

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
May 9, 2022**

Council-Manager Briefing

A. None.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus 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	Present	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Tim Abbott	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved for Executive Session to discuss pending and imminent litigation and the status of negotiations or collective bargaining sessions with public employees regarding their compensation and other terms and conditions of their employment. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations

a. Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor Rhodus presented the Public Works Week Proclamation to Public Works Director Ben Mann and thanked the staff of the department for all of their great work.

b. Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Mayor Rhodus presented the Kids to Parks Day Proclamation to Parks & Recreation Director Tiphonie Mays and encouraged kids to get out and enjoy the Fairfield parks.

c. Mayor's Youth Commission

Mayor Rhodus introduced the Youth Commission members and explained that the commission was a way for local high school students to learn more about careers in local government. Each member of the commission will be assigned to work with a department for half of the school year and then will work with a different department for the second half of the year to gain more in-depth experience about the careers in each one.

Citizen Comments

1. Stacey Akers, 610 Riverbend Court

Ms. Akers addressed Council on behalf of herself and neighbors regarding the traffic issues on River Road. She presented Council with a petition signed by residents of the area requesting that the City take action to reduce speeding around the curves and prevent another serious accident from occurring. She stated that she worries about her daughter playing in the back yard unattended because she is afraid a car will lose control and end up coming through the fence. Councilmember Meyers addressed her concerns and stated that he requested traffic data from the Police Department for that area. He assured her that the City would look into ways to improve the sight distance when turning on to River Road from the residential streets, as well as any other available options to reduce speeding and prevent accidents.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2022 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations Committee

Leslie Besl, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Tim Abbott, Member

Development Services Committee

Matt Davidson, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the Concept Plan for the Mercy Health Mixed Use development.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on this item at the March 14, 2022 meeting, set a joint public hearing for March 28, and await the written recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Davidson presented the third reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-22. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1141.02, the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the Amended Concept Plan and the Final Development Plan for the Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers Restaurant portion of the Meijer-Gilmore Road Planned Unit Development.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have first reading on this item at the March 14, 2022 meeting, set the joint public hearing for March 28 and await the written recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Davidson presented the third reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-22. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Gwen Brill, Chair; Matt Davidson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Public Safety Committee

Tim Meyers, Chair; Dale Paullus, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Public Utilities Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Tim Meyers, Member

Public Works Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Tim Meyers, Vice Chair; Matt Davidson, Member

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

Development Services Committee

Matt Davidson, Chair; Terry Senger, Vice Chair; Dale Paullus, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement and a Community Reinvestment Area School Compensation Agreement, which will provide property tax incentives for Pro Kleen Industrial Services, Inc., Pro Kleen Environmental Services, Inc., and Black Family Real Estate Investments, LLC, to include construction of a new industrial facility on Tedia Way, and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this ordinance and pass as an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-22. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

Gwen Brill, Chair; Matt Davidson, Vice Chair; Leslie Besl, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Century Equipment, Incorporated for the purchase of a Toro GM 5900 mower and mulching kit and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$129,109.27 for the purchase of one (1) Toro GM 5900 mower as well as a mulching kit for the unit. Rules suspension is being requested in order to expedite the purchase. The replacement of this equipment is programmed in the 2022 CIP as 2PR13 through the State of Ohio Purchasing Contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Public Utilities Committee

Dale Paullus, Chair; Tim Abbott, Vice Chair; Tim Meyers, Member

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:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with Denali Water Solutions for the disposal of wastewater biosolids from the City's wastewater treatment plant, with mutual option for two (2) additional one (1)-year terms.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with Denali Water Solutions for the disposal of wastewater biosolids, with mutual option for two (2) additional one (1)-year terms. Rules suspension is requested to expedite the contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-22. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Public Works Committee

Terry Senger, Chair; Tim Meyers, Vice Chair; Matt Davidson, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vogelpohl Fire Equipment for the purchase of an E-One Fire Truck and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing

the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$1,173,216 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund for this purchase. It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vogelpohl Fire Equipment Inc., 2770 Circleport Dr., Erlanger Kentucky, 41018.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-22. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Motion to amend the ordinance to include only 2022 GMC Acadias

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Fierhrer Motors, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) GMC Acadias for the Police Department and declaring an emergency

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$89,702 from the Capital improvement Fund for the purchase of a two (2) GMC Acadia's. It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Fiehrer Motors, Inc. for the purchase of these vehicles.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Prodigy Building Solutions, LLC for the replacement of HVAC equipment at various buildings and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$430,458 from the ARPA Fund. It is further recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Prodigy Building Solutions LLC, West Chester, Ohio for this project.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-22. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Choice One Engineering for the Nilles and Wittenberg Intersection Improvement Design

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into the attached agreement with Choice One Engineering to design the improvements to the intersection of Nilles Road and Wittenberg Drive and further recommends that City Council authorize funding in the amount shown in the Financial Impact section.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-22. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Finance & Budget Committee

Tim Abbott, Chair; Gwen Brill, Vice Chair; Terry Senger, Member

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this resolution.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Resolution authorizing the City of Fairfield to use the standard allowance for the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is necessary for City Council to pass a resolution electing to use the standard allowance for identifying revenue loss within the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to allow for the purchase of items detailed in the ARPA presentation provided to City Council on April 11, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 148-21 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, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.”

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. 73-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

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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. 74-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, May 23 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, June 13 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, July 11 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____