Wagner.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Clark moved to approve the Council Minutes of March 8, 2022 and Public Involvement Committee Minutes of March 3, 2022; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Visitors

None.

Committee Reports

Mrs. McElfresh reported that the Planning Commission moved to deny the Hyde Park Development. Law Director Callahan advised that the Assistant Development Director had received an email from the applicant withdrawing their application.

Old Business

Resolution No. 12-2022. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amended Medical Director Agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Jill C. Aston to increase the annual payment for services provided to the Department of Fire as Medical Director. (Second Reading)

Mr. Bellapianta pointed out that Council has never really heard what the increase amount would be. Mrs. Waggaman replied that it is going from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to consider this the second reading of Resolution No. 12-2022 and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Resolution No. 12-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Resolution No. 12-2022; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.



New Business

Emergency Resolution No. 13-2022. A Resolution approving a Then-and-Now Certificate in the amount of \$12,000.00 to West Chester Township and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Waggaman advised this is an annual payment to cover the equipment and training for our tactical team. In response to Mayor Funk's question, Chief Buchanan stated this is the third year for this.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 13-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Dr. Clark. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 13-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 13-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Emergency Resolution No. 14-2022. A Resolution accepting the lowest and/or best bid submitted for the 2022 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program, authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and J-Co Concrete, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Waggaman reported this will allow for the 2022 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Program in Monroe Crossings Subdivision. Mr. Morton added that when these were installed they were not in compliance. Mr. Morton advised that Community Development Block Grant funds have been applied for and, if approved, would reimburse the expenditure from the Residential Improvement District Funds for this project.

Mr. Frentzel asked how many more of these need to be replaced. Mr. Morton replied that we are just getting started and will never be completed as the budgeted amount is what we can afford every year.

Mr. Bellapianta asked if any of the ramps in the Monroe Crossings Subdivision were compliant. Mr. Morton was unsure of the entire subdivision, but on Crossings Boulevard they are not.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 14-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Wagner. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 14-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 14-2022; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.



Emergency Resolution No. 15-2022. A Resolution accepting the lowest and/or best bid submitted for the Crossings Curb Inlet Replacement Project, authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the City of Monroe and Majors Enterprises, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Mrs. Waggaman commented this will be for the catch basin program for Crossings Boulevard from State Route 63 to Hankins Road.

Mr. Bellapianta asked how many catch basins will be replaced. Mr. Morton replied that it is over 20.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to suspend the rule requiring the reading of Emergency Resolution No. 15-2022 on two separate days, authorize its adoption on the first reading, and have it read by title only; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The Clerk of Council read Emergency Resolution No. 15-2022 by title only.

Mrs. McElfresh moved to adopt Emergency Resolution No. 15-2022 by title only; seconded by Mr. Bellapianta. Roll call vote: seven ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Morton advised that the Park and Recreation Board, at his request, had moved their April 13, 2022, meeting to Monroe Bicentennial Commons to discuss some items and issues moving forward with this park. Mr. Morton invited Council members to attend as it would be helpful in moving forward with additional phases. He reported there are drainage issues at the park and, unfortunately, a drainage system was not in the design with the first phase and believes that a drainage system is needed before moving forward. He noted when he was hired in 2020 the contract had already been signed and was not involved in the Master Plan. We are ready to review plans for the next phase. We also want to look at putting in electric for food trucks. Mr. Morton further reported that there are items in the Master Plan that we would like to change, such as the location of certain attractions at the park. It may be necessary to proceed with phase two next year because the drainage work will take time to be completed.

Mr. Morton felt it would be helpful to have as many of the members of the Park and Recreation Board and City Council present on site to be informed when it comes time to make certain decisions.

Mayor Funk thanked Mr. Morton for his forward thinking. Law Director Callahan noted that if there will be four members of Council present you will have a quorum and it needs to be advertised properly. Mayor Funk requested that any members of Council that would like to attend to notify the Clerk of Council.

Dr. Clark questioned the need to move the Fourth of July events back to Monroe Community Park with all of these issues. Mr. Morton was of the opinion that Monroe Bicentennial Commons will be usable for this event; however, we may need to bring in generators for the food trucks.

Mrs. McElfresh hopes that part of this drainage discussion and decision making process includes the lake, if the intent is to still put one back out there.



Mr. Morton agreed and added that is why the Master Plan needs to be revisited. Mr. Morton noted that staff is not happy with the current architectural and engineering team and would like to have a discussion on that as well in April. He noted there are struggles with them related to quality control.

Adjournment

Mr. Bellapianta moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Frentzel. Voice vote. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council