



City Council Agenda

Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance

Special Presentation(s)

4. Resolution No. 21-2024 – Good Neighbor Award

Executive Summary This Resolution recognizes Chad Gonia as the recipient of the 2023 Good Neighbor Award from the Community Relations Commission.

Recommendation: Introduce and approve as presented.

5. Visitor Comments

Special Presentation(s) Continued

6. Vision Implementation Team Report – Worthington is Dedicated to the Vibrancy of its Downtown

Executive Summary: The Vision Implementation Team for the Vibrant Downtown vision will present its recommendations.

7. Vision Implementation Team Report – Worthington is Connected

Executive Summary: The Vision Implementation Team for the Worthington is Connected vision will present its recommendations.

8. Vision Implementation Team Report – Worthington Offers a High Quality of Life

Executive Summary: The Vision Implementation Team for the Worthington Offers a High Quality of Life vision will present its recommendations.

Approval of the Minutes

9. Approval of Minutes

November 20, 2023

Executive Summary: Approve as presented.

Public Hearings on Legislation

10. Ordinance No. 08-2024 – Additional Appropriation

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2023 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund Unappropriated Balance.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance would appropriate an additional \$60,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of a replacement vehicle in the Division of Fire.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

New Legislation - Resolution(s)

11. Resolution No. 22-2024- Appointment of Pete Bucher to the Central Ohio Transit Authority Board of Trustees

Executive Summary: This Resolution designates Pete Bucher as the City's representative to the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Board of Trustees.

Recommendation: Introduce and approve as presented.

New Legislation - Ordinance(s)

12. Ordinance No. 09-2024 – UMC Parking Lot – Lease Extension

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between the City and the Worthington United Methodist Church for Use of the Church Parking Lot for Municipal Purposes for an Additional Three-Month Term, and Declaring an Emergency.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement between the City and the Worthington United Methodist Church for use of the church parking lot for municipal purposes for an additional three-month term, and declares an emergency.

Recommendation: Introduce for public hearing on March 11, 2024.

13. Ordinance No. 10-2024 - East Granville Road Park Playground Replacement Appropriation

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2023 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the East Granville Road Park Playground Replacement and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 761-24)

Executive Summary: Appropriating funds from the Capital Improvement Fund for the replacement of the East Granville Road Park Playground.

Recommendation: Introduce for public hearing March 18, 2024.

14. Ordinance No. 11-2024 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program 760-24

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2023 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the 2024 Street Improvement Program Project and 2024 Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvement Program and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 760-24 & 761-24)

Executive Summary: This ordinance funds the Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program, Project Number 760-24.

Recommendation: Introduce for public hearing on March 18, 2024.

15. Ordinance No. 12-2024 – Appointing Robyn Stewart as City Manager

Appointing Robyn M. Stewart to the Position of City Manager and Authorizing an Employment Agreement for Said Position.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance appoints Robyn Stewart as City Manager and Director of Safety and authorizes the Council President to sign an employment agreement.

Recommendation: Introduction for public hearing on March 18, 2024.

Reports of City Officials

16. Policy Item(s)

a. Liquor Permit - Sahara Lux Entertainment LLC, 5593-5601 N. High Street

Executive Summary: The City has received notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that Sahara Lux Entertainment LLC has requested the transfer of D1, D2, D3, and D6 liquor permits as well as the issuance of a new D3A permit.

Recommendation: Staff recommends a motion to not request a hearing

b. New Liquor Permit – Triumph Venture LLC, DBA Shakers Public House & Patio

Executive Summary: The Ohio Division of Liquor Control has notified the City of a request for a new liquor permit from Triumph Venture LLC DBA Shakers Public House & Patio.

Recommendation Staff recommends a motion to not request a hearing.

c. New Liquor Permit – Nail Spa Worthington Place LLC, DBA Anthony Vince Nail Spa

Executive Summary: The Ohio Division of Liquor Control has notified the City of a request for a new liquor permit from Nail Spa Worthington Place LLC, DBA Anthony Vince Nail Spa.

Recommendation: Staff recommends a motion to not request a hearing.

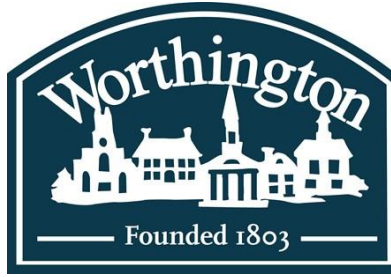
Reports of Council Members

Other Business

Executive Session

Adjournment

17. Motion to Adjourn



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager & Economic Development Director

Subject: Resolution 21-2024 – Good Neighbor Award

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution recognizes Chad Gonia as the recipient of the 2023 Good Neighbor Award from the Community Relations Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce and Approve as Presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The Community Relations Commission (CRC) established the Good Neighbor Award to recognize members of the community who promote cooperation and goodwill throughout their neighborhoods and the City of Worthington. The CRC voted to present the 2023 award to Chad Gonia.

CRC member Meg Kane will be in attendance to present the award to Mr. Gonia.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution 21-2024

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024

To Congratulate Chad Gonia on His Recognition as the Recipient of the 2023 Good Neighbor Award from the Worthington Community Relations Commission.

WHEREAS, the Worthington Community Relations Commission established the Good Neighbor Award to recognize members of the community who promote cooperation and goodwill throughout their neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2024, the Worthington Community Relations Commission will present the 2023 Good Neighbor Award to Chad Gonia; and,

WHEREAS, Chad embodies the philosophy and actions of being a “good neighbor”; and,

WHEREAS, Chad volunteers his time to assist his neighbors with various tasks, including landscaping equipment repairs, hose spigot replacement, leaf blowing, mowing, edging, snow removal, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Chad has befriended most of the neighborhood, both two-legged and four-legged friends; and

WHEREAS, Chad continues to blow leaves, shovel snow, and do anything that is needed of him to support multiple widows that live across the street, including simply visiting with them each week; and

WHEREAS, Chad has been heavily involved with the Worthington Youth Booster track program and the Pit Crew for the Thomas Worthington marching band; and

WHEREAS, Chad seems to have a sixth sense for knowing when others need help; and

WHEREAS, Chad’s welcoming and generous spirit serves as a great example for the Worthington community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council does hereby recognize Chad Gonia for his kindness, consideration and the promotion of goodwill within their neighborhood and the City of Worthington.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council be instructed to forward a duly certified copy of this Resolution to Chad Gonia and to record said Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted _____

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 28, 2024

To: City Council

From: Annina Parini, The Worthington Partnership
Rebecca Hermann, City Council

Subject: Vision Implementation Team Report – Worthington is Dedicated to the Vibrancy of its Downtown

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Vision Implementation Team for the *Vibrant Downtown* vision will present its recommendations.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The VIT for this vision area was chaired by Rebecca Hermann and Annina Parini. They were joined on the team by Amy Llyod (City Council), Jen Blosser (AR Workshop), Austin Mitchell (Synota), Ron Overstreet (Dairy Queen), Brian Swanson (Worthington Tavern), David McCorkle (City of Worthington), and Anne Brown (City of Worthington). The team began meeting last summer and identified five action ideas that would help advance the following vision statement:

Worthington is dedicated to the vibrancy of its downtown. The heart of Worthington is a pedestrian-friendly, historic business district and Village Green that attract visitors and bring our community together. Planned by our founders, downtown Worthington is where our past, present and future are linked as it serves as a place of celebration, a niche of unique and local businesses and a hub to Worthington's other business districts and community assets. Old Worthington's historic character is paramount to our identity.

The five ideas were shared with the public for feedback via the survey and open house in December 2023. Based on the public feedback, the ideas were narrowed to three recommended action ideas for Council's consideration:

1. Conduct a feasibility study for a structured parking garage at the existing W. New England municipal parking lot.
 - Evaluate the need for additional parking, the number of additional spaces that could be achieved, the costs to construct the garage, and potential funding strategies.
2. Design and implement a Streetscape improvement plan for Old Worthington.
 - To refresh the area's aesthetics, address the impact of heavy pedestrian traffic during events in Old Worthington, including the Farmers Market, and to maintain the character of the area.
3. Establish a Public Arts Committee
 - To facilitate the installation of art displays throughout the City, thereby enhancing the quality of life for residents, visitors, and businesses.

More information regarding these strategies, potential partners, challenges that may be faced, and performance metrics that can be utilized to track success is included in the attached document.

ATTACHMENT(S)
Recommendations Report

City of Worthington
VIBRANT DOWNTOWN
Final Recommendations Report

Problem statement

Old Worthington needs new and enhanced amenities, infrastructure, and activities, to compete as a vibrant destination for residents and visitors.

Background

What additional information or context does City Council need to know? Also include a couple of sentences about how your team prepared the final recommendations report.

The “Vibrant Downtown” VIT members included a Councilwoman, the Executive Director of The Worthington Partnership, and four business owners located within the historic district. One of the business owners was heavily involved in the original visioning process and brought an existing understanding to the team. The team was also supported by two City staffers, David McCorkle and Anne Brown.

The team brainstormed many great things, but narrowed the focus to action ideas that could have the greatest near-term impact on Old Worthington, while simultaneously maintaining the character of the area.

Alternative action ideas (not recommended at this time)

- Invigorate the Village Green
 - Increase foot traffic and vibrancy by adding semi-permanent features such as picnic tables, tech-friendly benches, aesthetic lawn games, and enhanced connectivity through free Wi-Fi
- Design & appraisal process to reconfigure private parking lots behind businesses on E. High Street
 - Design and appraisal work to prepare for the potential consolidation and reconfiguration of the private parking lots behind The Whitney House and Jets on the east side of High Street, aiming to increase parking availability, accessibility for businesses and visitors, and overall circulation and safety

Recommended action ideas (numbered in order of preference)

1. Conduct a feasibility study for a structured parking garage at the existing W. New England municipal parking lot
 - Evaluate the need for additional parking, the number of additional spaces that could be achieved, the costs to construct the garage, and potential funding strategies, including additional infill development opportunities
2. Design and implement a Streetscape improvement plan for Old Worthington

- To refresh the area's aesthetics, address the impact of heavy pedestrian traffic during events in Old Worthington, including the Farmers Market, and to maintain the character of the area

3. Establish a Public Arts Committee

- To facilitate the installation of art displays throughout the City, thereby enhancing the quality of life for residents, visitors, and businesses

Public feedback and other data

The public feedback for the Vibrant Downtown action ideas varied significantly between the online survey results and the open house feedback.

The online survey had the streetscape improvement plan ranked #1, while the arts committee and parking garage feasibility study were tied at #4. The reverse results were true for the open house, with the parking garage feasibility study being #1, followed by the arts committee at #2, and the streetscape plan last among the options at #5.

The VIT discussed the public feedback in great detail and felt that because the streetscape plan was the overwhelming favorite on the online survey, it should be included in the recommended action ideas, even if it did not perform as well at the public open house. Additionally, because of the depth of the in-person feedback at the open house and the high number of votes for both the parking garage feasibility study (21 gold stars) and the public arts committee (18 stars), both of those action items should be included. After these top two vote-getters at the open house, the next best action item only received 4 stars.

