

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room of City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then directed the Clerk to call the roll. The Mayor referenced that Mr. Hardy and Mr. Dike had work schedule conflicts, adding that Mr. Hardy would be attending following his meeting at work and noted that Ms. Wassner would not be in attendance. The following members of Council answered present: **Rick Schaffter, Brad Hartung, Sam Artino and Glen Ginesi.** **Members absent: Trey Hardy, Phyllis Wassner and Joe Dike.**

Also present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Finance Director Cathy Ramey, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, Police Chief Bob Lippert, City Engineer Doug Green, and Management Services Coordinator-Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter to excuse Mr. Hardy, Ms. Wassner, and Mr. Dike from the meeting.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (4)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and Mr. Hardy, Ms. Wassner, and Mr. Dike excused.

There were no minutes available to be approved; the next item on the agenda was Audience Comments.

**Audience Comments**

- Benjamin Reid, Director Huron Public Library. Mr. Reid provided brochures and explanation of for the need of the upcoming Library levy on the November ballot. He referenced the Levy Town Hall to be held on September 27.

The Mayor announced that he would like to change the order of the agenda items and asked that the Quarterly Staff Reports be provided at this point.

**Quarterly Staff Reports (Parks & Recreation, Police, Engineering)**

**Parks & Recreation- Doug Steinwart, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager**

- Fabens Park: Seal coating of the parking lot and trail have been completed, the roadway will be seal coated in 2018 after the culvert and storage/shelter projects are completed. Storage/Shelter construction to commence in October 2017.
- ODNR seal coated the public boat ramp parking lot. Mr. Steinwart thanked the City Manager for his assistance in contacting ODNR to push for this seal coating maintenance.
- Flemonds Landing – Historical Marker Dedication.

- The Saturday/Sunday Fall Ball Leagues at Fabens Park will be ending soon.
- Pumpkin Fest –October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Preparing the HPRD 2018 budget.
- Nickel Plate Beach- the department will be discussing a potential increase to parking fees with the HJRD board. Paddle Shack rental business had a good first year at the beach.
- Recognized and thanked HPRD Part-Time and Seasonal Staff for their work during the season.

Brief conversation between the Mayor and Mr. Steinwart regarding the placement of the Historical Marker at Flemonds Landing ensued.

**Mr. Hardy joined the meeting in progress at this point-6:38p.m**

HPD- Bob Lippert, Chief of Police

- Vehicle security report card program- getting positive feedback from community on the program.
- Recognized Officer Boesch on becoming a Certified Child Safety Seat Inspector.
- Referenced volunteer events that HPD participated/will participate in: Touch a Truck Sandusky, Family Dollar Grand Opening and the upcoming Pumpkin Festival.
- Referenced HPD hours at HHS Football games and as part of the Marine Patrol Program.
- Noted FOP Collective Bargaining Unit agreement is up this year; negotiations anticipated.
- Preparing the HPD 2018 Budget.

Brief discussion between the Mayor and Chief Lippert regarding new technology for lights/sirens ensued.

Engineering- Doug Green

Mr. Green provided updates on various projects:

- Main Street Streetscape: Ropper expected to begin rototilling, re-seeding, and watering in the curb extension areas tomorrow. Advised if Ropper does not comply, the city will hire out for the service and charge Ropper for the expense. Contacted Ohio Edison who is working with Mr. Spacek to schedule pulling wire under all the underground utilities on Main Street. City did receive estimates for lighting on Main Street between Cleveland Road West north to the Pier. Project end date with ODOT is October 31, 2017. Noted discussions with Smith Paving on softening some of the concrete bump outs near the bank and St. Peter's.
- Oklahoma Improvement Project nearly complete with final closeout of project expense expected soon.
- Shoreline Project behind the Water Filtration Plant substantially complete. Met on-site with the contractor today-all the stone is placed, the concrete stairs and landing down to the water are complete. Contractor will be finishing the rock, grading, and seeding later this week. The last item on this job will be the replacement of the fencing expected next week.
- Main Street Amenities: Latanik is working on the cross bracing and gate for the Clock Tower; Barnes Nursery will be working on landscaping. Referenced the knee wall and dumpster enclosure masonry projects.
- Adams Ave Entrance to Fabens Park: project to commence in late October, anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2018.
- Fabens Park Storage/Shelter Building: Building permit received. A mid-late October commencement is expected. Electrical permit to be issued to All Phase.
- US Route 6 Corridor Improvement Project: Jon Lorinz re-working the sets of plans based on Council direction at the last meeting. Public Informational Meeting to be scheduled at the Library in late October.
- 2018 Road Paving Program: OPWC funding has been applied for relative to the Rye Beach portion of the project; all other residential roadways rated at "critical" will be alternates in the bid. Project has been scored high by the selection committee.

