



City Council Agenda

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Visitor Comments

Approval of the Minutes

5. Approval of Minutes

January 17, 2023, February 06, 2023 (Special Meeting), February 06, 2023, February 13, 2023 (Special Meeting), February 13, 2023

Recommendation: Introduce and approve as presented.

Public Hearings on Legislation

6. Ordinance No. 11-2023 Time Extension – Food Waste Curbside Collection Program

Temporarily Waiving Section 945.02 of Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington for Curbside Collection of Household Food Waste.

Executive Summary: This Ordinance would extend the temporary waiver of the requirements of Section 945.02 of the Codified Ordinances to permit the curbside collection of household food waste.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

New Legislation - Resolution(s)

7. Resolution No. 22-2023- Approving Arts Grant Funding

Approving 2023 Grant Funding for Worthington Community Arts Programming.

Executive Summary: This Resolution approves the distribution of \$5,000 in Community Arts programming grants.

Recommendation: Introduce and approve as presented.

8. Resolution No. 23-2023 – Confirming the Appointment of Angela Harris as Director of Personnel

Confirming the Appointment of Angela N. Harris to the Position of Director of Personnel and Amending the Position Description for Director of Personnel.

Executive Summary: This Resolution confirms the Appointment of Angela N. Harris to the position of Director of Personnel and amends the position description for Director of Personnel.

Recommendation: Introduce and Approve as Presented

9. Resolution No. 24-2023-Commemorative Flags-Juneteenth

Authorizing a Juneteenth Flag to be Displayed on City Owned Property at Specific Locations and for Specific Periods of Time.

Executive Summary: This Resolution authorizes the flying of a commemorative flag recognizing Juneteenth on the green lampposts along High Street between Granville Road and South and South Street.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

10. Resolution No. 25-2023- Commemorative Flags- Progressive Pride

Authorizing the Progress Pride Flag to be Displayed on City Owned Property at Specific Locations and for Specific Periods of Time.

Executive Summary: This Resolution authorizes the flying of a commemorative flag recognizing Juneteenth on the green lampposts along High Street between Granville Road and South and South Street.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

11. Resolution No. 26-2023 Renewal of NRECC Agreement for Dispatch Services

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center to Continue to Provide Public Safety Dispatching Communication Services.

Executive Summary: This resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center to continue to provide public safety dispatching communication services.

Recommendation: Introduce and Approve as Presented.

12. Resolution No. 27-2023 Designation for Worthington Resource Pantry

Designating Ethan Barnhardt to Represent the City of Worthington on the Worthington Resource Pantry Board of Directors.

Executive Summary: This Resolution designates Ethan Barnhardt as City representation on the Worthington Resource Pantry Board.

Recommendation: Introduce and approve as presented.

Reports of Council Members

Other Business

Executive Session

13. Executive Session

- a. To consider the appointment of a public official.

Adjournment

14. Motion to Adjourn

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City Council Agenda

Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Worthington City Council met in-person in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. President Robinson called the meeting to order at or about 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

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

Member(s) Absent:

Also Present: Acting City Manager Robyn Stewart, Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director David McCorkle, Director of Law Tom Lindsey, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Service & Engineering Director John Moorehead, Planning & Building Director Lee Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation Darren Hurley, Chief of Fire & EMS Mark Zambito, Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress

There were twenty-one members of the public in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The Pledge was not recited because it was spoken during the Joint meeting.

4. Visitor Comments

Minutes:

Mr. Mark Gideon of 91 Chaucer Ct. shared how last year he distributed flyers to his neighbors regarding the Northbrook Sewer project due to his concerns that the City was not sharing information with residents and giving proper opportunities to participate and make suggestions. He described how the City is exempt from the review process that residents are required to follow. The City could have notified property owners and neighbors about the project and the alternatives considered, but they chose not to do so. This project will have impacts that are both positive and negative. The City did an injustice to residents in the area by not making them aware of the plans for the City to install a new sewer and contribute to the process. He shared how he researched Councilmembers' views on transparency from their web presence. In conclusion, he calls on City

Council to take action now that present and future business before the City, including the Northbrook Sanitary Sewer, will be conducted with honesty and transparency. He also requested that the sewer be moved out of the Rush Creek watershed and that Phase Two should be engineered to increase capacity.

