

MARION CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Hall – Council Chambers 08/9/2021 at 6:30 PM

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ROLL CALL: 10 members answered – Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Schneider.

With a quorum present, Mr. Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Scouts. Invocation given by Mrs. Swanger.

MINUTES – None available

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. ORD 2021-59: ORDINANCE MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 (Chaffin) (Finance -- Mr. Daniels, chair -- 3-0)

Service Director Chaffin explained that this appropriation is requested in anticipation of the receipt of ARPA funds.

In response to Mrs. Fosnaugh, Chaffin explained that administration is reviewing list of projects to see what expenses meet an allowable direct expense. They will come back to Council to get additional authority for engineering and design and capital expenses once projects are approved by the Treasury.

Mayor Schertzer extended an invitation to Fosnaugh to meet to further clarify and ease her apprehension on this topic. The goal is to do everything with the \$1.8 that is a qualifiable expense. Fosnaugh said that she understood. Schertzer further explained that no projects are ready to go. They all must be spec and bid and will come back to Council. One of the biggest expenditures will be related to reimbursing policy and fire salaries, although there are some constraints. They must verify that things are qualifiable expenses. This may free up additional money in budget to do other types of work.

Mr. Cooperider (904 Maynard Drive) expressed concerns about incomplete projects and that this issues a blank check with no accountability. Mayor vehemently disagreed. There is no blank check. Council approved specs and bids and provides input for expenditures. This is like how things were done with ARRA funds, and they have experience. Cooperider said that information should be available to the public. Schertzer again disagreed and reminded all that the ideas, as well as the parameters, were presented and discussed at the Finance Committee meeting when the legislation was passed on to Council. Those details were discussed in a public meeting and are available to the public. He reminded Cooperider that he at that meeting.

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Mr. Meade made a motion to suspend rules; Mrs. Swanger 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes --Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mr. Neff

RULES SUSPENDED (7-2)

Mrs. Swanger made a motion to adopt, Mr. Meade 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes --Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Daniels. Nays – Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mr. Neff

ORDINANCE 2021-59 PASSED (7-2)

Item 2. ORD 2021-60: ORDINANCE ADMENDING THE YARGER REPORT TO INCORPORATE THE CREATION OF A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF CRIME ANALYST WITHIN THE MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT (McDonald/Caryer) (Municipal, Services, Parks, and Recreation -- Mrs. Swanger, chair -- 3-0)

Chief McDonald explained that this is to create a civilian (support) position to shift some desk work from a sworn officer. They have applied for a 75/25 federal grant. In the absence of the grant award, he stated that the city will need this type of position in the coming years because of the vast amount of data created by electronic communications, jail calls, and surveillance video.

In response to Mr. Feliciano, he explained that this position would be posted, and that ongoing training will be provided to the employee. There are many departments around Marion that have this type of position.

Mrs. Swanger made a motion to suspend rules, Mr. Meade 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes --Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

RULES SUSPENDED (9-0)

Mrs. Swanger made a motion to adopt, Mr. Meade 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes --Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

ORDINANCE 2021-60 PASSED (9-0)

Item 3. RES 2021-21: AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Mayor) (Finance -- Mr. Daniels, chair -- 3-0)

Mayor Schertzer stated that this legislation is under a tight timeframe with a due date for the forms and legislation to the Ohio Attorney General's office as early as 08/13/2021. The city of Marion may get \$350,000-\$500,000 a year for multiple years once the agreement is complete. Amount is undetermined depending on the number of municipalities that participate in the settlement. They would be eligible to apply for additional funds through the state foundation (which receives a portion of the settlement, as well). There will be restrictions on how the money can be used, however details are unknown.

Mr. Meade made a motion to amend to suggested OAG format; Mrs. Swanger 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes --Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

RESOLUTION 2021-21 AMENDED (9-0)

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RES 2021-21: AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021, NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, as amended

Mr. Meade made a motion to suspend rules; Mrs. Swanger 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes --Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

RULES SUSPENDED (9-0)

Mr. Meade made a motion to adopt, Mr. Daniels 2nd. Roll Call: Ayes --Mr. Meade, Mr. Ratliff, Mr. Schaber, Mr. Feliciano, Mrs. Fosnaugh, Mrs. Swanger, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Neff, Mr. Daniels. Nays – none

RESOLUTION 2021-21 PASSED (9-0)

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Bischoff reminded council that several railroad crossings will be closed. Detours are posted.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 08/23/2021:

- Finance – Mr. Daniels, chair – 08/23/2021 at 6:30 PM – Auditor appropriation legislation, reports
- Airport, Lands, and Buildings – Mr. Schaber, chair – 08/23/2021 at 6:35 PM – real estate with expected executive session
- Regional Planning – Mrs. Swanger, chair – 08/25/2021 at 7:00 PM at the County Building
- No other committees called at this time. Please check Thursday notice for changes.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Schneider adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Todd Schneider
President of Council

Tarina R. Rose
Clerk of Council

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