The Vibrant Downtown VIT mixed the weighting of the online survey results and the open house to generate their priority list. Another factor in determining the priority order was the potential resources needed to advance the items.

Potential partners

1. Conduct a feasibility study for a structured parking garage at the existing W. New England municipal parking lot
 - a. The Worthington Partnership & Experience Worthington - Expectation would be to help facilitate conversations amongst businesses, residents, and visitors of Old Worthington.
 - b. City Team to include economic development, building and planning, engineering, and likely Law Department.
 - c. External consultant to conduct the study.
2. Design and implement a Streetscape improvement plan for Old Worthington
 - a. The Worthington Partnership, Worthington Farmers Market, and Experience Worthington - Expectation would be to help facilitate conversations amongst businesses, residents, and visitors of Old Worthington.

- b. City Team to include economic development, building and planning, service and engineering, and parks & recreation.
 - c. External consultant to help with planning process.
- 3. Establish a Public Arts Committee
 - a. The Worthington Partnership & Experience Worthington – would have an active role in the creation, implementation, and ongoing operations of the art committee.
 - b. McConnell Arts Center - would have an active role in the creation, implementation, and ongoing operations of the art committee.
 - c. Worthington Schools - would have an active role in the operations of the art committee, helping to establish partnerships between the schools and the public art that is generated.
 - d. The Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) – recently published the “State of Public Art” for the Greater Columbus area in an effort to collaborate with neighboring communities within the central Ohio region.
 - e. City Team to include City Manager’s Office, building and planning, and Law Department.

Resource options (for each action idea being recommended)

- 1. Conduct a feasibility study for a structured parking garage at the existing W. New England municipal parking lot
 - a. Human capital
 - i. City staff to include economic development, building and planning, engineering, and likely Law Department. This group would work to obtain quotes to conduct the feasibility study.
 - ii. The Worthington Partnership and Experience Worthington would be available to help facilitate conversations amongst businesses, residents, and visitors of Old Worthington.
 - iii. A consultant/planning firm would be needed to conduct the study.
 - b. Financial
 - i. Existing funding could be pulled from the Downtown TIF to pay for this feasibility study
 - ii. New funding could be allocated from City Council to pay for this feasibility study
 - iii. Consideration of additional revenue generation via infill development opportunities that complement the parking feature
- 2. Design and implement a Streetscape improvement plan for Old Worthington
 - a. Human capital
 - i. City staff to include economic development, building and planning, service and engineering, and parks & recreation.

- ii. The Worthington Partnership, Worthington Farmers Market, and Experience Worthington would be available to help facilitate conversations amongst businesses, residents, and visitors of Old Worthington.
 - iii. A consultant/planning firm would be needed to conduct the study.
 - b. Financial
 - i. Existing funding could be pulled from the Downtown TIF to pay for the planning and ongoing implementation of these improvements. This revenue stream is unlikely to be able to cover all of the improvements that would be recommended, so additional funding may be needed from the City.
 - ii. New funding could be allocated from City Council to pay for this project. This would likely come in the form of an annual budget allocation to make incremental improvements over an extended period.
- 3. Establish a Public Arts Committee
 - a. Human capital
 - i. City staff to include City Manager's Office, building and planning, and Law Department.
 - ii. The Worthington Partnership and Experience Worthington would be available to help with the creation, implementation, and ongoing operations of the art committee. Significant pre-work has already been done by The Worthington Partnership and the McConnel Arts Center on this item. Assistance is needed from the City to authorize the creation of the framework to help activate the committee.
 - iii. McConnell Arts Center would be available to help with the creation, implementation, and ongoing operations of the art committee.
 - iv. Worthington Schools would have an active role in the operations of the art committee, helping to establish partnerships between the schools and the public art that is generated.
 - v. The Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) – recently published the “State of Public Art” for the Greater Columbus area in an effort to collaborate with neighboring communities within the central Ohio region. This planning document would be a good starting point for the Worthington Committee, and the GCAC would be a strong partner in this effort.
 - b. Financial
 - i. Limited financial need for this item.

Challenges (for each action idea being recommended)

- 1. Conduct a feasibility study for a structured parking garage at the existing W. New England municipal parking lot
 - a. Concern from residents/neighbors – any structural changes to Old Worthington should be carefully considered. While this is only a feasibility study, and not a

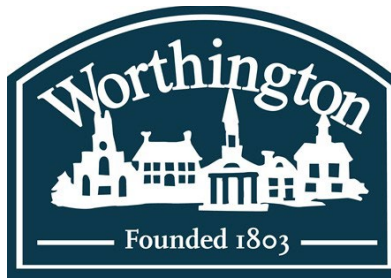
formal recommendation for a parking garage, the concept may still create questions and/or concerns.

- b. Funding – this study is likely to cost \$25,000 - \$50,000. Redirecting Downtown TIF funds may be an option, but funding will be needed from somewhere to accomplish this.
 - c. This is only a feasibility study. Additional work will be needed if the study comes back with additional recommendations.
 - d. Will take some City staff time. Need to balance against existing/new projects.
2. Design and implement a Streetscape improvement plan for Old Worthington
- a. Identifying, prioritizing, and phasing the improvements throughout Old Worthington with a matching funding stream.
 - b. Coordination with private property owners, when needed
 - c. Funding - Redirecting Downtown TIF funds may be an option, but that funding stream is likely not enough to accomplish this project, so additional funding may be needed.
 - d. Will take some City staff time. Need to balance against existing/new projects.
3. Establish a Public Arts Committee
- a. Identifying what, where, and who has the authority to approve and regulate public art.
 - b. Will take some City staff time. Need to balance against existing/new projects.
 - c. Ongoing operations of an arts committee will require staff oversight.

Metrics for tracking success (for each action idea being recommended)

- 1. Conduct a feasibility study for a structured parking garage at the existing W. New England municipal parking lot
 - a. A comprehensive feasibility study that addresses the following:
 - i. Existing parking supply/demand
 - ii. Feasibility of a structured parking garage on existing site with multiple options
 - iii. Needs assessment
 - iv. Estimated costs
 - v. Potential funding strategies (inclusive of supplemental development at or around the structured parking garage)
 - vi. Impact to current and future businesses, residents, and visitors
 - b. If study results in a lack of support for a parking garage, the City will have obtained a comprehensive understanding of the parking count and needs in Old Worthington
- 2. Design and implement a Streetscape improvement plan for Old Worthington
 - a. Visitors to Old Worthington
 - b. Farmers Market vendor numbers and revenues

- c. Worthington Partnership & Experience Worthington events and activities
 - d. Merchant and resident satisfaction information
 - e. Lease rates and property values
 - f. Safety reports
 - g. Private investments from neighboring properties
- 3. Establish a Public Arts Committee
 - a. Number and quality of art installations
 - b. Community satisfaction feedback information
 - c. Visitors to Worthington



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 28, 2024

To: City Council

From: Anne Brown, Communications Director

Subject: Vision Implementation Team Report – Worthington is Connected

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Vision Implementation Team for the Worthington is Connected vision will present its recommendations.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The VIT for this vision area was chaired by Rebecca Green and Doug Smith. They were joined on the team by Michael Bates, Matt Lofy, and Rachael Dorothy. Darren Hurley, Gene Oliver, John Moorehead and Anne Brown provided staff support. The team began meeting last summer and identified five action ideas that would help advance the following vision statement:

Worthington is Connected. Community members appreciate walking their neighborhoods, biking around town, and the ease with which they can travel to work and other destinations around Central Ohio. Our transportation infrastructure -sidewalks, bikeways, streets and highways - connects us to each other and the region. We are also connected through innovative technology that offers personal, business and educational benefits to all residents. We recognize the importance of adopting and promoting multimodal forms of transportation and digital technology while eliminating barriers to access.

Five top ideas were shared with the public for feedback via the survey and open house. Based on the public feedback, the ideas were narrowed to two recommended action ideas for Council's consideration:

1. Implement a plan and provide funding for improving sidewalk connections and replacements throughout the City to improve walkability, alleviate financial stress on residents facing repair costs, particularly older adults, and support economic development by enhancing access for businesses and customers.

2. Seek ways to make the crossings of High Street at Wilson Bridge Road and at Caren/Highland Avenues safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, cyclists, and mobility-challenged individuals.

More information regarding these strategies, potential partners, challenges that may be faced, and performance metrics that can be utilized to track success will be discussed during the presentation and in the recommendations report.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Recommendations Report
Public Feedback Summary

Worthington is Connected

Community members appreciate walking their neighborhoods, biking around town, and the ease with which they can travel to work and other destinations around Central Ohio. Our transportation infrastructure -sidewalks, bikeways, streets and highways - connects us to each other and the region. We are also connected through innovative technology that offers personal, business and educational benefits to all residents. We recognize the importance of adopting and promoting multimodal forms of transportation and digital technology while eliminating barriers to access.

As a community, we:

- Invest in making Worthington the most walkable and bike-friendly suburb in Central Ohio.
- Improve existing roadways to safely and efficiently integrate, bike, public transit, and pedestrian mobility.
- Embrace multimodal and high-tech forms of transportation.
- Establish partnerships to provide and support and sustainable and convenient modes of transportation, including public transportation and related amenities.
- Integrate smart technologies across the city to improve infrastructure, public utilities, services and more.
- Leverage our existing direct access to highways to attract investment.

Alternative Action Ideas:

Out of 30 plus action ideas, five were presented for community feedback.

