

Legislative Session Minutes

May 8, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Finance Discussion

Public Hearing for Rezoning of 660 North Sandusky Street (Parcel # 66-02016.000)

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee	Title	Status
John Francis	Second Ward	Present
Nancy Vail	Third Ward	Present
John Fair	Fourth Ward	Present
Susan Kahrl	At-Large	Present
Janis Seavolt	At Large	Present
John Booth	Councilman	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present
Sam Barone	First Ward	Absent

Others in Attendance: Mayor Mavis, Safety Service Director Joel Daniels, Auditor Terry Scott, Law Director Rob Broeren, Engineer Brian Ball, Clerk Tanya Newell, Spectrum Tech Paul Glass, Knox Pages Reporter Cheryl Splain, Mount Vernon News Reporter Chuck Martin, Chris Menapace, Andrew Pike, Samantha Scoles, Lacie Blankenhorn, Matt Starr and Deborah Riedmiller.

Mrs. Vail made a motion to excuse Mr. Barone, Mr. Francis, second, Mr. Barone was excused from the meeting.

INVOCATION

Was given by Kenyon Professor Nuh (Noah) Aydin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

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RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS NOT COVERED BY LEGISLATION

Deborah Riedmiller, 607 East High Street, spoke in regards to trash pick-up at unreasonable hours and councils consideration of a noise ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JIM MEYER TO THE SHADE TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

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Mayor - Jim Meyer has been serving on Property Maintenance Board of Appeals and they don't meet very often and Jim had said if something was available where we would have more frequent meetings and he could get more involved. So we had a vacancy on the Shade Tree and Jim lives on East High Street, works at First Knox National, young man and very interested in our community.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CORBY WISE AND ERIC DIEHL AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

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Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

Mayor - This is a result of councils action at the last meeting where you approved 2 alternate positions. Most of you know Corby works at the Mount Vernon News and Eric works at Ariel, both young people and active members of our community.

Mr. Booth - If you need an alternate which one, is there a pecking order?

Mayor - In anticipation of the meeting we do a roll call of the regular members and if we find one that is not there then we would call on the alternates and see if one of them could come. If they both could come, we wouldn't call the second one so it's a matter of who appears first and the log.

Ms. Newell - I staggered their expiration date just for that reason.

Mrs. Kahrl - That's a commission that needs voters to make important decisions and is important to have the right amount of people.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-31

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHRYN BURLEY TO THE SHADE TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION

COMMISSION FOR A THREE YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

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Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

Mr. Francis - This is a reappointment so she is still actively serving.

Mayor - She is our "tree lady" of Mount Vernon, Ohio. I know Susan can speak volumes about Kate. She talks to people, she goes door-to-door, she fields problems and concerns and I was relieved that she was staying with us.

Mrs. Kahrl - It's probably a 40-hour per week volunteer job. She is amazing at what she does on the Shade Tree and the entire comission is pretty amazing.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN RHOADES AS A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

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Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

Mr. Francis - Again this is for a reappointment for Steve Rhoades and they do a lot of work.
Mayor - They do and Steve has been an excellent member and he also kind of the community liasion between what is going on with Siemens and the City of Mount Vernon.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL STUDY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Booth, Seavolt

Mrs. Vail - Why do we need to pass this evening?

Mr. Ball - We are under orders to have this work done by the first of December by the Ohio EPA.

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

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Utilities: Booth, Seavolt

Mr. Ball - As we discussed early in the year this focus is strictly on the wastewater plant where we have received two letters now saying that we have to reduce our phosphorus discharge. Originally the EPA started with the Great Lakes Watershed and focused on the phosphorus reduction of farming and municipal wastewater systems. Now they've expanded that to the entire state of Ohio, including the Ohio River Watershed where we are. Under this mandate we have went out and asked for different engineering firms to give us proposals, we've interviewed those firms, we've given tours of the plants, we've called their references and we have selected Strand to do the work. This is a 3-part contract, we are going to do some testing of the wastewater, we are going to write the minimum report required by the EPA and the third thing is we'll look at the secondary effects because there are multiple choices of how we could reduce phosphorus and but those could have different effects. We have to look at do we have the ability to handle the sludge, will we be re-classified from a Class 3 to a Class 4 wastewater plant and so there are a lot of moving parts in this, but it's really sort of a 3-line, we have a draft scope of work that Mathias, myself and Terry Scott have reviewed, we had a conference call with them today and they are willing to address all of our comments and so we will be prepared later this week to sign an

agreement and they'll start work immediately with the testing. We discharge about 70 dry pounds of phosphorus a day in which equates to 4 miligrams per liter, the EPA is asking us to cut that by 2/3 and that's where phosphorus is not an easy chemical to remove from the water system. The estimated fee is \$49,000.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-34

