

BEAVERCREEK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING August 24, 2020 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Stone called the meeting to order followed by roll call

PRESENT: Council Member Bales, Council Member Curran, Council Member Duerr, Council Member Garcia, Council Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Adams, Mayor Stone

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jill Bissinger, Human Resources; Dennis Evers, Chief; Jeff Fiorita, Deputy Chief; Sam Hurwitz, Superintendent; Bill Kucera, Financial Administrative Services Director; Pete Landrum, City Manager; Steve McHugh, Legal Counsel; Dianne Miscisin, Clerk of Council; Jeff Moorman, City Engineer; Mike Thonnerieux, Public Administrative Services Director

PLEDGE

Council Member Garcia led the pledge and a prayer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Curran MOVED to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Member Duerr. Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

PRESCCHEDULED PRESENTERS

Beaver Creek Wetlands Association, Ken Moran, Vice President

Mr. Moran reviewed the Wetland corridor and the preservation efforts. He said much of the wetlands is not enjoyed because they are not accessible. He said they would like to create a regional trail system that's focused on connecting all of the wetlands that would expand access to the space. He said they have a set of goals for the wetlands which include a meaningful experience in a special natural place, a safe space with easy access, a well-maintained trail system that gives people an inspiring place to hike, stroll, walk or run and to continuously improve the wetland ecosystem. He reviewed the phases of the improvements that are planned. Mr. Moran reviewed the benefits of the trail system to Greene County residents. He requested a resolution of support for the wetlands and the grant they would be applying for.

Staff Awards and Recognition, Jill Bissinger

Ms. Bissinger reviewed and highlighted awards and accomplishments of staff members.

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ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUDS

Resolution 20-22 Greene County Auditor to Enter the Cost of Noxious Weeds and Grass Cuttings on the Tax Duplicate

Clerk Miscisin read a Resolution directing the Greene County Auditor to enter the cost of noxious weeds and grass cuttings on the tax duplicate for the properties described in Exhibit "A".

Mr. Kucera reviewed the annual resolution resulting in the elimination of high weeds and its process of the assessments. He said that 20 parcels were being assessed for a total of \$6,642.50.

Council Member Bales asked how the city identifies the foreclosure/vacant parcels. Mr. Kucera said there is an Ordinance that requires notification of foreclosure/vacant properties so there is a record of the contact information regarding the properties.

Council Member Bales MOVED to approve Resolution 20-22, seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

Resolution 20-23 Beaver Creek Wetlands

Clerk Miscisin read a Resolution of support for the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Trail Project and grant application.

Council Member Schwartz MOVED to approve Resolution 20-23, seconded by Council Member Bales. Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

DECISION ITEMS

Appointments to Boards and Commissions – Beaver Creek Development Corporation

Mr. McHugh explained there were two motions for the two different vacancies. Once appointed this would give them a full board of directors.

Council Member Bales MOVED to appoint Tyler Morton to the Beaver Creek Development Corporation Board of Directors as the appointee with commercial real estate or lending experience, seconded by Council Member Garcia. Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

Vice Mayor Adams MOVED to appoint Bob Doyle to the Beaver Creek Development Corporation Board of Directors as the Beaver Creek resident appointee seconded by Council Member Garcia. Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.

COUNCIL TIME

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Council Member Bales congratulated the Beavercreek employees for doing a great job. He has received a lot of questions regarding the income tax. He reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the income tax initiative. He said the best place to read information regarding the income is the City's website under the tab "Proposed Income Tax." He reviewed the different tabs on the Proposed Income Tax page of the website.

Council Member Duerr thanked Mr. Thonnerieux and Mr. Kucera on the FEMA reimbursements that have been received.

Council Member Schwartz asked everyone to exercise patience and kindness towards others during these challenging times. She said school is back in session and asked everyone to watch the speed zones. She thanked Council Member Bales for the information regarding the income tax.

Council Member Curran said the lunch at the senior center was set for Thursday pickup. He thanked Council Member Bales on the income tax information.

