

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
June 8, 2015

President Pro-Tem Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. The Clerk read the roll. Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Perin, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Tassell motioned to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 Council Meeting and the June 1, 2015 Committee Meeting. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Hamilton County Judge Jody Luebbers administered the Oath of Office to John Donnellon, as Mayor of Deer Park. Mayor Donnellon thanked the friends and family members who were present and supported his decision to take the Mayor's position. He also commented that along with the other members of City Council, are members of his team, and encouraged everyone to consider what is best for Deer Park as a whole while making decisions, and not to base them on political lines.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee

April 2015 Income Tax Report

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the May 2015 Income Tax report as all is in balance. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

April 2015 NW JEDZ Report

Mrs. Hedger requested to table the May 2015 NW JEDZ Report until the June 22 meeting.

April 2015 Auditor and Treasurer's Reports

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the April 2015 Auditor and Treasurer's Reports, Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 2015-15, Safety-Service Director's Agreement

Mrs. Hedger asked the clerk to read Resolution 2015-15, by title only. ORDINANCE 2015-15, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY OF DEER PARK SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS OF 2014 THROUGH 2015. So Read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule. Mr. Perin seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane - yes, Ms. Newsom - yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to adopt Ordinance 2015-15, seconded by Mr. Perin. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane - yes, Ms. Newsom - yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-16, Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

Mrs. Hedger asked the clerk to read Resolution 2015-16 by title only. RESOLUTION 2015-16, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016. So Read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to move to the second reading on June 22, 2015 City Council Meeting. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane - yes, Ms. Newsom - yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2015-17, Tennis Court Maintenance Agreement

Mrs. Hedger asked the clerk to read Resolution 2015-17 by title only. RESOLUTION 2015-17, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEER PARK COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHAMBERLIN PARK TENNIS COURTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So Read. Mrs. Hedger made a motion to waive the 24 hour rule, seconded by Mr. Tassell. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane - yes, Ms. Newsom - yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule, seconded by Mr. Lehane. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane - yes, Ms. Newsom - yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for adoption of Resolution 2015-17. Mr. Rapp seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Hedger – yes, Mr. Lehane - yes, Ms. Newsom - yes, Mr. Perin - yes, Mr. Rapp - yes, Mr. Tassell – yes. Motion carried.

Grant Consultant Agreement with Allen Freeman

Mr. Tassell introduced Mr. Allen Freeman, who has been leading the process of obtaining grant funding for the Blue Ash Road Streetscape Project and is beginning to expand his efforts to apply for grants to address sidewalk and bike train improvements. Mr. Freeman gave an update on the progress of these projects. No discussion ensued to extend the current agreement with Mr. Freeman.

Safety Committee

May 2015 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Lehane stated that for the month of May there were 51 fire runs and 193 EMS runs for a total of 244 runs. For the year so far there have been 221 fire runs and 814 EMS runs for a total of 1035 runs.

May 2015 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Perin reported that there were 767 citizen calls for service during the month of April. There were 292 calls on 1st shift, 285 calls on 2nd shift and 225 on 3rd shift. Mr. Perin also reported that the Police Department held a mock crash drill, held at the Deer Park High School that included a landing by The University Hospital Air Care Helicopter, to remind the students of the dangers of drinking and driving, as they approach the Prom Season.

Public Works Committee

Allen Freeman – Upcoming Infrastructure Grant Opportunities

Mr. Freeman discussed several grant opportunities that would address pedestrian and bicycle pathways, and how these grants can possible be used in conjunction with the Blue Ash Road Project and Safe Routes to School projects already in progress.

Blue Ash Rd. Project Update

City Engineer, Tim Casto, provided an update on the planning and design work being done for the Blue Ash Rd. Streetscape Project. The next step is to reach out to the Business Association for their input on how to best manage the project so to minimize disruption to local business in the construction zone.

Redmont Avenue Update

Mr. Casto reported that the Redmont Avenue Project is continuing to progress. The first course of asphalt has been laid in about 1/2 of Redmont with the rest to be paved shortly. Construction has been delayed due to poor subgrades which require removal of poor soil and adding a geo-grid fabric to help stabilize the base.

Other Boards or Committees with a Report

Park Board – Mr. Perin announced that the Memorial Day Parade went well. He also stated that the June 20 Movie in the Park will feature “Paddington”. “Grillin’ in the Park” and the Annual Yard Sale will be held on June 27.

Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far – Mr. Ron Tolliver, 4221 Matson Ave. commented that consideration should be given to the development of a bike path along the railroad line, if the railroad would ever abandon the tracks.

Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous – None

New Business – Mr. Comer reminded everyone that the St. John’s Festival will be held this coming weekend. He also said he enjoyed his position as interim mayor this past week. He reminded council that there will be a public hearing on June 22 at 6:46pm for the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

Mr. Tassell reported that Hamilton County Commissioner, Mr. Greg Hartmann will host a meeting highlighting the Hamilton County Heroin Task Force at the Francis R. Healy Community Center on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Reports from other City Officials

Treasurer – None

Law Director – None

Auditor – None

Safety Service Director – None

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Donnellon reported that he will appoint Councilman Perin as representative to the Park Board.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Perin. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Michael J. Berens
Clerk of Council Pro-Tem