Ms. Felicity Smith of 169 E. North Street shared how the other day her family went to the local Fresh Thyme to buy eggs. But the store was completely out, and they did not know when they would restock them. Recently at a local restaurant, there was a sign saying that they could not make certain foods due to an egg shortage. According to the bureau of labor statistics, the average price for a dozen Grade A eggs was \$1.51 in 2020. And this year, the average price is \$3.59. And for a dozen organic or free-range eggs, the cost is \$7.00. Aside from the supply issue and the economics, there are many benefits to backyard chickens.

According to GreenAmerica.org, some benefits include: backyard chickens produce healthier eggs, they are great composters for scraps; they can help children learn responsibility and they are simply adorable. It's true. And some Worthington residents currently get to enjoy chickens. She knows of at least three families who have them. The Worthington Library promotes chickens to the community by raising chicks each spring. Worthington already has a law allowing chickens. Currently, the distance requirement is 150 feet. This is less than 5 percent of residential properties in Worthington. This is restrictive. In my neighborhood of Wilson Hill, the average backyard is approximately 30 feet.

She suggested that Council change the distance requirement from 150 feet to 30 feet so the average person in Worthington has the opportunity to have chickens. She asked why wouldn't Council want more people to have the opportunity to own chickens because it can't be an issue of noise. Dogs are allowed and an average dog's bark is 120 decibels. A hen at her loudest is 60 decibels - the same as normal human conversation. Hens are typically so quiet that there have been cases of family flocks being kept for years without the next-door neighbors knowing it. The existing law does not allow roosters and that should remain the same. There is no need for a rooster in the city.

Approval of the Minutes

5. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes - November 7, November 14, November 21, 2022 (Special), November 21, 2022, and December 5, 2022 (Joint)

Minutes:

MOTION Ms. Hermann made a motion, seconded by Ms. Brewer to approve the November 7, 2022, November 14, 2022, November 21, 2022 (Special), November 21, 2022, and December 5, 2022 (Joint) meeting minutes as presented.

There being no additions or corrections, the motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Appeal

6. Architectural Review Board Appeal

Minutes:

Council President Robinson introduced the Architectural Review Board Appeal by explaining that Council does not frequently hold administrative hearings and asked that Law Director Tom

Lindsey provide a general explanation of the hearing and procedural overview. He also indicated that Ms. Hermann would speak as the appealing party would step away from her seat on the dais. Ms. Hermann confirmed that as a member of Council and the appealing party, she would abstain from the vote and step away from the dais and join the audience when presenting to Council and for the duration of the agenda item.

Mr. Lindsey explained that an administrative hearing is a quasi-judicial hearing. That differed from Council's traditional legislative role. Council's role was to render a decision to be based on existing law and to consider evidence presented by both parties.

He emphasized that in a legislative proceeding, Council makes policy decisions and in existing law it was important to understand the difference between Council's role in a legislative procedure and its role in an administrative hearing in a legislative proceeding. Council was not making a policy decision as to whether to change the existing law. Mr. Lindsey shared that Council was not to change existing law during an administrative hearing.

He continued by sharing the administrative hearing was regarding the Architectural Review Board's decision to approve the Wilcox Communities request for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Council was to consider Ms. Herman's appeal based on those existing design guidelines that the Architectural Review Board considered in making its decision.

Mr. Lindsey explained the administrative hearing was not regarding the issue as to whether or not Council should amend the design guidelines.

He shared that members of the public were welcome to email City Council with any comments about the design guidelines. All comments about the design guidelines were to be held for another day.

Mr. Lindsey welcomed members of the public who believed the were aggrieved party, they were welcome to complete a white speaker meeting slip.

He informed Council and audience members of the definition the Ohio Supreme Court for purposes of standing to appeal has indicated an agreed party had to have an immediate and pecuniary interest in the decision being appealed and able to demonstrate a present interest that has been prejudiced by the decision being . future contingent or speculative interest was not sufficient to confer standing to appeal.

He explained that within the context of Zoning matters, adjacent property owners generally had more standing. The more distant, property owners were typically seen as with a general interest only.

Procedurally, Mr. Lindsey explained that individuals offering testimony would be sworn in during the appeal. He also shared that Council President Robinson would run the meeting in a similar manner to the Chief Justice of a panel of judges. Council's decision would be by majority of vote. With six Council Members, it would require four votes for majority.

