

Minutes of the Meeting of Council
October 15, 2012

The Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio met in regular session on October 15, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Craig A. Stough in the chair. Roll was called with the following members present: V. Michael Brown, Katie Cappellini, Doug Haynam, Sandy Husman, Mark Luetke, Todd Milner, Mary J. Westphal (7); absent: (0). Roll call: all present.

Mayor Stough led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Pledge of Alleg.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 3.

13. Discussion on developing a policy for endorsements for levy support requests. Additions to the agenda.

Mr. Haynam moved, Mrs. Husman seconded, to approve the agenda as amended; roll call vote being: Brown, Cappellini, Haynam, Husman, Luetke, Milner, Westphal (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 4.

Mrs. Westphal presented the October 1 minutes. Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Brown seconded, that since the Mayor, members of Council, and others had been furnished copies of these minutes prior to this meeting, Council dispense with the reading of these minutes at this time, and the journal of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 1, 2012 be approved as submitted, provided there are no amendments from other members of Council; roll call vote being: Cappellini, Haynam, Husman, Luetke, Milner, Westphal, Brown (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried. Approval of the October 1 minutes.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 5.

Sue Schafer, Manager, Sylvania Branch Library explained the changes that will be made if the library levy fails. 50% of their funding is provided by the State, and the other half comes from property taxes. The current levy expires December 31, 2012. Ms. Schafer explained the services the library offers to the public including helping people to fill out job applications. Mrs. Westphal moved, Mrs. Husman seconded, to endorse the 2.9 mill Toledo-Lucas County Library levy. Mr. Haynam said he is uncomfortable with Council, as a body, endorsing a levy. Mr. Luetke suggests that Council develop a policy for future requests. Vote on the motion being: Husman, Luetke, Milner, Westphal, Brown, Cappellini (6) yeas; Haynam (1) nay. The motion carried. Endorsement of Toledo-Lucas County Library levy.

At Council's agreement, Mayor Stough moved agenda item 6 to 8. Mr. Milner moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded, to excuse Mr. Luetke, at his request, due to a possible conflict; all present voting yea (7); (0) nays. The motion carried. Luetke excused.

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Steve Madewell, Citizens Campaign for Metroparks, distributed supporting documents for his request for an endorsement of their levy. Mrs. Cappellini moved, Mrs. Westphal seconded, to endorse Issue 21, the 0.9 mil Metroparks levy. After discussion, the vote on the motion being: Milner, Westphal, Brown, Cappellini, Husman (5) yeas; Haynam (1) nay. The motion carried. Metroparks levy endorsement.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 7, and Mr. Luetke returned. Luetke returns.

Ken Katafias, Sylvania Area Joint Recreation District, requested Council's endorsement of Issue 22, the 0.4 mill levy for the Recreation District. He said the district is losing present funding while having increased responsibilities providing programs for district residents. He noted that users pay to participate. Mrs. Cappellini moved, Mr. Milner seconded, to endorse Issue 22; roll call vote being: Westphal, Brown, Cappellini, Haynam, Husman, Luetke, Milner (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried. Sylvania Recreation District levy endorsement.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 8, which was previously item 6.

Kate Conway, Sylvania Arts Commission, showed a video presentation of the June Maple & Main Art Show which was successful, and brought extra business to downtown merchants. The next one is scheduled for June 1 and 2, 2013. Future endeavors of the commission are to host a film festival, and work towards placing additional sculptures along the River Trail. Ms. Conway said the dedication of the bridge artwork is October 21 at 3:00. The commission sought and received sponsorship for three out of four of the murals on the Main Street bridge. They are working on the fourth one. Sylvania Arts Commission report.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 9.

Mrs. Westphal presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Resolution No. 11-2012, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council, "Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor." Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Luetke seconded, that Council dispense with the Second and Third Readings of said Resolution; roll call vote being: Brown, Cappellini, Haynam, Husman, Luetke, Milner, Westphal (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried. Resolution 11-2012, "...accepting the amounts and rates...Budget Commission..."

Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Luetke seconded, that Resolution No. 11-2012 be enacted as an emergency measure as declared therein; roll call vote being: Cappellini, Haynam, Husman, Luetke, Milner, Westphal, Brown (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

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Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 10.

Police Chief William Rhodus reported that no serious criminal offenses are on file, and the Police Department has no reason to object to the D5 liquor permit for AMW Brothers, Ltd., d/b/a Sylvania Diner, 5623 Alexis Road. Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Milner seconded, that no hearing be requested for the liquor license, being permit no. 0006052; roll call vote being: Haynam, Husman, Luetke, Milner, Westphal, Brown, Cappellini (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

No objection to D5 liquor permit for Sylvania Diner.

Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 11.

There was discussion about the PD for the Pine Tree Villas project which was referred to the Planning Commission. The Mayor reported that the petition was continued again because all of the requirements for approval are not yet in order, including arrangements to purchase additional land to allow for 18 units.

Pine Tree Villas discussion.

There were no items for 12 and Mayor Stough stated that Council will now consider agenda item 13.

After discussion, Mr. Milner moved, Mr. Haynam seconded, to refer the researching of a levy endorsement policy to the Employee & Community Relations Committee; roll call vote being: Husman, Luetke, Milner, Westphal, Brown, Cappellini, Haynam (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Levy endorsement policy to committee.

Mr. Luetke set an Employee & Community Relations Committee meeting for Thursday, October 25 at 4:30 p.m. to consider a levy endorsement policy, and streaming Council meetings live online; roll call vote being: Luetke, Milner, Westphal, Brown, Cappellini, Haynam, Husman (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Employee & Comm. Relations, Oct. 25, 4:30.

Mayor Stough stated that all items on the agenda had been considered. Mrs. Westphal moved, Mrs. Husman seconded, that this meeting adjourn; all present voting yea (7); (0) nays. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Adjournment.

Clerk of Council

Mayor