

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
December 2, 2019**

Council-Manager Briefing

A. No briefing.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Vice Mayor Pennington called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Oberson led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ron D'Epifanio	Council Member at Large	Present	
Chad Oberson	Council Member at Large	Present	
Bill Woeste	Council Member at Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Council Member, 1st Ward	Present	
Craig W. Keller	Council Member, 2nd Ward	Present	
Debbie Pennington	Council Member, 3rd Ward	Present	
Tim Abbott	Council Member, 4th Ward	Present	
Steve Miller	Mayor	Excused	

Councilmember Woeste, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved to excuse Mayor Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

None.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

None.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2019 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Debbie Pennington, Vice Chair; Craig Keller, Member

Development Services Committee

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Member

Ordinance to adopt new sections 1143.26.1 and 1143.31 and amend various sections of the Zoning Code of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on this ordinance at the October 28, 2019 meeting and set the joint public hearing date for November 11, 2019.

Councilmember Woeste presented the third reading of this ordinance. ORDINANCE NO. 114-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to Adopt the Fairfield Forward Comprehensive Plan dated November, 2019 and include it as a part of the official comprehensive plan of the City of Fairfield, Ohio pursuant to §8.01(C)(2) of the Fairfield City Charter.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council has a first reading of the ordinance to adopt the Fairfield Forward Comprehensive Plan at the November 11, 2019 meeting and await a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Woeste presented the third reading of this ordinance. He then invited Planning Manager Erin Lynn to speak. Mrs. Lynn thanked Council and staff for their work and support on the comprehensive plan. She thanked the community for their input and the citizens that served on the steering committee for their work on the project.

ORDINANCE NO. 115-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Craig Keller, Chair; Bill Woeste, Vice Chair; Debbie Pennington, Member

Public Safety Committee

Ron D'Epifanio, Chair; Craig Keller, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for indigent legal representation for 2020 in the Fairfield Municipal Court with the Butler County Public Defender Commission/Butler County Board of Commissioners and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council adopt an ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement for indigent legal representation for 2020 in the Fairfield Municipal Court with the Butler County Public Defender Commission/Butler County Board of Commissioners.

Councilmember D'Epifanio presented the third reading of this ordinance. ORDINANCE NO. 116-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron D'Epifanio, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Public Works Committee

Chad Oberson, Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Vice Chair; Bill Woeste, Member

Public Utilities Committee

Debbie Pennington, Chair; Chad Oberson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

NEW BUSINESS

Development Services Committee

Bill Woeste, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Ron D'Epifanio, Member

Motion to Read by Title Only

Motion to read one (1) ordinance by title only.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Woeste presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Market Metrics, LLC for a comprehensive real estate market analysis for the North Route 4 Business Corridor and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council suspend the second and third readings and pass as an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 117-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Public Safety

Ron D'Epifanio, Chair; Craig Keller, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Simple Motion: Motion to not request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of Carusoscincy LLC, 6765 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class D5).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council request, by simple motion, that **no hearing be held** on the liquor permit application in the name of Carusoscincy LLC, 6765 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Class D5).

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 20-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron D'Epifanio, Council Member at Large
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Leslie Besl, Vice Chair; Chad Oberson, Member

Motion to Read by Title Only

Motion to read the following five (5) ordinances by title only.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for brokerage services with Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) for the City's property, casualty and liability coverage and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement for brokerage services with Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA) for the City's property, casualty and liability coverage. Due to the expiration of the current policies on December 30, 2019, it is necessary to request a rules suspension and emergency .

ORDINANCE NO. 118-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio during the period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

ORDINANCE NO. 119-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 127-18 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019.” *Supplemental Appropriations - Transfers of Monies

Recommendation:

It is necessary for City Council to pass appropriations to reconcile accounts. It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation amending the annual operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 120-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 127-18 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 121-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Craig W. Keller, Council Member, 2nd Ward
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 127-18 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 122-19. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Chad Oberson, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Council Member, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Bill Woeste, Council Member at Large
AYES:	D'Epifanio, Oberson, Woeste, Besl, Keller, Pennington, Abbott

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, December 9 - Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, December 30 - Oath of Office 6:00 PM
- C. Monday, January 13 - Council-Manager briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____