Mr. Lindsey then explained order of testimony for the appeal. As the appealing party, Ms. Hermann would be the last to speak with Mr. Chris Chakroff also speaking as he was considered an ag party as an adjacent property owner.

Wilcox Communities would speak after Ms. Hermann, Mr. Chakroff, and aggrieved parties with Ms. Hermann being granted the opportunity to provide closing remarks.

Council President Robinson then opened the conversation up to Council members for questions about the procedure.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked for additional information regarding Council's decision. Specifically, if it was to be a sort of de novo hearing or to determine if the decision ARB made was appropriate based on facts presented in materials.

Mr. Lindsey responded that the role of Council was a blend of both. He mentioned that deference should be made to the ARB, but that consideration was to be for the testimony to be offered by all parties.

Ms. Michael asked if comments made by a contiguous neighbor of the property could be presented via letter during the appeal.

Mr. Lindsey responded that the party could be considered aggrieved by Council but there was an issue with the ability of the other party to question the submitting party. He recommended that it not be done.

Council President Robinson then summarized how the appeal would run procedurally.

Mr. Lindsey swore in all parties wishing to speak act as Witness.

Planning and Building Director Lee Brown offered background on the ARB decision regarding the request for exterior modifications on December 8, 2022. Mr. Brown shared that Wilcox Communities had been in Worthington for about 15 years with a total of 10 employees. The structure in (the current CF Bank) was over 8,000 square feet and constructed in 2007. Rather than leave Worthington, the business wished to relocate to a building to allow for business growth. Mr. Brown shared photos and application materials submitted by the applicant which included existing business that had painted brick. He also shared the brick was not considered historic.

Mr. Brown introduced Mikel Coulter, a member of the ARB and MPC, respectively.

Mr. Coulter began by sharing that the CF Bank is not historic. He stated that there were some requests by the applicant that were some changes that were struck from the application. He went on to explain that some building owners choose to paint brick first to help mitigate damage by weather or water migration.

He continued to share reasons why Worthington Communities would want to change the appearance of the building and stay within the City of Worthington to continue to do and grow their business.

Mr. Coulter shared information on jumbo brick and his experience and view of painted building within the historic district of Worthington.

Mr. Coulter expressed his support of the ARB decision and added that Wilcox Communities had already agreed to work with City Staff to meet within the requested palette of white variations.

Ms. Brewer asked Mr. Coulter and/or Mr. Brown to share how long the applicant had been working with City Staff and what the process was leading up to the hearing in December.

Mr. Brown responded that he and Mr. David McCorkle met with the applicants in early November and learned of their opportunity to purchase the FC Bank building. He shared that he, Linda Batar, Mr. Coulter and Mr. Foust met on-site with the applicant at the FC Bank two weeks before the meeting. It was an opportunity for Board Members to ask questions and express any concerns.

The public meeting was then held on December 8, 2022.

Ms. Brewer next asked Mr. Brown about the timeline of noticing the meeting and Mr. Brown responded that the notice was posted on or about November 28-29. He confirmed that staff did not receive any emails or letters prior to the hearing against the application except for a letter from Mr. Chakroff which was made available to Board Members.

Council President Robinson then asked Mr. Coulter how or why the ARB may deny an application for other applicants requesting an aesthetic change. Mr. Coulter responded that the Board has denied applications for aesthetic changes and gave examples of fencing, other paint examples and also what changes may do to the character of the building.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked Mr. Coulter what standard or guideline does the Board use to make their decision.

Mr. Coulter responded with view as architect. He confirmed that the standard of guidelines refers to light colors, like tan or white and that the guidelines address trim colors.

Mr. Brown confirmed that the applicant would get final approval from the Board before painting brick.

Next, Mr. Foust, member of the ARB offered testimony before Council. He shared his background as a professional engineer and as a volunteer on ARB.

He shared his decision to vote no for the application to paint the brick after there was no option to have it tabled. He wanted to have more information before making the decision.

Mr. Foust explained that his decision was made after meeting with the applicant on site and their thought design plan would change from the initial meeting to the time of the hearing. He shared they did not from his review.

Mr. Foust also shared a concern about the color of the building in the afternoon sun.

He continued by commenting on what he saw as missing from the proposal, including finish of the paint.

Council President Robinson commented and asked on the standard of certificate of appropriateness in the broader context of surroundings.

