



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2021 · 6:30 PM
Council Chambers

Mayor: Jody Carney **Administrator:** Nathan Cahall
Director of Finance: Renee' Sonnett **Director of Law:** Paul-Michael La Fayette
Council Members: President J. Rucker, L. Giaimo,
S. Heineman, S. Pine, F. Reed, M. Terry

Mayor Carney called the meeting to order at 6:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Present- J. Carney, J. Rucker, S. Heineman, S. Pine, F. Reed, M. Terry, L. Giaimo
Absent-

Approvals: Agenda: Council Meeting – October 25, 2021
Mr. Reed requested to add a discussion item for “ADA Uptown Parking”.
Ms. Pine motioned to approve the October 25, 2021 meeting agenda as amended, seconded by
Mr. Terry. All in favor.

Minutes: Council Meeting – October 13, 2021
Mr. Terry motioned to approve the October 13, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Rucker,
All in favor, Ms. Giaimo abstained.

Visitors:
None.

Reports:
Mayor

- The Fall Festival was held on October 16 and there was a great turnout. Vendors had a great day and a lot of children participated.
- October 18 was the Union County mobility roundtable. Mayor Carney shared some of the criteria to help businesses fill open tables and how to help employees get transportation. This was a beginning discussion led by Union County Commissioners and there were a lot of entities involved.
- The parking lot project is underway, and the mayor has been working with staff.

- Jonathan Alder High School invited Council to their ribbon cutting for a new technology system on November 2. The mayor hopes to increase Village communications to the schools.

Finance Director

- Health insurance only increased by 1% this year.

Police Chief

- Nothing to report.

Village Administrator

- Uptown construction is underway. There was a setback with the tree grates supply issues. The contractor is looking at alternatives.
- The Uptown Parking lot project is continuing with progress. The parking lot will be paved this week and then open to the public. The alley modifications are being explored.
- There is a Personnel & Finance/CIP this Wednesday. Budget distribution will occur later this week.
- The EPA Public Hearing was held last Tuesday. There was some good community feedback and now we wait for Ohio EPA to compile their reports and testimony summaries.
- Staff is still working on the Zoning Inspector position vacancy. This position may be readvertised.
- The supplemental budget measure on tonight's agenda reflects the formula error from last meeting.
- Also on the agenda is some annual pieces of legislation that need passed ahead of the next year.
- Lieutenant Governor Husted will be in attendance at the Village tomorrow morning. A grant project was awarded funding and will be announced by the Lieutenant Governor.
- For the Uptown Parking Lot alley project, the plans have changed slightly. Staff was concerned about long-term maintenance and installing concrete or lawn maintenance instead of dirt and landscaping. Mayor Carney would like to see the full alley be paved with concrete and stamping the path. There was also a discussion about removing the bump out from the plans because it takes up so much of the width. The owner of the building that would lose the parking spot agreed that the bump out could be removed. The mayor would also like electricity to be added since the paving hasn't taken place yet. The public works supervisor reached out to the contractor about a quote for these changes.
 - Mr. Reed suggested that tables and chairs be added if the concrete path is paved.
 - Ms. Giaimo asked if the timeline would change; these changes should be affecting the paving of the parking lot. Council concurred with the decisions that Mayor Carney brought up.
 - Staff was also looking at finishing the curb and adding an ADA-ramp and two parking spots in front of the alley. This would also allow for a finished look to the alley.