Vice Mayor Adams said schools started today and to please pray everything else goes well. He welcomed Mr. Hurwitz to his new position. He said to please complete the 2020 Census if you haven't already done so. The deadline for completing the Census is the end of the September.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stone said he appreciates the community and the staff that supports them.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Landrum reviewed some of the parks that have new enhancements. Senior transportation is operating for medical appointments and grocery trips. ODOT is performing bridge rehabilitation and resurfacing on I-675 therefore there will be lane restrictions in effect on overpasses and interchanges. This project should be completed by summer 2022. The Tom Birt Memorial Golf Scramble will be held August 28th which benefits City of Beavercreek and City of Fairborn's Parks & Recreation Departments.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Al Cummings, 2669 Greeneside Drive, Beavercreek

Mr. Cummings said there is a problem from time to time regarding potholes in the commercial properties. He is a member of the Beavercreek Fairer Funding Committee (BFFC) which was formed to inform the community of the income tax initiative. He said 75% of the people who work in Beavercreek live somewhere else therefore their taxes go to the community from which they are from. He said

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we are giving away \$10 million per year. He said the levies that consistently are on the ballot would go away if there is an income tax.

Dr. Mark Walsh, 434 Ramsgate Drive, Beavercreek, Ohio

Dr. Walsh is a member of the BFFC and their goal is to educate the public and feel this is one of the reasons the income tax has not passed in the past. He said people do not understand it. He said if they work in a city that already has an income tax that money does not come back to Beavercreek. The people from those cities who work here are taxed by those same cities and the money goes back there. He said we are losing \$10 million or more per year. He said 70% of the people who live in this city would not pay this tax but would get a reduction in their city property tax and see an improvement in their city services. He said the remaining 30% would not be paying the full 1% because they would see a reduction in their property tax at the same time. He said as a committee they have been holding virtual informational meetings every two weeks. He said if you email Brian Jarvis at bjjarvis@yahoo.com he will put you on the list to join a meeting. He said if you would like to help with the committee please let Mr. Jarvis know as well.

Sundar Bhatla, 2353 Spicer Drive, Beavercreek, Ohio

Mr. Bhatla said he really likes the parks and encouraged the city to spend money on the beautiful parks. He said he was a member of the BFFC and was excited about the income tax initiative and felt that it would pass.

Walter Chen 328 Cottonwood Place, Beavercreek, Ohio

Mr. Chen thanked Council Member Bales for his presentation regarding the income tax. He said this would be a win win for the city and its residents. He said the elected officials have done an outstanding job in leading this initiative by passing the Ordinance and the Resolution. He said there are four key facts that the citizens of Beavercreek need to adhere to instead of listening to some of the hogwash that's out there. He said people need to educate themselves by going to the website and ask questions. He said the four key facts are the reduction of property taxes for all property owners, all persons working in our city will pay their fair share of the income tax while they utilize our services and retirement income will not be targeted, residents paying income taxes get a 1% credit and this would generate \$10 million to address infrastructure.

Denise Chen, 383 Cottonwood Place, Beavercreek, Ohio

Ms. Chen yielded her three minutes to Walter Chen

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Mr. Chen urged citizens to attend city council meetings to see firsthand what is going on. He said the BFFC was putting together an HOA contact list to pass out trifolds with income tax information. He said they are drafting signs to be placed throughout the city.

Mary Brailey, 1399 Townhall Road, Beaver creek, Ohio

Ms. Brailey said the word peace has its derivation in the term balance. She said we want a peaceful community and thought there were a couple of areas getting left out of the discussion. She said part of the intent of creating a system combining income tax with the property tax is to bring balance to our revenue sources. She said just like you don't put all of your money in one investment. She said we shouldn't depend on all of our sources for our city on one major piece of revenue which is what this addresses. She said the other balance is we are a community and we need a balance of demographics. She said there are those in our area, especially the old timers, who feel like they are being pushed out because they are being taxed out of their properties. She felt the older citizens are very important to the balance of a community. She said they bring something that the younger wage earners don't bring. They give what the older citizens can't and the older citizens give what the younger citizens can't.

Carol Graff, 1442 Devoe Drive, Beaver creek, Ohio

Ms. Graff is a member of the BFFC and second what all the others before her said. She said she is also a member of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Committee since its inception in 1988. She said the committee has been trying to get rid of alien species in the wetlands. She said one of the worst ones is purple loosestrife. She said if you drive along Kemp Road opposite Station 63 there is purple loosestrife that is beautiful in the ditch. She asked city of help eliminate it.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Curran MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m., seconded by Vice Mayor Adams. Motion PASSED by majority voice vote.



Bob Stone, Mayor

ATTEST:

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