Mr. Foust replied that it was appropriate to consider the surrounding buildings. He shared photos of other buildings in Worthington and previous requests by owners to paint.

Mr. Smith asked how neighbors and the community were made aware of the project in the ARB process.

Mr. Brown responded to Mr. Smith that adjacent property owners are notified by letter of what's happening 10 days before the meeting, and blue public hearing signs are posted 10 days before.

Ms. Hermann was next to offer testimony before Council. She expressed appreciation for the Architectural Review Board and their work. She continued by sharing concern for the December 8, 2022, approval and wanted a more in-depth discussion on the proposed transformation of the building. Particularly the painting of the building.

She discussed her concern with painting the building white with its natural brick and in its prominent location. She spoke of concern of setting precedence of the modification.

Ms. Hermann shared her research and preparation for the appeal which included conversations with members of the ARB, community members, reviewing ARB guidelines, and a PowerPoint of other painted brick building in Worthington to present to Council.

Ms. Hermann expressed concern during the PowerPoint about what the white brick may look like with surrounding buildings. Specifically, its size in consideration of the surrounding structures. She also expressed concerns of a bounce back of light off of a white building from her experience as a photographer.

She also questioned the building being painted white in consideration of Worthington's character from her personal view and that of some residents. Ms. Hermann continued by sharing photos of

natural brick buildings in Worthington.

Ms. Hermann concluded her testimony by sharing her hope for further discussion regarding the issue of appropriateness of painting the building.

Mr. Chris Chakroff was called to offer testimony as an aggrieved party, as an adjacent building owner. He provided Council with a packet of information he collected and researched. Mr. Chakroff testified that he made trips to paint stores and did research with professional companies to learn about brick. He expressed concern about the size and style of brick which would be painted and argued that deterioration of the brick would be an issue. Mr. Chakroff's expressed concern about the shine produced by a film on the brick.

Mr. Chakroff closed that he was present to preserve the reason his family and many others moved to Worthington, to preserve the beauty of the City. He also expressed concern for the future of his son as the next generation of business owner and the legacy that the ARB and Council decision would leave him.

Council President Robinson asked Mr. Chakroff what was happening to the brick. (Related to his concerns expressed in testimony). Mr. Chakroff responded that brick was not engineered to be painted and has a porous nature, therefore causing issue. He concluded that brick does hold paint.

Council Member Michael expressed concern that emails received may not or would not be considered because parties could not be cross-examined. She asked Council to keep the emails in consideration in their decision.

Next, Jonathan Wilcox, Managing Partner and Mr. Carter Bean with Carter Bean Architects testified on behalf of Wilcox Communities. Mr. Wilcox provided a brief history of Wilcox Communities, a family-owned business which specialized in housing communities. He shared a personal history with Worthington dating back to 1983. In 2013, they moved Wilcox Communities from Upper Arlington to Worthington.

Mr. Wilcox shared that the lease on their current property in Worthington would be up in October and their excitement that the CF building would be available. He expressed their work in trying to absorb the challenges of the guidelines and understanding Ordinances in the local community while trying to maintain their look and brand.

Mr. Bean shared that the building was 15 years old and that the building was not considered a historic structure. He clarified that the brick to be used was not historic size nor color. He spoke on the cohesiveness of the design within the guidelines given by the ARB. Mr. Bean shared that much of what was shared in the evening thus far had been opinion based and that there were no preclusions in painting brick within zoning guidelines.

Mr. Bean shared a pearly white color that was in the run for consideration and additional colors for future discussion. He agreed that warmer colors would be more historic and aligned with Worthington's historic feel. He shared that the brick being used would have different moisture mitigation than bricks used historically.

Council President Robinson thanked members representing Wilcox Communities.

Council Member Smith asked Mr. Brown about what outreach had been done within the community regarding the project.

Mr. Wilcox responded that he had asked Mr. Brown if citizens had concerns. He was only made aware of Mr. Chakroff's concerns. While they did have a cordial conversation, Mr. Wilcox reported

that Mr. Chakroff was against painting the building.

Council Member Kowalczyk asked Mr. Bean, as not being an expert, about concerns of the color white they chose having a glare or light reflection. Mr. Bean suggested doing an eggshell finish which was below the halfway point of “reflectability”. Ms. Kowalczyk then asked about the impact of painting brick. Mr. Bean responded that guidelines suggest not painting historic brick, due to age and weathering. He indicated that the new brick being used would be built to withstand weathering. He shared that the brick would be made to withstand moisture.