- Olentangy trail education - project in progress by B&P • Bike Rack installation - inventory completed by B&P 2022, part of GIS in June 2023, being reviewed for additional bike racks by B&P 2023 • Scooters / "Lime bikes" - not easily managed by City / vendors • I-270 connection to bike paths - unclear of the scope • Bike Blvds - study part of B&P 2023 project
- Fiber connection- in place / on going • Barriers to multimodal - sidewalk gaps and bus access • Bridge over Wilson Bridge • Connect Worthington Mall with Downtown - Worthington Mile / Trolley • Electric bike chargers • Traffic enforcement - ongoing • Speed limits • Review of E-Bikes on sidewalks • SRTS - support local PTA • Existing maintenance / repair of sidewalks • Sidewalk gaps - creative way to finance maintenance of fill sidewalks • Huntley Road Commerce area - how to connect the City to Area - sidewalks/bike blvd • Alternative materials to asphalt • Improving connect to Linworth • Fix sidewalks at Potters Creek • Fix sidewalk ordinances to emphasize information about the process • Bike trial / way app • Bridge over High Street • Five points intersection improvements • Snouffer to 161 multi-use path improvements /extension • Crandall/ Worthington-Galena/High Street

intersection improvement • Bike Boxes - Highland & Caren at High Street • Worthington Gateway / Wilson Bridge intersection improvement • Bike Registration program • Better WIFI in old Worthington - Green to Post office • Survey of home internet access - identification of providers and service speeds; address gaps with providers • Bike Blvd / Bike share the road education •

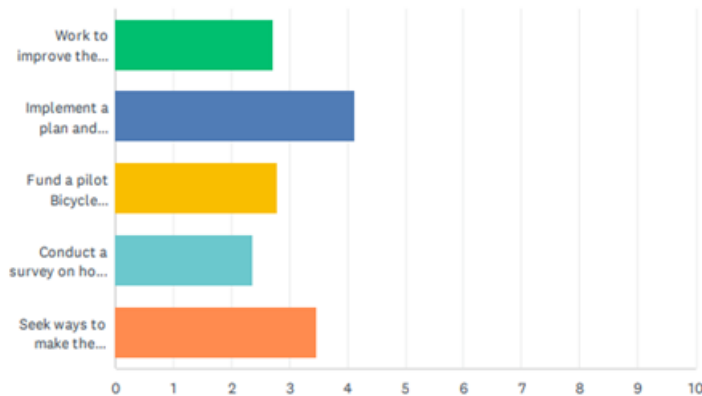
Ideas Presented for Community Feedback:

- **WIFI DOWNTOWN:** Work to improve the speed and range of Wi-Fi access in Old Worthington to entrance work, education, and leisure for residents and visitors by enabling a range of online activities and helping local businesses attract and retain customers.
- **SIDEWALKS:** Implement a plan and provide funding for improving sidewalk connects and replacements throughout the City to improve walkability, alleviate financial stress on residents, facing repair costs, particularly older adults, and support economic development by enhancing access for businesses and customers.
- **BIKE BOULEVARD:** Fund a pilot Bicycle Boulevard on Highland Avenue to enhance safety and connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians between North High Street and the Community Center. The feasibility and effectiveness of this pilot project would be evaluated for consideration elsewhere in the city.
- **INTERNET ACCESS:** Conduct a survey on home and business internet access to assess whether commercial service meet functional requirements and whether the City should take action to enhance internet speed and/or affordability.
- **CROSSINGS:** Seek ways to make the crossings of High Street at Wilson Bridge Road and at Caren/Highland Avenues safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, cyclists, and mobility-challenged individuals.

Community Feedback Results:

Q2 For the vision Worthington is Connected, please rank the following action ideas in order of preference, with 1 being the most favored option and 5 being the least favored option. If there are any responses you don't like or don't want to rank, please mark N/A.

Answered: 426 Skipped: 3



Vision Worthington Action Ideas Survey

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Work to improve the speed and range of Wi-Fi access in Old Worthington to enhance work, education, and leisure for residents and visitors by enabling a range of online activities and helping local businesses attract and retain customers.	10.65% 44	15.98% 66	16.71% 69	27.85% 115	17.43% 72	11.38% 47	413	2.71
Implement a plan and provide funding for improving sidewalk connections and replacements throughout the City to improve walkability, alleviate financial stress on residents facing repair costs, particularly older adults, and support economic development by enhancing access for businesses and customers.	48.05% 197	24.39% 100	15.61% 64	6.59% 27	2.44% 10	2.93% 12	410	4.12
Fund a pilot Bicycle Boulevard on Highland Avenue to enhance safety and connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians between North High Street and the Community Center. The feasibility and effectiveness of this pilot project would be evaluated for consideration elsewhere in the city.	9.88% 41	17.83% 74	25.30% 105	16.39% 68	20.24% 84	10.36% 43	415	2.78
Conduct a survey on home and business internet access to assess whether commercial services meet functional requirements and whether the City should take action to enhance internet speed and/or affordability.	7.66% 32	12.20% 51	16.27% 68	19.14% 80	31.34% 131	13.40% 56	418	2.37
Seek ways to make the crossings of High Street at Wilson Bridge Road and at Caren/Highland Avenues safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, cyclists, and mobility-challenged individuals.	23.30% 96	28.16% 116	19.17% 79	16.02% 66	8.01% 33	5.34% 22	412	3.45

Finalization:

A bicycle boulevard pilot project is already in progress. The downtown Wi-Fi improvement is intended to start 2025. The internet access study was determined to be a project that could be accomplished with minimal staff time.

Because these three projects are already in motion, the team decided to focus its recommendations on the top two ideas that ranked the highest in public feedback and need the most planning and resources to move forward in the next one to two years.

Actionable Idea One

SIDEWALKS: Implement a plan and provide funding for improving sidewalk connects and replacements throughout the City to improve walkability, alleviate financial stress on residents, facing repair costs, particularly older adults, and support economic development by enhancing access for businesses and customers.

Problem Statement:

Worthington's sidewalks are disconnected. In some locations, sidewalks do not exist and in other the sidewalks are incomplete or inadequate.



Problem Scope:

- 1 - Funding for new sidewalks and sidewalk repair/improvement;
- 2 - Motivating residents to allow new sidewalks to be installed on their real property;
- 3 - Repairing and maintaining existing and new sidewalks;

- 4 - Responsibility for snow removal;
- 5 - Addressing policy for installing new sidewalks across multiple residential lots; and
- 6 - Improving connectivity from residential to commercial and institutional uses.

Resources:

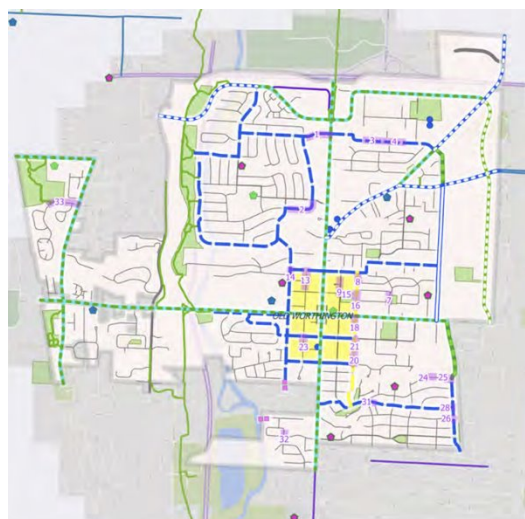
The Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board has done significant work on sidewalk gaps including a pilot program to begin filling some small gaps in Worthington. It has shown potential as residents have been agreeable and sidewalks have been / will be installed in two neighborhoods.

Other resources include:

Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, Worthington City School district, Safe Routes to School, Worthington Chamber of Commerce, the Partnership, MORPC, COTA, City Council, City Law Director, and City Engineer. Leadership Worthington could address issues regarding snow removal for Seniors.

Solution and Recommendation:

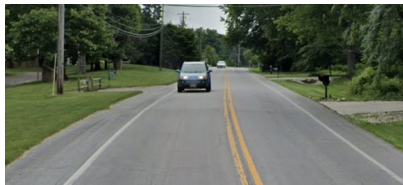
- Provide dedicated funding for new sidewalks and improvements in an annual allocation to be prioritized in a systematic manner. A dedicated fund of \$50,000 per year for sidewalk enhancements could supplement the street improvement program by addressing sidewalk gaps adjacent to street improvements. A list of sidewalk gaps and voids would be maintained and each year the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board would update the prioritization and recommend the next gaps to be addressed.



- Task the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board to recommend to City Council policy for sidewalk maintenance and repairs. The goal is to motivate residents to expand our sidewalk system and provide better access for residents.



- Develop a policy that addresses the installation of new sidewalks across multiple lots. A review of the current sidewalk petition policy for installation across multiple parcels has not been effective since its implementation and needs review. Task a subcommittee of City Council or the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board with reviewing and recommending new policy that motivates more of the desired outcomes.



Actionable Idea Two

CROSSINGS: Seek ways to make the crossings of High Street at Wilson Bridge Road and at Caren/Highland Avenues safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, cyclists, and mobility-challenged individuals.

Problem Statement:

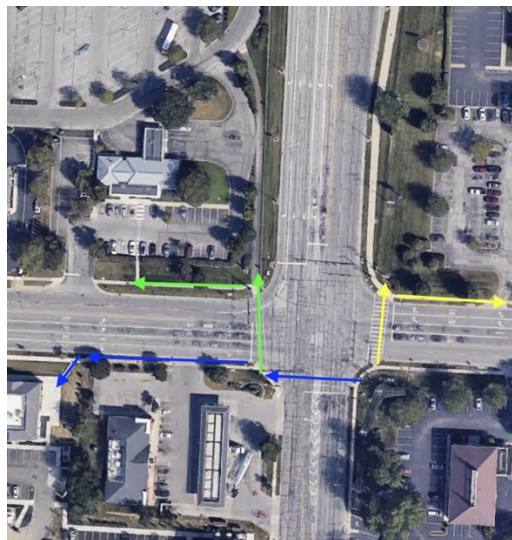
The intersection is difficult to transit for pedestrians and cyclists due to multiple vehicular travel and turn lanes and the width of the roads at this intersection.



Problem Scope:

The awkward single crossing requires pedestrians and cyclists to cross only on the south side.

This crossing can take up to 4.5 minutes when obeying the pedestrian signals. This crossing is a substantive hurdle to east to west pedestrian / bike mobility.



Resources:

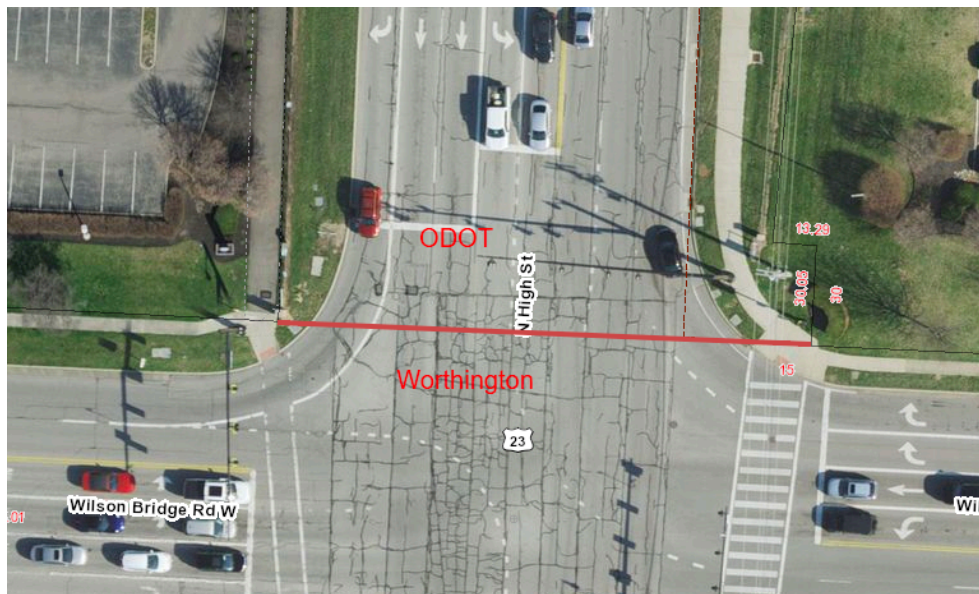
Ohio Department of Transportation: MORPC; Worthington Engineering, ODOT, Police for speed enforcement, Bike and Pedestrian Board, City Council, and MORPC.

