

Minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole of Stow City Council Meeting held on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:41 p.m.

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Council Members Present: Fiocca, Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire Fiocca

Council Members Absent: Ward 1 Vacant

City Officials Present: Mayor Pribonic, Chief of Staff/Service Director Wren, Finance Director Costello, Police Chief Film, Fire Chief Stone, City Engineer McCleary, Law Director Syx, Nathan Leppo, Director of Planning and Development (left at 7:14 pm), and Deputy Clerk of Council Mottram

Press Representatives: None

**Call to Order**

President McIntire called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Harrison seconded by Fiocca for approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 6, 2022. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Fiocca seconded by Lowdermilk for approval of Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 13, 2022. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. McIntire rearranged the agenda this evening. The minutes were typed according to the agenda.*

**New Business**

T-177 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AKRON, THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN, THE CITY OF TALLMADGE, AND THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT WHEREBY THE COUNTY WILL ACQUIRE, DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, FURNISH, MAINTAIN AND FINANCE A JOINT PSAP BUILDING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THOSE AGREEMENTS DEFINED IN THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, THE CITY OF

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FAIRLAWN, THE CITY OF TALLMADGE, AND THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, FOR PURPOSE OF OPERATING A CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY PSAP, GUARANTEE AGREEMENTS, LEASE AGREEMENTS, AND A JOINT USE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF THE JOINT PSAP BUILDING LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TALLMADGE.

On January 6, 2022, Summit County and the Administration gave a presentation to Council and on January 13, 2022 Council placed Ordinance No. 2022-01 on first reading. Mr. McIntire opened the floor for additional discussion regarding the COG, Council of Governments. Mr. McIntire noted that this item would be voted on at the Council Meeting. This would be the last time for discussion before the vote. Mr. Feldman asked Chief Film questions prior to the meeting regarding NFPA. Mr. Feldman asked several questions regarding Stow's current dispatch center. Mr. McIntire followed up with questions regarding training and IS services. Chief Film stated that the Police Department was very demanding for the City's IS Department. Mr. Lowdermilk had follow-up questions regarding dedicated staff for the Stow's Dispatch center.

**MOTIONS:**

Mayor Pribonic provided information regarding the applicants. Mr. Seifert, Mr. Berge, Mr. Brauer will serve news terms. Ms. Fishel, Mr. Manuszak and Mr. Dean would serve as first term members.

**Greg Seifert (at large) – Board of Zoning & Appeals – 5 year term**

Mayor Pribonic shared that Mr. Seifert had served a partial term and if approved would be serving his first full term.

Motion made by McIntire seconded by Harrison to approve Greg Siefert for a first full term for the Board of Zoning & Appeals Board. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**John Berge – Urban Forestry – 5 year term**

Motion made by McIntire seconded by Harrison to approve John Berg for a full term to the Urban Forestry Board. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chris Brauer – Planning Commission – 4 year term**

Mayor Pribonic stated that Chris Brauer would be serving his first 4-year term. Legislation passed in 2020 changed the term limits to 2-four year terms. Mr. Lowdermilk asked how long Mr. Brauer served on the Planning Commission. Mayor Pribonic stated that Mr. Brauer had been serving since 2004 and served for sixteen years. Mr. Lowdermilk asked if there were any other applications.

Mr. McIntire asked if the applicants for the Arts Commission would allow for the Commission to be more gender balanced. Mayor Pribonic stated that with the approval of the applicants, it would be more gender balanced with 1 females and 4 males.

Mr. McIntire asked why Mr. Brauer's Commission approval was not brought before COW prior to the start of the term. The term limit was to start January 1st.

Mr. McIntire held Mr. Brauer's appointment in committee to review other applicants.

**Jessica Fishel – Arts Commission – 5 year term**

Motion made by McIntire seconded by Lowdermilk to approve Jessica Fishel for a first full term for the Arts Commission. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Thomas Manuszak – Arts Commission – 5 year term**

Motion made by McIntire seconded by Harrison to approve Thomas Manuszak for a first full term for the Arts Commission. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Raymond Dean – Arts Commission – 5 year term**

Motion made by McIntire seconded by Harrison to approve Raymond Dean for a first full term for the Arts Commission. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. McIntire added several items to the agenda.*

Motion made by Licate seconded by Lowdermilk to add Mayor Pribonic Recognition Presentation on the agenda. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pribonic recognized the Stow-Munroe High School Wrestlers for community service during the January 17th snow event. The gentlemen shoveled many driveways for residents.

Motion made by Fiocca seconded by Harrison to add 2021 Project Updates to the agenda. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wren provided a list of 2021 Projects with status updates with completed projects and items to be completed in 2022. The sidewalk contract company was sold. The remaining 2021 items will be included in the 2022 contract. Mr. Lowdermilk asked when the entire Adell Durbin Park project will be completed. Mr. Wren said that it was planned for March. Mr. Lowdermilk asked when road contracts would be out for bid. Mr. Wren indicated the specs were completed and would be out soon.

**Executive Session**

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by Harrison seconded by Fiocca to recess into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment of a Public Official §122.22 (G)(1) and Compensation of a Public Employee §122.22 (G)(1) . Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

Motion made by McIntire seconded by Harrison to reconvene the Committee of the Whole. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

T-230 AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL JONES, P.E. AS ASSISTANT CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF STOW, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR SAID APPOINTEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Deputy Clerk of Council read by its title.

Motion made by McIntire seconded by Harrison to forward to this evening's Regular Council meeting and assign an Ordinance Number to T-230. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Remonstrance Period**

Bruce Campbell, 3331 Pine Hollow Dr., had a few comments about the City jail and suggested the City using GovDeals to sell City equipment. He added comments regarding the Regional Dispatch Center and supported the City joining the COG. He concluded with recommendations regarding a City Emergency notification system.

Mayor Pribonic added that both the Chief of Police and Chief of Fire were involved in the emergency notification system discussions.

Mike Daniels, 4083 Bishops Gate Circle, spoke about the Ward 1 vacancy and lack of interviews for the position. Mr. Daniels is a resident in Ward 1. He researched the applicants. He would like a representative that cares about the local issues in the City of Stow. He reminded Council that they all were interviewed by the press when they were running for office. He also stated that Mrs. Harrison was interviewed when she fulfilled a Council vacancy. He continued with comments regarding the regional dispatch center.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Fiocca seconded by Harrison to adjourn. Vote – Yeas: Feldman, Licate, Harrison, Lowdermilk, McIntire, Fiocca. Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

  
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Sonya Mottram, Deputy Clerk of Council

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Jeremy McIntire, President of Council