- 2 Quotes received for tree clearing at Fabens Park (between Fabens Park and US Route 6 from the median crossover area out to the northeast corner of the park). City staff reviewing quotes at this time.
- Municipal Building: roof replacement expected in October, awaiting confirmation of date. Awaiting proposals on the HVAC system replacement.
- Main Street & Fabens Park plat revisions: Met with the Mayor and administration to discuss what is needed to update the entire footprint of Main Street from US6 to the Pier as far as right of way areas and the need to have all documents recorded. For Fabens Park, there will be a legal description of the roadway going into Fabens Park and an extension of the right of way of Adams Avenue going into the park.
- Discussions with GeoGradel continue for their use of a small portion of the ConAgra site for the staging of their equipment while they are working for the Corps of Engineers on the spoils site area of the Pier.
- Working on getting an MOU from the Coast Guard in order to get access to light fixtures on the Lighthouse.
- Looking into grant funding through ODNR and others for upgrades to existing ladders and the addition of life rings on Pier through ODNR.

Mr. Artino asked about water drainage issues on the Pier near the blockhouse. Mr. Green noted he was aware of the area and issues, noting that a drain may be needed which would require approval from the Corps of Engineers. He explained that holes for drainage have previously been drilled, he would check to make sure they are open.

Mr. Ginesi inquired about the status of a property maintenance issue at the south end of Shawnee. Mr. Green noted that the property owner had been served the 30 day notice. He explained that if no action is taken, then he would have to review legal options with the Law Director. Mr. Ginesi asked that Mr. Green send him the information via email so he could provide the information to neighbors who have been inquiring as to the status and process.

Mr. White distributed maps/plan for the new lighting on North Main Street which were prepared by Mr. Spacek and Mr. Green. Mr. White explained the scope of the project: new light poles/fixtures on north Main Street from the entrance of the Boat Basin parking lot north to the Pier. He explained the next phase of the project would be retrofitting some of the existing poles from US6 north to Cleveland Road West. He noted the light fixtures are the same as the ones at Fabens Park. He noted the original estimate was for \$200,000, with the plan proposed now the estimate is \$185,000. Mr. Spacek provided explanation of his proposed plans:

- Main Street north of Cleveland Road West to the Pier will have new poles and fixtures. South of Cleveland Road West, the existing poles will remain and new arms and fixture heads will be mounted in an effort to re-utilize what is already in place. Discussion ensued as to the appearance of having old poles and new poles along the roadway. The Mayor asked if Mr. Spacek had a cost if all poles/fixtures were replaced with new. Mr. Spacek referenced the cost savings of approximately \$3,000 per fixture by using the existing poles south of Cleveland Road West. In response to Mr. Artino, Mr. Spacek noted that there are 23 existing poles to be retained. Mr. Spacek added that if the city desires to have any outlets in the new lighting for Christmas lighting etc., the city would just apply for a different service, noting that this will need to be confirmed. Mr. White asked if Council was supportive of the plan as presented with the new poles/lights north of Cleveland Road West and the 23 existing poles to remain and be retrofitted in the area of Cleveland Road West south to US 6. He explained the area north of Cleveland Road West will be the first area of focus.

**New Business**

**Resolution 2017-67**

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-67 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SAWVEL AND ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED FOR THE PROVISION OF A CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT (CER), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$13,235.00)) be placed upon its first reading.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino (4)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

**ABSTAIN: Ginesi (1)**

Ms. Alkire advised that due to the fact that suspension of the rules requires five (5) votes; Resolution 2017-67 can only be placed on its first reading this evening. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced the executive summary explaining that this agreement will provide for a Consulting Engineer's Report that would be supporting the city's request for access to the Ohio Market Access Program which gives the city the state bond credit rating. He added that the report to be delivered will provide the City more clarity and information going forward relative to the electrical substation project. He noted that the expense can be accommodated within the Economic Development Fund and the city would be able to recoup this expense through the rate structure, noting that these dollars would be replaced into the Economic Development Fund at a later date through the revenue received.

**Resolution 2017-68**

**Motion by Mr. Hardy that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-68 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN TRANSFERS AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY) be placed upon its first reading.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White reviewed the entries on Exhibit A of the resolution, noting all were previously budgeted transfers. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-68. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-68 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 2017-69**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-69 (A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A MUNICIPAL STATEMENT OF SERVICES RELATIVE TO TERRITORY REQUESTED TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its first reading.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White referenced that the city received email confirmation on September 21, 2017 from Mr. Christopher Jones, attorney for Mucci Farms, that the annexation petition had been filed with the Erie County Board of Commissioners. He noted this resolution and the next are legislative items relevant to the annexation process, noting that this resolution provides a statement of services to be provided by the city to the proposed area to be annexed in. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-69. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Artino, Ginesi, Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-69 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution 2017-70**