Discussion Ideas:

- Fund and construct an overpass at this intersection to allow for the continuous flow of pedestrian and bicycle traffic over High Street.
- Modify traffic and turn lanes to allow for a grade level crossing for pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the north side of East and West Wilson Bridge Road.
- Move the crossing of High Street further north of East and West Wilson Bridge Road to align with existing signals at the ramps for I 270 and Old Wilson Bridge Road.

Solution and Recommendation:

Worthington should undertake a study to identify ways to improve this intersection from both a pedestrian and vehicle standpoint. It should engage with other stakeholders including ODOT. The study would require a moderate to high level of engineering complexity and could be completed in two years.



Summary of Recommendations

Sidewalk Gaps:

- Dedicated Annual Funding for Sidewalk Gaps; Encourage Residents to Install and Maintain Sidewalks; and Address Policy of Installing New Sidewalks Across Multiple Parcels.

Crossing at N. High and Wilson Bridge:

- Conduct a Study to Identify Ways to Improve this Intersection from Both a Pedestrian and Vehicle Standpoint.

Our Team!

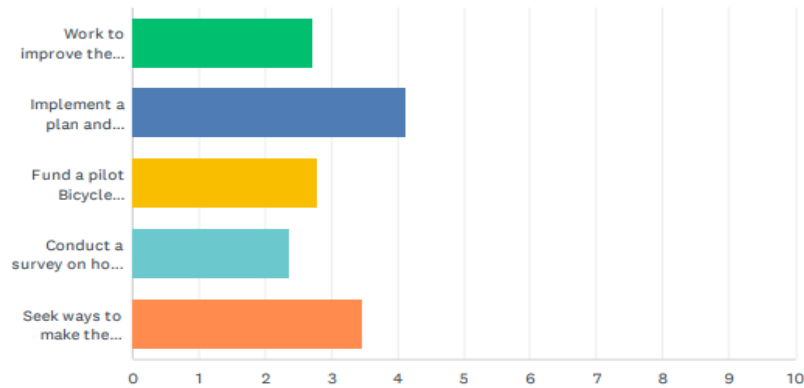
Michael Bates - Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board
Rebecca Green - Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board
Matt Lofy - Worthington Chamber of Commerce
Anne Brown - Communications Director
Gene Oliver - IT Director
Darren Hurley - Parks and Recreation Director
John Moorehead - Director/City Engineer
Doug Smith - Former City Council
Rachel Dorothy - City Council President

Connected VIT Survey & Public Feedback Results

Survey Monkey Results

Q2 For the vision Worthington is Connected, please rank the following action ideas in order of preference, with 1 being the most favored option and 5 being the least favored option. If there are any responses you don't like or don't want to rank, please mark N/A.

Answered: 426 Skipped: 3



Vision Worthington Action Ideas Survey

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	TOTAL	SCORE
Work to improve the speed and range of Wi-Fi access in Old Worthington to enhance work, education, and leisure for residents and visitors by enabling a range of online activities and helping local businesses attract and retain customers.	10.65% 44	15.98% 66	16.71% 69	27.85% 115	17.43% 72	11.38% 47	413	2.71
Implement a plan and provide funding for improving sidewalk connections and replacements throughout the City to improve walkability, alleviate financial stress on residents facing repair costs, particularly older adults, and support economic development by enhancing access for businesses and customers.	48.05% 197	24.39% 100	15.61% 64	6.59% 27	2.44% 10	2.93% 12	410	4.12
Fund a pilot Bicycle Boulevard on Highland Avenue to enhance safety and connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians between North High Street and the Community Center. The feasibility and effectiveness of this pilot project would be evaluated for consideration elsewhere in the city.	9.88% 41	17.83% 74	25.30% 105	16.39% 68	20.24% 84	10.36% 43	415	2.78
Conduct a survey on home and business internet access to assess whether commercial services meet functional requirements and whether the City should take action to enhance internet speed and/or affordability.	7.66% 32	12.20% 51	16.27% 68	19.14% 80	31.34% 131	13.40% 56	418	2.37
Seek ways to make the crossings of High Street at Wilson Bridge Road and at Caren/Highland Avenues safer and more comfortable for pedestrians, cyclists, and mobility-challenged individuals.	23.30% 96	28.16% 116	19.17% 79	16.02% 66	8.01% 33	5.34% 22	412	3.45

Respondents' Connection to Worthington

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live within the city limits of Worthington	90.21%	387
I live within the Worthington School District but outside the city limits of Worthington	3.03%	13
I work or own a business in Worthington but do not live within the city limits	3.26%	14
Other (please specify)	3.50%	15
TOTAL		429

Public Feedback Meeting Summaries

Votes & Comments on Poster Board Action Items

Action Item	# of Votes	Comments
Work to improve speed & range of WiFi access	7	-How do you work with providers who control this?
Provide funding for improving sidewalk connections and replacements	24	
Pilot bicycle boulevard on Highland	3	
Survey on home & business internet access	0	
Crossings at Wilson Bridge & Caren/Highland safer and more comfortable	8	-Include this with a road diet south of Wilson Bridge Road. This also does not seem to be mutually exclusive from the bicycle boulevard pilot action item. -This is important for our kids with the new feeder plan. -How do we pay for this?

Longer Comments Submitted

- "WiFi is key".
- "Improve infrastructure with more solar (streetlights) and fiber for the internet. Broadcast the technology that can improve lives for people and businesses."
- "No roundabouts".
- "We need sidewalks in areas where young students walk to school, and adults walk their dogs. I find it hard to comprehend how we will meet high tech transportation needs...too many cars parked on roads...need to use signage to ID areas for roadside parking* (sp) (evening street, morning street) many pass through that will complicate future high-tech vehicles (self-driving, flying)



City Council Agenda

Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Members Present: Katherine Brewer, Peter Bucher, Rebecca Hermann (via Microsoft Teams), Beth Kowalczyk, Bonnie Michael, Doug Smith, David Robinson

Member(s) Absent: None

Also Present: Acting City Manager Robyn Stewart, Assistant City Manager & Economic Development Director David McCorkle, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Planning & Building Director Lee Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Acting Chief of Police Eric Grille, Chief of Fire & EMS Mark Zambito, and Clerk of Council Grace Brown.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

President Robinson invited those in attendance to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Presentation(s)

4. Resolution No. 58-2023 - Thomas Worthington High School Field Hockey Recognition

Minutes:

** Introduced by Ms. Brewer. **

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk to adopt Resolution No. 58-2023. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Stewart invited Coach Terri Simonetti-Frost to address Council. Ms. Simonetti-Frost introduced and recognized the Field Hockey Team players and shared background on their recent State Championship. Council also offered comments of support and recognition of the players and coaching staff.

5. Visitor Comments

Minutes:

Mr. Mark Gideon, 91 Chaucer Court, addressed Council. He spoke of concerns regarding the Kenyon Brook Sewer Project. Mr. Gideon shared his thoughts about the City holding closed-door

work on the engineering design without property owners or neighbor consultation. He cited Council President Robinson's blog when speaking of his agreement with Council President Robinson's words on transparency. He continued by stating City had closed off property owners, neighbors, and community members from participating in the process of sewer planning and design. He closed by asking the City to allow property owners, neighbors, and community members access to planning and designing a new sewer in Worthington.

Pamela Fair, 217 Greenbriar Court, addressed City Council regarding the ongoing search for a City Manager. She expressed concerns that the City had spent over \$20,500 and taken nearly a year to find a candidate. She also mentioned concern that three Council members left early from an executive session. She closed by sharing it was the duty of Council to appoint a City Manager in a timely manner.

Approval of the Minutes

6. Approval of Minutes

October 9, 2023

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Mr. Bucher, to adopt the minutes of October 9, 2023. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Public Hearings on Legislation

7. Ordinance No. 24-2023 – Subdivision – Final Plat – 286 W. South St. – SUB 03-2023

Approving a Final Plat for the Resubdivision of Lot #1 of Weatherburn Subdivision Located at 286 W. South St. and Authorizing Variances (Eric Kmetz)

Minutes:

Council President Robinson invited audience speakers to address Council first.

Scott Farkas, 6025 Weatherburn Place, was first to speak. He noted he had lived at his residence since 2001 with his wife and they had little control over the house or houses which would be built. He said the plans for the homes were over 5,000 ft. He questioned the subdivision of the property, the basis on which variances are recommended by the Planning Commission and then approved by City Council, and the criteria used in deciding to grant waivers or variances.

Tom Gomia, 3466 Pinney Drive, was next to speak. He stated a petition with 101 signatures in objection to the proposed plans had been sent to Council. Ge was concerned about three large homes being built on .88 acres.

Shelby Furer, 290 West South Street, opposed granting exceptions to Mr. Eric Kmetz, the applicant and property owner. She cited the lack of support by neighbors and her thoughts that Council should make decisions that best represented the neighbors.

Michael White, 556 Hallmark Place, addressed Council. He shared support for the people who spoke before him and mentioned the cottage-sized homes referenced to them. He did not support what he called behemoth homes proposed by the applicant.

Robert Magnussen, 562 Hallmark Place, spoke to Council about his concerns of the size of lot versus the size of the home. He said most of the homes on the same lot size in the neighborhood were about 1,600 square feet. He also questioned why the developer thought there should be an

exception granted.

Eric Kmetz, of 7720 Campus Lane, Montgomery, Ohio, and the developer/applicant of the property was next to address Council. He shared that there was a house lot over from the Weatherburn lot location which was 3,300 square feet. He also noted that it was the size of the proposed homes that was being petitioned and that the lots they were proposing were bigger than the average in the neighborhood. He stated the sewer easement, a ten-foot sewer easement that ran north and south along the western edge of this property, they'd to split the lots in a way that wouldn't require any variances at all. If the variance were to be denied, they would resubmit with new plans.

Sarah Kuhnell, 359 Pinney Drive, addressed Council after Mr. Kmetz. She shared concerns about the loss of trees, density housing, and safety issues with adding more division. She noted that Worthington residents lived and moved to Worthington because they appreciated what's old.

Lee Brown provided background on the ordinance. Mr. Brown provided background on the ordinance. It was to create two additional lots from a .08-acre lot. Weatherburn subdivision was plotted in 1986 with the four lots at the end of the cul-de-sac. The only variance requests were for the lot widths. The Planning Commission felt the housing plans met code requirements. He noted there was a tree survey done on the lot with recommendations that there were some trees that should be removed from the lot. Lot number one A, we had a lot area of 17,156 square feet. Code required 10,400 square feet for a minimum lot size. Lot one B, the middle lot was 10,892 square feet in size, which was 400 square feet over what the code required but was only 65 feet rather than 80 from the road. Therefore, a 15 feet variance would be needed. Lot C was 10,765 square feet, which is over the 10,400 square feet minimum lot size and proposed a 67 feet width. This created the need for a 13 feet variance. He shared that of the 38 existing trees on the site, many of which were in poor condition, the arborist recommended the removal of two trees.