Council Member Brewer asked if Wilcox Communities would be willing to add in community outreach regarding color choice by painting some of the bricks. Mr. Wilcox indicated that they would be happy to work with the ARB and concerned parties.

Next, Ms. Hermann had the opportunity to provide closing remarks. She thanked businesses for choosing Worthington. She cited guidelines for outside the historic district which offered guidance on painting brick. She added that there was a caveat which stated that painting new brick walls may be acceptable.

Ms. Hermann shared her thoughts that while the building was not considered historic, at some point it would be. She again shared her respect for boards and commissions. She felt that it was not an absolute decision on guidelines, a larger conversation had to be had.

Council President Robinson explained the procedure and language for the Council vote.

Council Member Smith asked if the appellant could withdraw the appeal. Mr. Lindsey explained that technically it could be, but there was another aggrieved party who, prior to the filing, had indicated they would file an appeal.

Council Member Michael expressed support for the appeal and that the brick building should remain brick. She also stated that two potentially aggrieved parties were unable to attend and wanted the building to remain brick.

Council Member Brewer expressed gratitude for Council Members’ vote to hear the appeal. She shared her thoughts that applicant did was asked, was willing to work with the community, and did not want to take the opportunity for them to move forward with their plans taken away. She stated that she would effectively be voting no on the appeal.

Council Member Kowalczyk shared her support of what Council Member Brewer stated. She stated that it was important to consider the impact of the process on the business atmosphere in Worthington. She added that the character of the community is the people and not whether brick is painted. She did express that there were practical concerns raised in the appeal. Ms. Kowalczyk shared that other buildings in the area in question were white and concluded that she would vote not for the motion.

Council President Robinson expressed support for Ms. Hermann’s appeal. He stated that the preponderance was that natural brick was preferred and that as it was in the gateway, it would have a greater effect on the other buildings. He felt it would be difficult to vote no for future buildings to be painted with a precedence of permitting the painting of the building.

Council Member Smith indicated that he would vote yes in support of the appeal. He indicated that it was up to Council Members’ prerogative and nuanced understanding of community character. He stated that he was not inherently against painting brick buildings white but would not vote to paint the building in question.

Council Member Bucher shared that he would vote no on the appeal. He felt that Wilcox

Communities had done everything asked of them and they satisfied the questions asked by the community and Council.

MOTION: Mr. Robinson made a motion stated in the positive. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.

There being no additional comments, and at the request of President Robinson, the clerk called the roll on the motion.

The motion was defeated by the following vote: Ayes: 3 (Smith, Michael, and Robinson) /

Nays: 3 (Bucher, Kowalczyk, Brewer)

President Robinson declared a ten-minute recess

Public Hearings on Legislation

7. Ordinance No. 47-2022 Appropriation - McCord Park Phase 2

Amending Ordinance No. 39-2022 (As Amended) to Adjust the Annual Budget by Providing for an Appropriation from the Capital Improvements Fund Unappropriated Balance to Pay the Costs of McCord Park Improvements - Phase 2 and all Related Expenses and Determining to Proceed with said Project. (Project No. 716-21)

Minutes:

MOTION Ms. Hermann moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk to remove from the table.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

MOTION Mr. Bucher moved, seconded by Ms. Brewer to insert in Section 1. the amount of Four Million Three Hundred Eight-Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$4,385,564) and Section 2. to include the firm of Builderscape Inc.

There being no additional comments, the amendment carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Ms. Stewart reported appreciating the extra time that Council provided by tabling this ordinance to allow staff to further evaluate the bids and specifically the alternates. She asked Parks Director Darren Hurley to report and provide staff recommendations.

Mr. Hurley began by recognizing the team that worked on this recommendation. He shared that the McCord Park project began in 2018 when Council approved the conceptual Master Plan. POD Design completed Phase I in October fall of 2022 and began developing Phase II, which went out for bid in November 2022. The bids were opened in December 2022.

