

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
March 14, 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 Davidson 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 the status of negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees, the compensation of a public employee and the purchase of property for public use. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

None.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Special Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2022 and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 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

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 Works Committee

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with Prus Construction of Cincinnati, Ohio for the 2022 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement Program.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a one (1) year contract with Prus Construction of Cincinnati, Ohio for the 2022 Sidewalk/Apron Replacement at the unit prices indicated. The recommendation to exercise the year 2 option is to be determined.

It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation for the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$137,000.00 from the General Fund for the 2022 portion of this project.

Councilmember Senger presented the third reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-22. 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

Public Utilities Committee

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

Community & Public Relations Committee

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

Simple Motion: Motion to approve the following 2022 Boards/Commissions Appointments effective April 1, 2022: Erin Simons - Board of Zoning Appeals (term ending 3/31/27) Tonya Charles - Civil Service Commission (term ending 3/31/25) Kevin Bleichner - Design Review Committee (term ending 3/31/24) Steven DeSalvo - Design Review Committee (term ending 3/31/24) Randy Mefford - Design Review Committee (term ending 3/31/24) Greg Hull - Parks & Recreation Board, 1st Ward Seat (term ending 3/31/25) Mindy Muller - Parks & Recreation Board, 4th Ward Seat (term ending 3/31/25)

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council, via simple motion, appoint the following residents to serve on the various boards and commissions **effective April 1, 2022:**

Erin Simons - Board of Zoning Appeals (term ending 3/31/27)
Tonya Charles - Civil Service Commission (term ending 3/31/25)
Kevin Bleichner - Design Review Committee (term ending 3/31/24)
Steven DeSalvo - Design Review Committee (term ending 3/31/24)
Randy Mefford - Design Review Committee (term ending 3/31/24)
Greg Hull - Parks & Recreation Board, 1st Ward Seat (term ending 3/31/25)
Mindy Muller - Parks & Recreation Board, 4th Ward Seat (term ending 3/31/25)

SIMPLE MOTION NO. 6-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Abbott

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 first reading of this ordinance and set the Joint Public Hearing Date for March 28, 2022.

RESULT: **FIRST READING** **Next: 3/28/2022 7:00 PM**

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 first reading of this ordinance and set the Joint Public Hearing Date for March 28, 2022.

RESULT: **FIRST READING** **Next: 3/28/2022 7:00 PM**

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Huffman Family Foundation and Harold W. Huffman Trust for the donation of funding towards Huffman Park Improvements and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Huffman Family Foundation for the donation of funding towards Huffman Park Improvements.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER: Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd 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:	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 John R. Jurgensen Company for the 2022 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Project.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the John R. Jurgensen Company for the 2022 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Project at the unit prices indicated.

It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation for the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$2,785,000.00 from the Street Improvement Fund for this project.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
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 contract with Majors Enterprises Inc. for the 2022 Route 4 Water Main Replacement Project and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter a contract with Majors Enterprises Inc., and appropriate project funding in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 for the 2022 Route 4 Water Main Replacement Project. Rules suspension is being requested in order to expedite the project.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st 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 ordinance.

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

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,600,000 of various purpose bond anticipation notes, series 2021, 2022 renewal, by the City of Fairfield, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is necessary for City Council to authorize the issuance of \$5,600,000 of various purpose bond anticipation notes (BANs). This is a renewal of the 2021 note for the Water and Waste Water System Improvements.

It is recommended that Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation to issue \$5.6 million in Various Purpose Bond Anticipation Notes. It is estimated that rate of interest will be in the range of 0.51 to 1%. To accommodate the pricing of the BAN on April 12, a suspension of the second and third readings is requested. The settlement of the new BAN will be on April 25, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-22. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Abbott, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd 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:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
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. 31-22. 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, March 28th - Council-Manager Briefing, 5:30 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, April 11th - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, April 25th - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____