Ms. Kowalczyk shared that the size of the homes was not the legal issue at-hand for Council.

Mr. Brown informed Council that a 12-inch sanitary sewer line that ran north to south could be tapped into. He also shared how electric would work for the division. He provided Council with a history behind the application to Planning and Commission and activities that had occurred.

Ms. Michael asked if Council approved the subdivision would there be any oversight of the size of the house. Mr. Brown responded that she was Correct.

Ms. Hermann commented that she had rewatched the videos and appreciated the community's input. She mentioned that as much as the size of the house was a concern to neighbors, it was not legally what Council was there to discuss. She added that the conversation should be taken off the table.

Mr. Bucher asked when the plans from the applicant would be returning to Council if the ordinance was passed. Mr. Brown responded that if the ordinance was approved that night, the plan would be effective in 20 days and then they had up to six months to record the plans.

Ms. Brewer commented that the home size was not in question that night but asked Mr. Brown if the plans would go to ARB and MPC after potential approval by Council that night. Mr. Brown said that the plans would not return to the Board and Commission.

Mr. Kmetz shared that it was within his right to sell the lots and he did not have final designs on what homes would be built at the time of the meeting. He then shared contact and information he had made with the community.

Councilmembers Smith and Robinson strongly encouraged more engagement with the community members. Mr. Bucher also expressed support for the outreach to the neighbors before approval. Ms. Kowalczyk noted that the terms being proposed were within the character of the neighborhood. She also mentioned that Council could not make the developer have conversations with the neighbors. Although it would be ideal, it could not be forced. She was inclined to approve the ordinance.

Mr. Kmetz agreed to offer more outreach and have additional conversations with the neighbors. Council requested that the issue be reconsidered at the December 4, 2023 meeting.

Motion Mr. Robinson made a motion to table the ordinance and bring it back on December 4, 2023; Seconded by Mr. Smith. The Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

8. Ordinance No. 25-2023 – Prohibiting the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products

To Amend Various Sections of Chapter 765 "Tobacco Sales" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products.

Minutes:

Mr. Lindsey provided an overview of the ordinance. He indicated that Worthington had adopted Ordinances Nos. 24-2028 and 44-20218 which enacted and amended Chapter 765 of the Codified Ordinances for the sale of tobacco to individuals under the age of 21. He noted it was supported and enforced by the Columbus Public Health. Worthington continued to contact with CPH at the time of the meeting.

As an update, Columbus Public Health amended the Columbus Health Code to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products beginning in 2024. It also increased the civil penalties that could be imposed for illegal sales to underaged persons and for sales of flavored tobacco products. The penalties were also revised in the change. A first violation increased from \$500 to \$1000, the civil penalty for a second violation within two years increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000, and the civil penalty for a third or subsequent violation increased from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and a two-year revocation of the ability to sell any tobacco products.

Mr. Lindsey and Staff recommended a revision via the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 765 to uniformity with Columbus Public Health. Although the revisions would go in effect on January 1, 2024, Mr. Lindsey said the fines and penalties associated would not occur until on or before March 31, 2024.

Dr. Robert Crane, President of the Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation and a representative of Tobacco 21 provided a slideshow to Council. He highlighted 12th-grade cigarette vs e-cigarette usage. He said that nearly 20 years of progress against adolescent nicotine addiction was virtually wiped out by e-cigarette promotion. Ms. Kowalczyk asked Dr. Crane to discuss the issue of menthol cigarettes and her understanding that they had been targeted toward the Black community. He confirmed that it was a big issue and it has become a racially stigmatizing phenomenon.

****There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 25-2023. The Ordinance passed unanimously by the following vote:**

Vote results:

Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

9. Resolution No. 59-2023 – Amending the Position Description for Management Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brewer

Ms. Stewart provided background that with the departure of Mr. Ethan Barnhardt, the City would need to advertise the position and suggest some minor changes to the job description.

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk to adopt Resolution No. 59-2023. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

10. Resolution No. 60-2023- Franklin County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

Authorizing the Adoption of the 2023/2024 Franklin County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brewer

Mr. Moorhead did not have updates to provide after his presentation the previous week.

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk to adopt Resolution No. 60-2023. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

11. Resolution No. 61-2023 - Transfer of Funds

Adjusting the Annual Budget by Providing for a Transfer of Previously Appropriated Funds.

Minutes:

Introduced by Mr. Smith

Ms. Stewart shared that the resolution authorized the transfer of previously appropriated funds to cover expenses as anticipated for the remainder of the year in appropriate accounts. She added it would not increase total appropriations.

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Mr. Bucher to adopt Resolution No. 61-2023. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

New Legislation - Ordinance(s)

12. Ordinance No. 26-2023 – 2024 Operating Budget

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Michael and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

13. Ordinance No. 27-2023 – 2024 Community Group Funding

Amending Ordinance No. 27-2023 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for Appropriations From the General Fund and Convention and Visitor's Bureau Fund Unappropriated Balance's to Pay the Cost of Funding for Community Groups, Cultural Arts Center and Tourism Activities for 2024.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brewer and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

14. Ordinance No. 28-2023 - Additional Appropriations – General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund

Amending Ordinance No. 39-2022 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brewer and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

15. Ordinance No. 29-2023- Regulation of Chickens

To Amend Section 505.05, Section 1123.02 and 1149.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington to Regulate Chickens.

Minutes:

Introduced by Mr. Smith and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

16. Ordinance No. 30-2023 – Adopting Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances

To Revise the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington to Conform to Changes in State Law and Adopting Replacement Pages to the Codified Ordinances.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brwer and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

17. Ordinance No. 31-2023 – Public Health Contract – Columbus Public Health

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute A Contract Between the City of Columbus Board of Health and the City of Worthington for Health Services.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brewer and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

18. Ordinance No. 32-2023 – Compensation for Unclassified Employees

Establishing Compensation for Certain Unclassified Positions of the Municipal Service For the Period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, and Adopting Class Specifications for Said Unclassified Positions.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Michael and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

19. Ordinance No. 33-2023 - Appointment of the Franklin County District Board of Health as the Provider of Plumbing Inspection Services

Approving the City Manager's Appointment of the Franklin County District Board of Health as the Provider of Plumbing Inspection Services in the City of Worthington.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brewer and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

20. Ordinance No. 34-2023 – Amending the Municipal Income Tax Code

To Amend Part Seventeen – Title Two of the Codified Ordinances of the City Regarding Municipal Income Tax.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

21. Ordinance No. 35-2023 – Riverlea Police Protection Contract

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Village of Riverlea for the Provision of Police Protection.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Brewer and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

22. Ordinance No. 36-2023- Referring Draft Signage Regulations to the Municipal Planning Commission for Review – APZ 01-2023

To Amend Chapter 1170 (Signs) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington.

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Michael and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023.

Reports of City Officials

23. Policy Item(s)

a. Worthington Pools

Minutes:

Council agreed to discuss at a later date in early 2024.

b. New Liquor Permit - Boxland Inc.

Minutes:

Ms. Michael asked where Boxland Inc. was located. Ms. Stewart replied it was on Huntley Rd. Mr. McCorkle commented that it was where the Amplify Worthington Podcast was filmed.

Ms. Hermann asked what the liquor license meant. Mr. McCorkle replied that it was for beer and wine.

MOTION: Ms. Michael made a motion to not request a public hearing. Ms. Robinson moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk to not request a public hearing. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

c. 2024 Operating Budget and 2024-2028 Capital Improvements Program

Minutes:

Ms. Stewart reminded Council that the proposed budget and capital plan had been distributed to them in October. The agenda item was an opportunity for final questions or comments in advance of the next meeting.

Ms. Kowalczyk shared that it was her understanding that based on the committee groups' presentations, there was requested increases were to be included. Ms. Stewart confirmed there would be a few other additional changes.

Mr. Michael White, of 556 Hallmark Place, asked questions of Council regarding property taxes. Mr. Bartter referred him to the Franklin County Auditor's website and also agreed to answer any questions he had a later time in a separate meeting.

24. Discussion Item(s)

Reports of Council Members

Ms. Kowalczyk encouraged attendance at the Worthington Partnership's Open House and Tree Lighting.,

Ms. Michael also added opportunities to do holiday shopping in Old Worthington. She thanked City Staff for their work.

Ms. Brewer noted that the next meeting of ARB would be in December. She also shared highlights from the Northeast Area plan meeting which was the prior week.

Ms. Stewart provided updates on the website revamp.

Other Business

Executive Session

- a. To consider the appointment of public officials.

**MOTION:* * Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk, to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of considering the appointment of a public official.

The motion was carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

City Council recessed into Executive Session at approximately 9:41 p.m.

Council returned to open session at approximately 10:06 p.m.

Adjournment

25. Motion to Adjourn

Contact: Grace Brown, Clerk of Council (grace.brown@worthington.org) (614) 436-3100 | Minutes published on 02/29/2024 at 4:01 PM



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 14th, 2024

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: Scott F. Bartter, Finance Director

Subject: Ordinance No. 08-2024 – Additional Appropriation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance would appropriate an additional \$60,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of a replacement vehicle in the Division of Fire.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

In November 2023, Battalion Chief Vehicle BN 101 was involved in an accident while responding to an emergency call. The vehicle has been out of service since that date and the City's insurance carrier recently declared the vehicle a total loss. The City is receiving an insurance payment for the value of the vehicle, but we need to appropriate funds sufficient to replace and upfit a new replacement vehicle.

This vehicle was originally scheduled for replacement in 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES

Funding from the Capital Improvement Fund of \$60,000. The City anticipates receiving a payment of \$39,000 for the totaled vehicle.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance 08-2024

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2024

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2023 (As Amended) to
Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an
Appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund
Unappropriated Balance.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Ordinance, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund unappropriated balance to:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Capital Improvement Fund #308</u>		
308.8120.533479	2024 New & Replacement Equip	\$ 60,000.00
Total Capital Improvement Fund		\$ 60,000.00

SECTION 2. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed _____

Attest:

President of Council

Clerk of Council

Introduced: February 19, 2024
P.H

RESOLUTION NO. 22 - 2024

Appointing Peter Bucher to Represent the City of
Worthington on the Central Ohio Transit Authority
(COTA) Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is the regional transit provider for Central Ohio with a mission to provide solutions that connect people to prosperity through innovation, dedication and teamwork; and,

WHEREAS, COTA is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of representation of Columbus, Franklin County and suburban cities in Franklin County; and,

WHEREAS, Worthington has the opportunity to appoint a representative for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Peter Bucher has expressed a desire to serve in that capacity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Peter Bucher is hereby appointed to serve as the City of Worthington's representative to the Central Ohio Transit Authority Board of Trustees for a term commencing on April 1, 2024 and expiring on March 31, 2027.

SECTION 2. That Peter Bucher is directed to serve the interests of the City of Worthington in such capacity when discharging the duties as a member of the Board.