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL A SURPLUS VEHICLE NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO THE KNOX COUNTY AIRPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

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Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mrs. Vail - We have a vehicle at the airport that we would like to transfer to their ownership. We have allowed them to use it for a length of time and now it's a question of the insurance and care and its time that we just give them the full ownership.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Scott - Item 1 we have an internal transfer from fund 707, they will be transferring these funds into the wastewater operations and if that number looks familiar to you it meers exactly the previous resolution in the amount of \$49,000 that Brian just spoke with you about. Item 2 is transferring funds in from 707 to wastewater and that is \$15,000 to be used for new water and wastewater meters. Mr. Orndorf is gearing up for his summer work program where they will be going out canvassing the city and having seasonal workers put in new meters for this year. They did a fine job last year and want to continue with that program if we could get all of these into at least some form of a radio read feature that we can use for more efficient reading of our meters. Item 3 and 4 for the amount of \$2,500, \$2,000 going into uniforms for the PD and \$500 for equipment on behalf of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4027 they are providing this \$2,500 grant to continue supporting our police bike patrol program. They have provided earlier and we've had other agencies do the same in our community and I think these folks should be recognized very highly for their activities and efforts in this field. Item 5 for \$779.04, the fire department received additional grant for fire training programs from the Ohio Department of Commerce.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-36

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Finance and Budget: Barone, Vail

Mr. Scott - We have Burch Hydro for sludge removal at the wastewater plant in the amount of \$10,497 and then to ECR for \$3,750 for some work that the Municipal Court had them do.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-37

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF KELLY BAILEY TO THE KNOX COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

Mr. F

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-37

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S REAPPOINTMENT OF KELLY BAILEY TO THE KNOX COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Kahrl

Mr. Francis - This is a reappointment and this name is familiar, not only hers, but her husband. They are a young couple raising their family here in Mount Vernon.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Susan Kahrl, At-Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-38

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY TO THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MOUNT VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER THE KOKOSING RIVER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Fair, Booth

RESULT:	SUSPENSION OF THE RULES [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	John F. Booth, Councilman
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

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Streets and Public Buildings: Fair, Booth

Mr. Ball - As you know we are already planning on building the Mount Vernon Avenue Bridge, what this gives us the authority to do is to apply for an additional grant on Monday of next week to ask for funding for a south bike lane. This will take our share of the bridge price down slightly, our preferred alternative is to have a north bike lane and a south bike lane. ODOT has given us permission to apply for a 3rd grant to fund the south bike lane. Part of that we would be extending a trail from the bridge and making the Nazarene's gravel trail a hard surface and extending that to their campus so we have a logical terminus.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John L. Fair, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 3.249 ACRES FROM CLINTON TOWNSHIP INTO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON BY THE PETITION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Vail, Barone

RESULT:	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy R. Vail, Third Ward
SECONDER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
AYES:	Francis, Vail, Fair, Kahrl, Seavolt, Booth
ABSENT:	Barone

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 660 NORTH SANDUSKY STREET (PARCEL NUMBER 66-02016.000) FROM THE PRESENT ZONING OF R1-SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT TO GB-GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Vail, Barone

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 5/22/2017 7:30 PM
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REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Mavis - Spoke about the drug meetings and spoke about the filming in Mount Vernon.
 Mr. Scott - The Town Hall is for the entire community and county.
 Rob Broeren - Spoke about the medicinal marijuana topic and being contacted by a commercial real estate company in Columbus opening a growing facility.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Booth - Spoke about the good kids that we have in our community.
 Mrs. Kahrl - Echoed Mr. Booth.
 Mrs. Vail - Explained how the scholarship started that Mr. Booth was talking about.
 Mr. Francis - Thanked the professor for the invocation and thanked our volunteers and spoke about the code and bicycles.
 Mr. Hawkins - Thanked the media.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Fair made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Seavolt, second, all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Tanya Newell, Clerk of Council

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