

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
October 10, 2023**

Council-Manager Briefing

None.

Business Meeting Call to Order

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

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Senger led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Meyers	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Matt Davidson	Councilmember, At-Large	Excused	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Excused	

Councilmember Paullus, seconded by Councilmember Kraft, made a motion to excuse Councilmember Davidson. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Brill, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved for Executive Session to discuss the following topics:

1. The purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of public property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code;
2. To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance;

3. Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Roll call vote. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Presentations

None.

Citizen Comments

Cindy Broenner, 5281 Boehm Drive, addressed Council regarding the grease box behind Penn Station and her concerns regarding the safety and sanitation of that box. She is concerned that it is a safety hazard because it hasn't been emptied and needs to be replaced. It sits close to a dumpster of cardboard and a daycare facility.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2023 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations

Councilmember Leslie Besl

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 130-09 to modify the terms and provisions of the North Town Center Community Reinvestment Area, renaming the area the Fairfield Town Center Community Reinvestment Area, implementing Section 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, establishing and describing the boundaries of the Fairfield Town Center Community Reinvestment Area in the City of Fairfield, Ohio, designating a housing officer to administer the program, and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council approve this ordinance to establish CRA property tax abatement as a potential development tool throughout the Town Center area.

Councilmember Kraft presented the third reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 141-23. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Parks, Recreation and Environment

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Public Utilities

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Public Works

Councilmember Terry Senger

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Kraft, moved to read all New Business by title only.

Community & Public Relations

Councilmember Leslie Besl

Simple Motion: Motion to approve the December 2023 Meeting Schedule for City Council Meetings.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council, via simple motion, approve the December 2023 meeting schedule. City Council will meet on the first and second Mondays of December, December 4th and December 11th, 2023, for regular meetings.

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 12-23. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Resolution imposing a temporary moratorium on the consideration and/or granting of any zoning, occupancy, building or other permits or applications relating to vape stores within the City of Fairfield and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City adopt the resolution imposing a moratorium relating to new vape stores within the City of Fairfield.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-23. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Parks, Recreation and Environment

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute an addendum to the contract with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. for the 2024 and 2025 calendar years and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract extension with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. for the 2024 and 2025 calendar years.

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance. She requested more information regarding the contract and cost prior to considering the legislation for a vote.

RESULT:	FIRST READING Next: 10/23/2023 7:00 PM
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Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Simple Motion: Motion to request a hearing regarding a liquor permit application in the name of Valour Lounge LLC, 74 Donald Drive, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes D5).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council request, by simple motion, that **a hearing be held** on the liquor permit application in the name of Valour Lounge LLC, 74 Donald Drive, Fairfield, OH 45014 (Permit Classes D5).

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 13-23. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Paullus presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for indigent legal representation for 2024 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 2024 in the Fairfield Municipal Court with the Butler County Public Defender Commission/Butler County Board of Commissioners. Rules suspension and the emergency clause are requested so that the agreement can be in place and reimbursement by the State of Ohio can be obtained in accordance with state guidelines.

ORDINANCE NO. 143-23. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155-22 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, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.”

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. 144-23. APPROVED 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
EXCUSED:	Davidson

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, October 23 - Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, November 13 - Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, November 27 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:30 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____