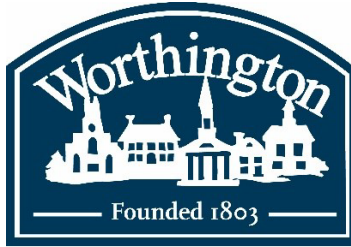
SECTION 3. That the Clerk be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book upon its adoption.

Adopted _____

President of Council

Attest

Clerk of Council



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 26, 2024

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager & Economic Development Director

Subject: **Ordinance 09-2024 – UMC Parking Lot – Lease Extension**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement between the City and the Worthington United Methodist Church for use of the church parking lot for municipal purposes for an additional three-month term, and declares an emergency.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce for public hearing on March 11, 2024.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The City has had a lease arrangement with the Worthington United Methodist Church for several years for the public use of the Church's parking lot. The City helps the church with the operations and maintenance of the lot in exchange for the public's use of the parking lot and an annual payment of \$3,500 from the Church.

The existing lease commenced on March 15, 2014, and is set to expire on March 14, 2024. In order to prevent the current lease agreement from expiring and to avoid the public from losing access to this parking lot, representatives from the City and the Church are supportive of a 3-month extension until June 14, 2024. This extension will allow the City and the Church to continue negotiations on a longer-term lease renewal. This longer-term lease would come back to City Council for consideration at a later date.

This Ordinance is being requested to be approved by emergency to allow the lease extension to be signed, and effective, prior to the current lease expiration date of March 14, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance No. 09-2024

Exhibit A – First Amendment to Lease Agreement

Original (2014) Lease Agreement

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement Between the City and the Worthington United Methodist Church for Use of the Church Parking Lot for Municipal Purposes for an Additional Three-Month Term, and Declaring an Emergency.

WHEREAS, the City has had a lease arrangement with the Worthington United Methodist Church for several years for the public use of the Church's parking lot located adjacent to the Church at High Street in the Central Business District; and

WHEREAS, the current lease commenced on March 15, 2014, and is set to expire on March 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the City and the Church are supportive of extending the current lease agreement by (3) months, to June 14, 2024, to allow both parties additional time to finalize negotiations for the longer-term use of the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that in order to prevent the existing lease agreement from expiring and for the public to have continual use of the Church Parking Lot, it is in the best interest of the City of Worthington to waive notice of public hearing, to waive the twenty-one day waiting period, and to declare this Ordinance an emergency measure effective immediately;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the City the First Amendment to Lease Agreement substantially in the form of the document attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the continual use of the Church Parking Lot and to be effective immediately upon its passage and publication. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 3. That the declaration of immediate effectiveness, and the adoption of this Ordinance was passed by six-sevenths vote of the members of Council in accordance with the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Introduced: March 4, 2024
P.H.
Effective

EXHIBIT A

FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT (the “Amendment”) is made and entered into this _____ day of March 2024, by and between the Worthington United Methodist Church (the “Church”) and the City of Worthington (the “City”). The Church and the City are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Church and the City entered into a Lease Agreement, dated March 14, 2014 (the “**Agreement**”), which set forth the Parties’ respective rights and obligations for the public use of the parking areas on parcel numbers 100-000094, 100-000382, 100-000517, 100-000393, 100-002788, and 100-000093; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement to extend the expiration of the lease by (3) months, to June 14, 2024;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties covenant, agree and obligate themselves as follows:

Section A. Amendment to #2. Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. The term of the lease shall be for (123) months, commencing on March 15, 2014 and continuing until June 14, 2024. In the 6-month period prior to the expiration of this Lease, the Parties shall meet to discuss renewing the Lease and such terms of renewal.

Section B. All other terms of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Church and City have caused this Amendment to be executed in their respective names by their duly authorized representatives, all as of the date written above.

WORTHINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By _____
Paul George, Chairman, Board of Trustees

THE CITY OF WORTHINGTON

Approved as to form:

By _____
Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

Tom Lindsey
Director of Law

LEASE AGREEMENT

This Lease Agreement ("Lease") is made effective the 14th day of March, 2014 by and between the Worthington United Methodist Church (the "Church") and the City of Worthington (the "City").

WHEREAS, the Church owns property located at 600 High Street in the Old Worthington district, consisting of its worship building and adjacent parking; and

WHEREAS, the Church and the City wish to continue a mutually advantageous program under which the Church authorizes and allows public parking on the Church's parking lot for the benefit of the residents and the merchants of the City, and the City takes responsibility for maintenance of the parking lot, in accordance with the terms of this Lease.

Now, therefore, it is agreed by the Church and the City as follows:

§1. The Church hereby leases to the City the surface parking areas of the property owned by the Church and situated on the following numbered parcels: 100-000094, 100-000382, 100-000517, 100-000393, 100-002788, and 100-000093, as those parking areas are more specifically depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Parking Lot"). Subject to the Church's designations made in §3 below, the Parking Lot shall be used for the sole purpose of enabling the City to provide parking facilities available to the general public on Monday through Saturday, in accordance with the terms of this Lease. The Parking Lot shall not be used for any other purpose by the City without the express consent of the Church. Truck parking on the Parking Lot shall be prohibited, except for vans and pick-up trucks.

§2. The term of the lease shall be for 10 years, commencing on March 15, 2014 and continuing until March 14, 2024. In the 6-month period prior to the expiration of this Lease, the Parties shall meet to discuss renewing the Lease and such terms of renewal.

§3. The Church shall designate and show on Exhibit "A" those spaces that the Church chooses to reserve for Church use. The City will cooperate with the Church in discouraging use of those designated spaces by the public with appropriate signage. All other spaces in the Parking Lot shall be open for use by the public, subject to the terms, conditions and regulations imposed by the City and in accordance with this Lease. The Church agrees that it will not limit or restrict parking in any of the parking spaces that are not reserved for Church use as shown on Exhibit "A". The parties shall work in cooperation to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of handicap spaces available for the Church's restricted areas as well as in the general public parking areas.

§4. The City shall provide maintenance to the entire Parking Lot by sealing and striping it and repairing potholes on a regular basis, consistent with the manner in which the City provides those maintenance services to its own parking facilities. Subject to Worthington City Council appropriating the necessary funds, the City shall: (i) resurface the Parking Lot within 36 months from the effective date of this Lease, and (ii) at least one time thereafter, but prior to the expiration of the term of this Lease, seal and stripe the Parking Lot. The City shall make no other improvements to the Parking Lot without the prior written consent of the Church. The City shall determine the nature and extent of the maintenance needs of the Parking Lot and shall consult with the Church on a regular basis concerning planned maintenance activities that will take place on the Parking Lot, if any, during the upcoming year so that appropriate arrangements may be made by the Church for alternative parking during the period of maintenance. The Church shall pay to the City an annual amount of \$3,500 as the Church's

contribution to the upkeep and maintenance of the Parking Lot. Payment shall be made by December 31st of each year. On the fifth anniversary of this Lease, the Parties shall evaluate the cost of maintenance and repair that has been done to that date, and determine whether the annual payment by the Church may be adjusted downward, based on projected maintenance in the remaining five-year period.

§5. The City will provide snow removal of the Parking Lot consistent with its snow removal policy on the Worthington Municipal Building parking lot. The City will make reasonable efforts to have the Parking Lot plowed by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The City will work in cooperation with the Church to evaluate the adequacy of the Parking Lot lighting and consider the need for additional lighting at specified locations if indicated. In accordance with its general schedule of landscaping maintenance, the City shall water the Parking Lot island landscaping in the areas designated on Exhibit "A" as "Island Landscaping"; provided, however, that the City will not be liable to the Church to keep such landscaping alive or free from disease. The Church shall remain responsible to keep the landscaping beds cleaned and weeded.

§6. As part of the City's wayfinding project authorized to be undertaken in 2014, the City will include a plan to modify street signage to encourage use of the High Street entrance to the Parking Lot.

§7. This Lease may be terminated at any time after the 5th year by either party for the other party's breach of the terms of this Lease. No such termination shall be effective unless the non-breaching party gives written notice of the breach and gives the breaching party a reasonable period of time to cure, not to exceed 120 days.


§8. The City may not assign or sublet its rights under this Lease, without the prior written consent of the Church, which consent may be withheld for any reason.


§9. Each party to this Lease shall maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Lease a policy of general liability insurance for any loss, personal injury, damage or costs that may arise from the use of, in or on the Parking Lot. Each party shall be responsible for its own costs and expenses that may arise as a result of such party's failure to comply with its obligations under this Lease.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Lease to be executed by the duly authorized representatives as of the day and year first written above.

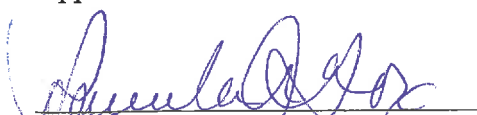
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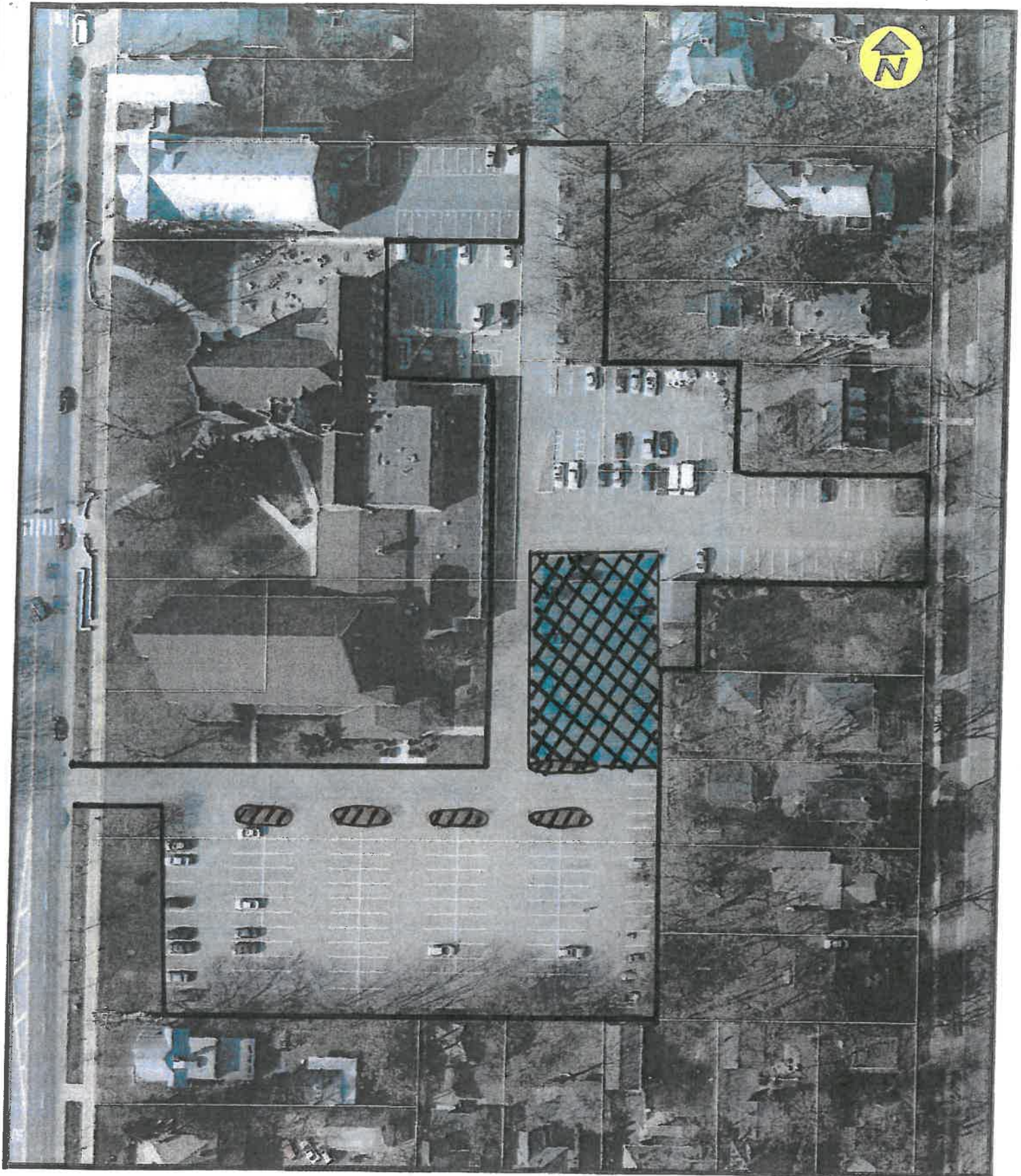
WORTHINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By 
Matthew H. Greeson
City Manager

