

## **MINUTES OF PERRYSBURG CITY COUNCIL**

### **MEETING HELD JUNE 2, 2020**

Mayor Mackin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Council Members Deborah Born, Jan Materni, Jim Matuszak, Jonathan Smith, and Barry VanHoozen. Cory Kuhlman was present via teleconferencing. Tim McCarthy was absent. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, Laura Alkire, Law Director, and David Creps, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held May 19, 2020 as written and to dispense with their reading. Seconded by Mr. Matuszak. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

None.

### **LETTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CITIZENS' CONCERNS**

Mr. Smith read the following email he received from Dustin Decker, 12865 Five Point Road #136 into the record:

*Please let other members of council and the mayor know that I strongly support the use of Police Body Cameras. They are a necessary part of the everyday uniform to protect the community and to protect our police officers from false accusations. Please take this into consideration while making budget recommendations so that the proper items are budgeted.*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Mackin called attention to an email sent to City Council members from Chief Jones regarding a number of matters, and the formal letter from the Chief to the Mayor outlining the Chief and the Police Division's position regarding recent events in Minnesota regarding Mr. Floyd, and what the division has been doing regarding training, and how to make sure that it is state of the art ready regarding training and equipment. Mayor Mackin thanked Mr. Decker for his timely comments and said that it is one of the issues covered in the letter. He also thanked Chief Jones for the information because a number of people had asked about it.

Mayor Mackin reported that the Administration met with uptown merchants regarding the DORA proposal. The Administration anticipates having a revised application back in the next week. He said that he expects to be providing the DORA packet to City Council by the next Council meeting. Ms. Born said that there is no justification for taking any action on DORA until a wide range of Perrysburg residents are here and have been allowed to publicly comment. Mayor Mackin said the Administration is working with the President of Council on how best to allow all residents to be heard on the issue. However, he does not think it's appropriate to wait any longer because the downtown business owners want the application to move on.

### **City Administrator's Report**

Ms. Kabat said that regarding Mr. Decker's email, she revised the budget document that was provided to City Council before the last meeting because after conversations with Chief Jones, they feel it is necessary to replace the existing dash cams and need to actively move forward with the body cameras. She said additional information will be provided at an upcoming Safety Committee meeting.

### **Finance Director's Report**

Mr. Creps reminded City Council that on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a joint meeting with the Township Trustees regarding the Cemetery.

Ms. Born congratulated Mr. Creps on the City receiving a AA bond rating from Standard & Poor's.

City Council meetings for July and August were scheduled for July 7, July 28, and August 18.

### **Law Director's Report**

Ms. Alkire stated that when she forwards the DORA application to City Council, she will include a timeline and will try to work within the summer schedule.

### **President of Council Report**

Mr. Smith thanked the Administration regarding the body camera system for our officers and said that he believes it is an appropriate measure to move forward with in light of everything happening in Minneapolis. He also suggested that the Safety Committee begin discussions with the Administration and the community on what more we can do to help ensure that minorities that live in Perrysburg and those that visit us feel safe and know that they are safe. He said that moving forward he would like to see this as a recurring topic at the Safety Committee. Mr. Smith invited everyone, as a community, to come out and support the protest/march scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. He said it will begin at Woodlands Park and proceed to the Police Division, ending around 5:00 p.m.

### **Finance and Economic Development Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Service Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

### **Safety Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**Recreation Committee:**

No report.

Ms. Born stated that she spoke to Ryan Wichman regarding the inclusive playground, and it is on hold right now due to Covid-19 and they are looking to move forward with it in 2021.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**Planning and Zoning Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

**Personnel Committee:**

No report.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**Public Utilities Committee:**

Mr. Smith gave his report of the meeting held on May 27, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Kuhlman reiterated about the event scheduled for the following day at 2:00 p.m., and he said he would be attending. Ms. Materni asked if there were any street closures planned because of it, and Mayor Mackin said there were not.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Born. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

David D. Creps, Clerk

Thomas G. Mackin, Mayor