- Future streetscape items will be brought to Design Review Board at the next meeting, per Mr. Rucker. There was some discussion if items in the right-of-way need to be brought to the DRB. This alley and the bricks on the edge of the sidewalk are in the right-of-way. DRB requires a ten-day notice. Mr. Lafayette explains that the codified ordinance notes that only applies to the property owner's responsibility, and not the public right of way.
- The ADA ramp should not be installed because it must lead to a crosswalk. ADA spaces will be available in the parking lot.
- Mayor Carney would like to move forward with these changes, and stakeholders will be involved in future phases of the streetscape project.
- Mr. Reed would like to see final renditions before moving forward. The final renditions will be presented on November 3 before the noise ordinance.
- Mr. Cahall has a conference call with the contractor in the morning. Mayor Carney explained that he was informed on Friday of the changes.
- Randy VanTilburg of Mannik & Smith can have updated designs by next week for the Council meeting on November 3. They will also need clarification on the stamped concrete designs. Mr. Terry is ok with Mayor Carney working with the engineer on the designs and Council will approve the final designs.
- Mr. Lafayette asked if the sequencing of the contract will be changed. Mr. VanTilburg responded that yes, the schedule of the contractor will be changed, and the concrete work has been completed. The brick cost will be reduced but the concrete work will be added, along with the electrical additions.
- Mayor Carney realizes that there will be changes to the price but would like to get this issue correct. Ms. Pine would like a short-term solution of keeping the project almost the same but just adjusting the turnaround. Mr. Terry believes this would lead to just removing the brick pavers in the future.
- Ms. Giaimo asked about an estimated change in the project. Mr. VanTilburg responded that the contractor will need to get the subcontractor out to stamp the concrete and it may need insulated if poured in cold weather.
- Mr. Rucker would like stamped concrete with a path; Ms. Giaimo would like stamped concrete but is worried about delays. Ms. Pine would like more information. Mr. Reed and Ms. Heineman would like stamped concrete. Staff will move forward with stamped concrete plans and have it available for November 3. Ms. Heineman would like to make sure that the concrete is not slick.
- In regard to the tree grates on the sidewalk, the grates will be installed but only two will have power. The additional three with electric will be installed next year.

President

- Mr. Rucker asked about the data gathered for the noise ordinance. Chief McKee has the data ready. There is a potential for a Worksession on November 10.
 - Based on the feedback, Council will decide how to move forward.

Solicitor

- Nothing to report.

BZA

- No meeting in October. There will be a November meeting.

Planning & Zoning

- There was not a Planning & Zoning meeting in October but there will be a November meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee

- Nothing to report.

Personnel & Finance/CIP

- There is a meeting on October 27 at 7pm for a final budget and compensation study review. Meetings are open to the public.

Fire

- Next meeting is next Thursday.

Design Review Board

- The October meeting will be cancelled because the applications were withdrawn.

Old Business:

2nd Reading – Ordinance 28-2021: An Ordinance Approving a Supplemental Appropriation of Funds and Amendments to the Village of Plain City 2021 Budget

Mr. Rucker motioned to approve Ordinance 28-2021, seconded by Mr. Reed. All in favor.

New Business:

1st Reading - Ordinance 29-2021: An Ordinance Setting the Costs for the Certificate of Registration Fee and the Construction Permit Fees for Right-Of-Way Program

1st Reading Resolution 38-2021: A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded In 2022

1st Reading Resolution 39-2021: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Govdeals, Inc. For Internet-Based Auction Services for 2022.

1st Reading Resolution 40-2021: A Resolution Authorizing Participation in Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program For 2022

1st Reading Resolution 41-2021: A Resolution Authorizing the Sale and/or Disposal of Village Property, and Requesting a Waiver of the Second Reading

Mr. Terry motioned to waive the second reading of Resolution 41-2021, seconded by Ms. Pine. All in favor.

Mr. Rucker motioned to approve Resolution 41-2021, seconded by Mr. Terry. All in favor.

Discussion Items:

Handicap Parking Uptown

Mr. Reed would like to make sure there is at least one ADA parking spot on both sides of all streets in the Uptown District. Mr. Cahall added that there are multiple ADA parking spots in the new uptown parking lot. Council agrees that a few more may be needed on the south side of main street. Mr. Reed would like the Administrator to identify ADA spots to put in or bring to Council for approval.

Mr. Cahall explained that there are some regulations for on-street ADA parking spots. Staff will come back with a plan for putting in the appropriate amount of ADA parking spots.

Ms. Terry motioned to enter Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Pine. All in favor.

Executive Session – Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1): To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Haley Lupton entered and exited Executive Session.

Nathan Cahall entered and exited Executive Session.

Ms. Terry motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Giaimo. All in favor.

Mr. Terry motioned to appoint Haley Lupton as acting administrator, seconded by Ms. Pine. All in favor.

Mr. Rucker publicly thanked Mr. Cahall for his service as Village Administrator. Nathan came in and set the Village on a better direction and it is appreciated by Council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Clerk

Mayor