By 
Aura Lee Whittaker, Vice Chairman
Board of Trustees

Approved as to form:


Pamela A. Fox, Director of Law
City of Worthington



Reserved for Church Use

Island Landscaping

Worthington United Methodist Church
600 High Street, Worthington 43085

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2024

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2023 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the East Granville Road Park Playground Replacement and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 761-24)

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Ordinance, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Account No. 308.4010.533491 an amount not to exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to pay the cost of the East Granville Road Park Playground Replacement (Project No. 761-24)

SECTION 2. That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the firm of _____ for the provision of the aforementioned services.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of Section 2.21 of the Charter of the City, this ordinance shall be considered an "Ordinance Determining to Proceed" with the Project, notwithstanding future actions of this Council, which may be necessary or appropriate in order to comply with other requirements of law.

SECTION 4. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed _____

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Introduced
P.H.



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: Darren Hurley, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Ordinance 10-2024 - East Granville Road Park Playground
Replacement Appropriation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Appropriating funds from the Capital Improvement Fund for the replacement of the East Granville Road Park Playground.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce for Public Hearing March 18, 2024

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The 2024 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) included \$225,000 for the replacement of the existing East Granville Road Park Playground. The current playground was installed in 1993. The safety surfacing is at the end of its useful life, and the equipment is aging making it a priority for replacement.

The playground receives consistent usage by the residents in the area and is a focal point for the neighborhood park. The replacement was identified as one of the most critical park improvements in the 2017 Parks Master Plan. The plan also calls for the replacement to be a more nature-oriented playground design.

Staff plan to gather input from residents in the surrounding neighborhood about the playground and some of the other recommendations for the park including the potential naturalization of some of the green spaces and potential improvements to the trail system and parking lot. While we don't have funding set aside for other improvements at this point, it is important to plan with those in mind. We will be doing an initial survey, sharing the survey results with a vendor to create multiple design options, and then taking those back to the community in a public open house

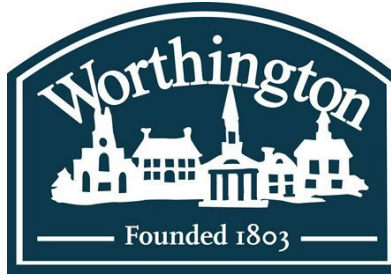
format for additional feedback. The Parks and Recreation Commission will also be involved in each phase of review. A final design will then be selected for the project with construction planned for the fall.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES

The 2024 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) included \$225,000 for the project.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Ordinance 10-2024



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: John Moorehead, Director of Service and Engineering

Subject: Ordinance No. 11-2024 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program 760-24

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This ordinance funds the Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program, Project Number 760-24.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Introduce for Public Hearing on March, 18, 2024.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

City Council gave permission to bid the 2024 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program on February 19, 2024. This year's program will include asphalt pavement and concrete maintenance in those areas designated on the 2023 Street and Sidewalk program map. This ordinance is being introduced with blanks pending the results of the bid opening. The program was advertised for bid with opening scheduled for March 12, 2024 at noon. Information appropriation amount and contractor will be provided for the public hearing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES (if applicable)

The 2024 CIP budget included \$950,000 for the Street & Sidewalk Maintenance Program. Funding for sidewalk gaps will be drawn from the 2024 CIP budget for Bike and Pedestrian Improvements.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Proposed Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program
Ordinance No. 11-2024

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2024

Amending Ordinance No. 26-2023 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of the 2024 Street Improvement Program Project and 2024 Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvement Program and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 760-24 & 761-24)

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio, provides that City Council may at any time amend or revise the Budget by Ordinance, providing that such amendment does not authorize the expenditure of more revenue than will be available; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Account No. 308.8150.533490 an amount not to exceed _____ to pay the cost of the 2024 Street Improvement Program Project (Project No. 760-24).

SECTION 2. That there be and hereby is appropriated from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Account No. 308.8150.533492 an amount not to exceed _____ to pay the cost of the 2024 Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvement Program (Project No. 761-24).

SECTION 3. That the City Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the firm of _____ for the provision of the aforementioned services.

SECTION 4. For the purposes of Section 2.21 of the Charter of the City, this ordinance shall be considered an "Ordinance Determining to Proceed" with the Project, notwithstanding future actions of this Council, which may be necessary or appropriate in order to comply with other requirements of law.

SECTION 5. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington, Ohio.

Passed _____

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council



2024 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Program, Project 760-24

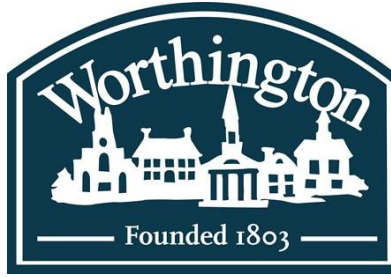
Base Bid

-  Pavement/Curb Repair
-  Renovation (Mill & Overlay)
-  Asphalt Rejuvenation
-  Pedestrian
-  Pavement Marking

Alternates

-  Program Alternates





STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 28, 2024

To: City Council

From: David McCorkle, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Ordinance 12-2024 – Appointing Robyn Stewart as City Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance appoints Robyn Stewart as City Manager and Director of Safety and authorizes the Council President to sign an employment agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduction for Public Hearing on March 18, 2024

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

Matt Greeson resigned as City Manager in late 2022 and Robyn Stewart has been serving as Acting City Manager since that time. City Council selected Management Advisory Group to assist them with a search and selection process to identify a new City Manager. City Council has identified Robyn Stewart and is negotiating with her regarding the terms of an employment agreement. The agreement will be provided for the public hearing.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Ordinance 12-2024

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2024

Appointing Robyn M. Stewart to the Position of
City Manager and Authorizing an Employment
Agreement for Said Position.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington provides for the appointment of certain exempt officers of the City with the approval of City Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Worthington City Council to approve the appointment of Robyn M. Stewart as City Manager;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Municipality of Worthington, County of Franklin, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Robyn M. Stewart be and hereby is appointed to the position of City Manager.

SECTION 2. That the President of Council is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Employment Agreement with Robyn M. Stewart as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3. That Robyn M. Stewart shall also serve as Safety Director of the City of Worthington.

SECTION 4. That notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be posted in the Municipal Administration Building, the Worthington Library, the Griswold Center and the Worthington Community Center and shall set forth the title and effective date of the Ordinance and a statement that the Ordinance is on file in the office of the Clerk of Council. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and by the Charter of the City of Worthington Ohio.

Passed _____

President of Council

Attest:

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STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 27, 2024

To: City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager
Tom Lindsey, Law Director

Subject: Liquor Permit – Sahara Lux Entertainment LLC, 5593-5601 N. High Street

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City has received notification from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that Sahara Lux Entertainment LLC has requested the transfer of D1, D2, D3, and D6 liquor permits as well as the issuance of a new D3A permit.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends a motion to not request a hearing

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The City has received notification that Sahara Lux Entertainment LLC has requested the transfer of the D1, D2, D3, and D6 permits currently held by Bona Fide Productions LLC, as well as the issuance of a new D3A permit. The D1 permit allows for the sale of beer, the D2 allows for the sale of wine and mixed beverages, and the D3 allows for the sale of spiritous liquor. The D6 allows for Sunday sales and the D3A allows for sales until 2:30 a.m.

ORC 4303.26 gives the City an opportunity to request a “hearing upon the advisability of the issuance, transfer of ownership, or transfer of location” of a liquor permit. Requesting a hearing does not guarantee that the issuance or transfer of the liquor permit will be denied. It simply provides the City the opportunity to present evidence to the Division of Liquor Control on whether there are statutory grounds pursuant to ORC 4303.292 to support the Division of Liquor Control refusing to issue the permit.

The City has received several complaints about noise since this restaurant/club opened. Police officers have responded to the complaints and engaged with the manager and owner

as well as the neighbors. It is our understanding representatives of the business have also talked with neighbors.

City Council has a few options for proceeding on this issue. Council can request a hearing, decline to request a hearing, or fail to respond to the notice (thus neither requesting or declining a hearing). Council previously requested a 30-day extension, which expires on March 9th.

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC 4303.292) describes the grounds for denial, which primarily relate to criminal history, past liquor violations, condition of the physical building, and the location and impact of the establishment. Evidence of substantial impact is required if objecting based on the impact of the establishment. Staff recommends a motion to not request a hearing, however the City will continue engage on noise complaints and urge the business to address the concerns of neighboring residents.

If the transfer of permits and issuance of the new permit are approved by the Division of Liquor Control, there are opportunities to object to renewal of the permits at the end of each year.

ATTACHMENT(S)

(2) Notices from Ohio Division of Liquor Control

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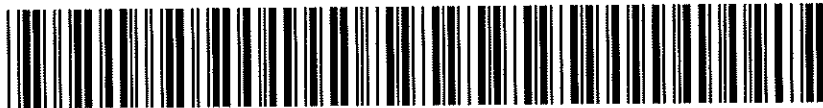
OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
6606 TUSSING ROAD, P.O. BOX 4005
REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068-9005
(614)644-2360 FAX(614)644-3166

TO

7677283		NEW		SAHARA LUX ENTERTAINMENT LLC BSMT & PATIO 5593-5601 N HIGH ST WORTHINGTON OH 43085
PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE		
ISSUE DATE				
01 02 2024				
FILING DATE				
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TAX DISTRICT		RECEIPT NO.		