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Resolution No. 2017-70 (A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION PETITION FILED BY MIMI LAND COMPANY, LLC RELATIVE TO TERRITORY REQUESTED TO BE ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF HURON) be placed upon its first reading.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (5)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Resolution by its title only. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion. Mr. White explained this resolution consents to the annexation petition. He explained both Resolutions will be certified to the County and noted that once the annexation process has concluded through the county, there will be one final piece of legislation for Council consideration which will accept the annexation into the city. Ms. Alkire provided a summary of the process at the county level and the timeline associated with the public hearing and required notices. The Mayor inquired about the agreement with Mucci Farms. Mr. White noted that there would be no development agreement with Mucci Farms until after the annexation has been finalized. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Resolution 2017-70. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Resolution No. 2017-70 had been adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Ordinance 2017-38**

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the three reading rule be suspended and Ordinance 2017-38 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-32 ADOPTED DECEMBER 27, 2016 RELATING TO EXHIBIT “A” APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017) be placed upon its first reading.** The Mayor asked if there was any discussion on the motion. The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five votes or more in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed on suspension of the rules. The Mayor directed the Law Director to read the Ordinance by its title only. Mr. White reviewed the expense and revenue entries on Exhibit “A” of the Ordinance, noting that the Finance Director worked with the Clerk of Courts relative to the adjustments in the Municipal Court budget which include FT wage reconciliation through year-end and to offset this adjustment, an expense to cover half the cost of the City Hall roof replacement. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. There being no further discussion, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the final adoption of Ordinance 2017-38. Members of Council voted as follows:

**YEAS: Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (5)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority vote in favor of adoption, the Mayor declared that Ordinance 2017-38 had been adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**City Manager’s Discussion**

- Request for three (3) Executive Sessions: Collective Bargaining Negotiations, Litigation, and Purchase/Sale of Real Estate.
- Referenced the city’s application to OPWC- noted the point calculation associated with the application.
- Referenced MPO meeting on Thursday relative to a rating of the RFQ’s for the US 6 Traffic Analysis.
- Finance Committee Meeting Recap: Capital, Capital Fund, Safety Services budgets have been reviewed. With regard to public safety, the Township Trustees have adopted legislation accepting the 50% cost of the Fire Department’s budget. Reviewed Fire Department’s current budget and proposed staffing for 2018. Mr. White noted the concern with healthcare insurance for 2018, specifically, the total number of employees, as the designation from a small employer to a large employer can affect the premium extensively, therefore, appointment of new hires are on hold for the time being until clarification with regard to FT/FT equivalents are known. City expects to receive information a renewal quote in November.

- Met with an Architect who performed a walkthrough of the City Building to determine scope and fee proposal for repurposing of the interior of the building.

The Mayor commented he had no items under Mayor's Discussion.

**For the Good of the Order**

- Mr. Ginesi referenced the invitation from the Erie County Chamber of Commerce for the Elected Officials Reception, noting the date was not on the invite. He asked the Clerk to email information.

Ms. Alkire noted Administration would request three (3) Executive Sessions, (Litigation, Collective Bargaining Negotiations, and Purchase/Sale of Real Estate) with no further business to follow.

**Executive Session(s)**

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the regular meeting of September 26, 2017 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss litigation.** The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:** Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (5)

**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 7:23 p.m. The City Manager, City Council and, Law Director discussed matters relating to litigation. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of September 26, 2017, reconvened at 7:30p.m.

**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the regular meeting of September 26, 2017 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.** The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:** Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (5)

**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 7:30 p.m. The City Manager, City Council and, Law Director discussed matters relating to collective bargaining negotiations. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of September 26, 2017, reconvened at 7:50p.m.

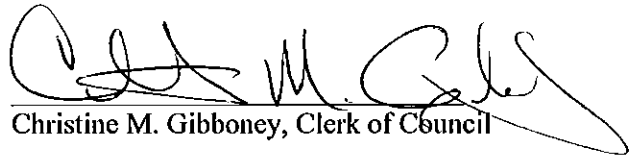
**Motion by Mr. Schaffter that the regular meeting of September 26, 2017 be recessed for the purpose of holding an executive session to discuss the purchase/sale of real estate.** The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of the Council voted as follows:

**YEAS:** Schaffter, Hardy, Hartung, Artino, Ginesi (5)

**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority voting in favor of the motion, the Mayor declared the motion passed and the executive session to order at 7:50 p.m. The City Manager, City Council and, Law Director discussed matters relating to the purchase/sale of real estate. The Mayor noted the discussion had concluded and declared the regular meeting of September 26, 2017, reconvened at 8:10p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the regular meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney, Clerk of Council