

**COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE CITY COUNCIL
01/13/2021
9:30 A.M.**

Council met in regular session at 9:30 A.M. in the second floor Council Chambers located at 105 N. Main Street, Washington Court House, with Chairperson Jim Chrisman presiding. Mr. Ted Hawk led the invocation. Ms. Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

Present at said meeting were, Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager, Mrs. Kelley Ford, Clerk of Council and Mr. Mark Pitstick. At roll call, the following Council members were present: Mr. James Blair, Mr. Ted Hawk, Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Mr. Dale Lynch, Mr. Steve Shiltz, and Mr. Jim Chrisman. Mr. Caleb Johnson was absent.

Mr. Shiltz moved and Mr. Lynch seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Mr. Caleb Johnson be excused from the meeting.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried.

Mr. Shiltz moved and Mr. Blair seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held December 21, 2020 be approved as presented.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

There was none.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Hernandez presented the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held December 21, 2020.

Mr. Shiltz moved and Mr. Blair seconded the following motion:

MOTION: That the minutes of the Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee meeting held December 21, 2020 be approved as presented.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried.

Mr. Lynch presented the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held December 21, 2021.

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Blair seconded the following motion:

MOTION: That the minutes of the Finance and Personnel meeting held December 21, 2021 be approved as presented.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORT (in writing)

Mr. Denen respectfully addressed Council and welcomed the New Year.

Mr. Denen expressed his appreciation for the Health Department's dedicated work responding with the Covid19 issue.

Mr. Denen reviewed eligibility for vaccination within the community. Mr. Denen encouraged citizens to maintain virus precautions while waiting for vaccination.

Mr. Denen reported that citizens can contact the Street Department at 740-636-2380 for the removal of their live Christmas trees. Mr. Denen encouraged citizens to place their trees by the curb at their residence within the next week for removal.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Mr. Tom Riley, Director of Finance was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney, Mr. Mark Pitstick had no report.

LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TAX PAYERS

There was none.

C. LEGISLATION

1.) Legislation Previously Introduced

A. RESOLUTION NO. R44-2020 (TABLED)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DESIGNATION OF "PURPLE HEART CITY", DECLARING OCTOBER 14, 2020 AS "PURPLE HEART DAY" AS A TRIBUTE TO THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL VETERANS.

Resolution remained tabled.

2. NEW LEGISLATION (in writing)

A. ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021 (first reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 111 S. FAYETTE STREET; AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE CONTRACT FOR PAYMENT OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE; AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTING OF THE COST OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

Mr. Lynch moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Ordinance No. 1-2021 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion passed.

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021 (first reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 113 S. FAYETTE STREET; AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE CONTRACT FOR PAYMENT OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE; AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTING OF THE COST OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Ordinance No. 2-2021 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion passed.

C. ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 (first reading)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING JOSEPH J. DENEN CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ABATE PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 147 E. COURT STREET; AUTHORIZING A PRIVATE CONTRACT FOR PAYMENT OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE; AND DIRECTING THE COLLECTING OF THE COST OF THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

Ms. Hernandez moved and Mr. Shiltz seconded the following motion:

Motion: That Ordinance No. 3-2021 be placed on first reading.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

In discussion, Ms. Hernandez inquired about the logistics of the building in relationship with the abatement process. Mr. Denen noted that logistics had been discussed and resolution was encouraged.

Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Hawk noted his concern with national events. Mr. Hawk reflected upon his childhood experiences of growing up in a foreign country where democracy was not well rooted. Mr. Hawk expressed his love for the United States.

Mr. Lynch reflected on his life and national life events. Mr. Lynch expressed how fortunate he has been and his love for the United States:

Mr. Blair noted the article in the Record Herald regarding opioid statistics.

Mr. Blair referenced a quote written by Socrates; "We should prefer knowledge to wealth, for one is a temporary and the other is permanent." Mr. Blair reflected on national events and his love for the United States.

Mr. Shiltz reflected upon national events. Mr. Shiltz noted the comments of Mr. Red Skelton on the meaning of the words of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Shiltz concurred with his fathers WWII experience.

Ms. Hernandez noted that people can disagree without violence. Ms. Hernandez noted national events.

Mr. Chrisman inquired with Council regarding moving Committee meetings after Council meetings? After discussion, a consensus was reached to move Committee meetings to after Council meetings. Further alteration of the schedule may take place as events require.

Mr. Chrisman reiterated the purpose of the Miscellaneous Section of a Council Meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Lynch moved and Ms. Hernandez seconded the following motion:

Motion: That the Regular Meeting be adjourned.

At roll call the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Blair, "Aye"; Mr. Hawk, "Aye"; Ms. Hernandez, "Aye", Mr. Lynch, "Aye"; Mr. Shiltz, "Aye", and Mr. Chrisman, "Aye".

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.


CLERK OF COUNCIL


CHAIRPERSON OF COUNCIL

COVID-19 Weekly Talking Points - 1/11/2020

WHO ARE WE VACCINATING NOW?

- We are vaccinating Phase 1a only (healthcare providers, first responders, etc.)
- People who feel they qualify for this phase can complete a survey found on the first page of the Fayette County Public Health website (faycohd.org) and a staff member will contact them.

WHO ARE WE VACCINATING NEXT?

****THIS WILL DEPEND ENTIRELY UPON SUPPLY. VACCINE IS VERY LIMITED. NOT EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO GET VACCINATED AS SOON AS THEIR ELIGIBILITY GROUP OPENS UP. WE WILL WORK AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.****

- On or after January 19 - 80 years and up
- On or after January 25 - 75 years and up AND Younger people with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders that make them particularly vulnerable. We do not have a list of qualifying disorders yet. ODH is expected to announce that soon.
- On or after February 1 - 70 years and up AND Adults/employees in all schools that want to go back, or to remain, educating in person.
- On or after February 8 - 65 years and up

HOW CAN I SCHEDULE A VACCINE?

- We are not currently scheduling for future priority groups. We will schedule once we know how much vaccine we will receive.
- When we begin scheduling, it will be announced in these locations:
 - FCPH Website - faycohd.org
 - FCPH Facebook page
 - Local news media (newspaper, radio, etc.)
 - FCPH Newsletter (there is a link to subscribe to our newsletter on the front page of faycohd.org)

WILL THERE BE ENOUGH VACCINE FOR EVERYONE?

-At this time, supply is very limited. Eventually, everyone in Ohio who wants to receive a vaccine will be able to receive a vaccine. For now, we will schedule as doses become available. We understand the frustration of waiting, and we appreciate the interest in the vaccine. We ask for grace and patience as we work to vaccinate & protect our community as quickly and efficiently as possible.

CASE INVESTIGATIONS AND CONTACT TRACING

We have posted a survey on our website for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to complete. It is located at faycohd.org/c19survey.