FROM 01/08/2024

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MAILED 01/08/2024

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN. 02/08/2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES **B NEW 7677283**

(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT
THE HEARING BE HELD ☐ IN OUR COUNTY SEAT. ☐ IN COLUMBUS.

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING. ☐

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature)

(Title)- ☐ Clerk of County Commissioner

(Date)

☐ Clerk of City Council

☐ Township Fiscal Officer

CLERK OF WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
KAY THRESS
6550 NORTH HIGH STREET
WORTHINGTON OHIO 43085



Department of Commerce

Division of Liquor Control

com.ohio.gov

Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Sherry Maxfield, Director

Dear Local Legislative Authority Official:

Please find enclosed the legislative notice that is being sent to you regarding the applied for liquor permit as captioned on the notice. You **must**, within 30 days from the "mailed" date listed on the notice under the bar code:

- Notify the Division whether you object and want a hearing; or
- Ask for your one-time only, 30-day extension.
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To be considered **timely**, your above response **MUST** be faxed, emailed, or mailed to the Division no later than the postmark deadline date stated on the form. To speed up processing times and reduce paper, the Division respectfully asks that you either fax or email your response. Please send your response to:

FAX: (614) 644 – 3166

EMAIL: Liquordocs@com.ohio.gov

MAIL: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
Attn: Licensing Unit
6606 Tussing Road
PO Box 4005
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005

To find out who has disclosed an ownership interest in the permit application to us you can:

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We have resources for you at com.ohio.gov/govhelp. Never miss out on when renewal objections are due! Sign-up for our emails at com.ohio.gov/stayinformed.

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Division Licensing Section

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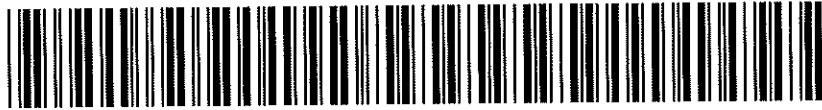
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FROM 01/08/2024 SAFEKEEPING

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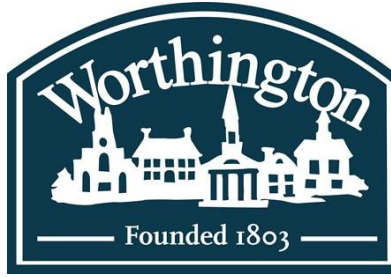
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Division Licensing Section

(rev. 12/29/2023)



Staff Memorandum
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 27, 2024

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: Grace Brown, City Clerk

Subject: New Liquor Permit – Triumph Venture LLC, DBA Shakers Public House & Patio

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control has notified the City of a request for a new liquor permit from Triumph Venture LLC DBA Shakers Public House & Patio.

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Not Request a Hearing for the D5I and D6 permit classes.

BACKGROUND

Triumph Venture LLC DBA Shakers Public House & Patio, located at 480 E. Wilson Bridge Rd. Unit A, application request is for class D5I and a D6 permit.

The D5I class permit is for restaurants that meet certain conditions which include minimum square footage and mostly food sales to also sell beer and intoxicating liquor for consumption on their premises. The D6 class allows Sunday sales of intoxicating liquors.

The permit application received by the City from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control only listed the request for a D5I permit. Due to a clerical error, the D6 request was listed on the Division's website, but not the application.

Staff verified with the Division of Liquor Control that the D6 permit should have also been included in the application.

ATTACHMENTS

Notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control
Screenshot of Pending Liquor Permit Classes

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE
AUTHORITY

OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
6606 TUSSING ROAD, P.O. BOX 4005
REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068-9005
(614)644-2360 FAX(614)644-3166

TO

9058219		NEW		TRIUMPH VENTURE LLC DBA SHAKERS PUBLIC HOUSE 480 E WILSON BRIDGE RD UNIT A WORTHINGTON OH 43085
PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE		
ISSUE DATE				
01 26 2024				
FILING DATE				
D5I		PERMIT CLASSES		
25	297	B	E08110	
TAX DISTRICT		RECEIPT NO.		

FROM 02/02/2024

PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE	
ISSUE DATE			
FILING DATE			
PERMIT CLASSES			
TAX DISTRICT		RECEIPT NO.	



MAILED 02/02/2024

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN. 03/04/2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES

B NEW 9058219

(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT
THE HEARING BE HELD ☐ IN OUR COUNTY SEAT. ☐ IN COLUMBUS.

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING. ☐

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature)

(Title)- ☐ Clerk of County Commissioner

(Date)

☐ Clerk of City Council

☐ Township Fiscal Officer

CLERK OF WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
KAY THRESS
6550 NORTH HIGH STREET
WORTHINGTON OHIO 43085



Department of Commerce

Division of Liquor Control

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Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Sherry Maxfield, Director

Dear Local Legislative Authority Official:

Please find enclosed the legislative notice that is being sent to you regarding the applied for liquor permit as captioned on the notice. You must, within 30 days from the "mailed" date listed on the notice under the bar code:

- Notify the Division whether you object and want a hearing; or
- Ask for your one-time only, 30-day extension.
 - Any requests for a one-time, 30-day extension will be reviewed by the Division upon timely receipt. If granted, your additional 30-days runs from the expiration of the original 30-day period.

To be considered **timely**, your above response **MUST** be faxed, emailed, or mailed to the Division no later than the postmark deadline date stated on the form. To speed up processing times and reduce paper, the Division respectfully asks that you either fax or email your response. Please send your response to:

FAX: (614) 644 – 3166

EMAIL: Liquordocs@com.ohio.gov

MAIL: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
Attn: Licensing Unit
6606 Tussing Road
PO Box 4005
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005

To find out who has disclosed an ownership interest in the permit application to us you can:

- Visit com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo. Select the "Search who has disclosed an ownership interest" tab. Where asked, enter the permit number listed on the legislative notice; or
- Contact your police department or county sheriff (if you are a township fiscal officer or county clerk). We also sent them detailed ownership information to review for any criminal background issues involving the disclosed persons.

We have resources for you at com.ohio.gov/govhelp. Never miss out on when renewal objections are due! Sign-up for our emails at com.ohio.gov/stayinformed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Division Licensing Section

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Zip Code

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List of Permit Holder

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	Permit Number	Permit Name	DBA	Class / Issue Status	Address	City / Township of Premises	County	Quota Exempt Class	Agency Number
Details	9058219	TRIUMPH VENTURE LLC	DBA SHAKERS PUBLIC HOUSE & PATIO	D5I / PENDING	480 E WILSON BRIDGE RD UNIT A WORTHINGTON, OH 43085	WORTHINGTON	FRANKLIN	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	
Details	9058219	TRIUMPH VENTURE LLC	DBA SHAKERS PUBLIC HOUSE & PATIO	D6 / PENDING	480 E WILSON BRIDGE RD UNIT A WORTHINGTON, OH 43085	WORTHINGTON	FRANKLIN	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	

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TO

03364500005		NEW	AV NAIL SPA WORTHINGTON PLACE LLC DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA 7227 N HIGH ST STE 108 WORTHINGTON OH 43085
PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE	
ISSUE DATE			
01 26 2024			
FILING DATE			
D5J			
PERMIT CLASSES			
25	297	B	E07719
TAX DISTRICT			RECEIPT NO.

FROM 01/31/2024

PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE
ISSUE DATE		
FILING DATE		
PERMIT CLASSES		
TAX DISTRICT		RECEIPT NO.



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B NEW 0336450-0005

(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

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<div>Details</div>	0302497	AV NAIL SPA LANE AVENUE LLC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D2 / ISSUED 11/20/2019	1617 W LANE AVE UPPER ARLINGTON, OH 43221	UPPER ARLINGTON	FRANKLIN	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	007
<div>Details</div>	0302497	AV NAIL SPA LANE AVENUE LLC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D3 / ISSUED 11/20/2019	1617 W LANE AVE UPPER ARLINGTON, OH 43221	UPPER ARLINGTON	FRANKLIN	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	007
<div>Details</div>	0302497	AV NAIL SPA LANE AVENUE LLC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D5 / CANCELLED 12/26/2018	1617 W LANE AVE UPPER ARLINGTON, OH 43221	UPPER ARLINGTON	FRANKLIN	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	007
<div>Details</div>	0302485	AV NAIL SPA LIBERTY INC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D5J / ISSUED 10/4/2016	7640 GIBSON ST LIBERTY, OH 45069	LIBERTY TWP	BUTLER	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	009
<div>Details</div>	0302485	AV NAIL SPA LIBERTY INC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D6 / ISSUED 10/4/2016	7640 GIBSON ST LIBERTY, OH 45069	LIBERTY TWP	BUTLER	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	009
<div>Details</div>	0302450	AV NAIL SPA PARMA INC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D5 / ISSUED 11/7/2019	7777 W RIDGEWOOD DR STE 809 PARMA, OH 44129	PARMA	CUYAHOGA	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	009
<div>Details</div>	0302450	AV NAIL SPA PARMA INC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D6 / ISSUED 11/7/2019	7777 W RIDGEWOOD DR STE 809 PARMA, OH 44129	PARMA	CUYAHOGA	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	009
<div>Details</div>	0302490	AV NAIL SPA PORTAGE INC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D5J / ISSUED 11/6/2015	2021 PORTAGE TRAIL CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44223	CUYAHOGA FALLS	SUMMIT	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	008
<div>Details</div>	0302490	AV NAIL SPA PORTAGE INC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D6 / CANCELLED 9/11/2015	2021 PORTAGE TRAIL CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44223	CUYAHOGA FALLS	SUMMIT	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	008
<div>Details</div>	0336450	AV NAIL SPA WORTHINGTON PLACE LLC	DBA ANTHONY VINCE NAIL SPA	D5J / CANCELLED 10/10/2023	7227 N HIGH ST STE 108 WORTHINGTON, OH 43085	WORTHINGTON	FRANKLIN	NOT A QUOTA EXEMPT CLASS	007
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Staff Memorandum
City Council Meeting – March 4, 2024

Date: February 28, 2024

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: Grace Brown, City Clerk

Subject: New Liquor Permit – Nail Spa Worthington Place LLC, DBA Anthony Vince Nail Spa

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ohio Division of Liquor Control has notified the City of a request for a new liquor permit from Nail Spa Worthington Place LLC, DBA Anthony Vince Nail Spa.

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to Not Request a Hearing for the D5J and D6 permit classes.

BACKGROUND

Nail Spa Worthington Place LLC, DBA Anthony Vince Nail Spa, located at 7227 N. High St. Suite 108, application request is for class D5J and a D6 permit.

The D5J class permit is for businesses located within a Community Entertainment District (CED). It allows the sale of alcohol until 2:30 a.m. The D6 class allows Sunday sales of intoxicating liquors. Anthony Vince Nail Spa previously had the D5J permit at this location, but it was cancelled in 2023.

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