Mr. Hurley shared that Phase II focuses on the four ball diamonds, the restroom facility, and the multi-use trail that will encircle the fields and provide a half-mile loop. It also reconfigures some parking and the entrance onto Wilson Bridge Road which has received positive feedback from many of our neighbors and users of the facility. He showed aerial renderings of the ball diamonds from different angles. The restroom facility will also have some storage which can be utilized by not only the city but some of our partners as well. A shelter overhang will provide both shelter and shade for folks watching the games. One of the most popular additions will be enclosed dugouts, which will be similar in design to those at Perry Park. The project also includes some outfield barrier netting to provide additional safety not only to vehicles and nearby structures but also for those enjoying other areas of the park and trail.

Mr. Hurley showed renderings of a standard infield dirt mix and then an alternate bid rendering with synthetic turf infield. There was a base bid rendering of a 30' height black vinyl-coated chain link fence backstop and an alternate bid that includes an upgraded net 30' height netting backstop. The uninhibited view of the field has become popular at newer facilities.

Phase II estimates provided by POD Design prior to going out to bid included a base bid of \$3,030,752. The artificial turf upgrade (alternate I) was estimated at \$560,000 and the backstop netting upgrade (alternate II) was \$200,000. That brought the total estimate to \$3,790,752. Members might recall that our budget in the CIP is \$3.5 so that is a good point of reference as we go through these numbers.

Mr. Hurley reported there being three bidders with Builderscape Inc., who was also the lead construction on Phase I and was our low bidder for Phase II. However, the base bid came in at \$3,334,213, with alternate I for the artificial turf upgrade at \$615,355 and alternate II for the backstop netting upgrade at \$37,308, which makes the total bid \$3,986,876 compared to the \$3,790,752 engineer's estimate for the project. With the addition of a 10% contingency, that number grows to \$4,385,564.

With the inclusion of the alternates putting us over we started really trying to assess a path forward which is why we asked the Council for a little extra time. We wanted to spend some time specifically with the Worthington Youth Boosters since they participated in our design process along with the schools and several other stakeholders. From the beginning, they really expressed an interest in the upgrades of the artificial turf and net backstops, which bring a lot of benefits in terms of playability. It can extend our seasons use with fewer rain outs and there's a big maintenance impact that is positive to the city, so we spent time going through it with them. They shared a desire to partner to accomplish those upgrades with the caveat that we needed to see where the bids were and what the city's position was to move forward. The Youth Boosters utilize over 80% of the available field usage at McCord historically. That is by design because they are providing services to our community. Artificial turf can provide cost recovery but that requires the users to pay more. They shared a desire to partner to accomplish those upgrades. We know the life of the turf is 10 to 12 years so we have used 10 years in almost all of our assessments. We have talked with the Youth Boosters about various options and after multiple meetings over the last few weeks, often around holidays, we reached some verbal terms, pending the Council's approval of the project.

We need Council's blessing prior to a written agreement but he wanted to share the reason why we are recommending moving forward with the alternates. The alternates total \$652,663. The Worthington Youth Boosters will provide a one-time contribution of \$150,000. They are also willing to increase their hourly usage rates on the ball diamonds. The usage rates over the 10-year turf life should generate between \$350,000 and \$400,000. That would bring their total contributions between \$500,000 and \$550,000 of the \$650,000+ alternate totals. Because of the one-time contribution up front, the city will continue to provide fields to the Worthington Youth Boosters at least at the current levels, and not pull those away to give to higher payers.

Mr. Hurley clarified that only the infield would be artificial turf, and the outfield would still be grass. There was a slide on Cost Recovery Calculations that showed the different users of the fields and the hours at which they use those fields. He compared the proposed rates to the 2019 rental rates. With the increased fees and additional users that could be realized because of the artificial turf, the additional revenue could be an additional \$36,835 annually. Extrapolate that over 10 years, it equates to that \$360,000 number. That plus the one-time contribution gets us north of \$500,000. Mr. Hurley shared that they not only spent time looking at revenue impacts but also maintenance impacts. Not having to spend hours in labor and materials preparing the infields for games will

save roughly \$69,000 a year however he is not showing that as cost recovery because there are plenty of other places for those crews to spend their time.

The current timeline, if we were able to move forward this evening with the bid award and appropriation, they would be on target for construction to begin in the spring with the project being completed in the fall of 2023. While they would lose this entire year at McCord Park ball diamonds, they would be able to begin full usage when the season rolled around next spring.

Mr. Hurley asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Michael commented that on behalf of Scott Myers, she thanks him. This is something that has been a dream for many of us for a long time.

Mr. Robinson agreed. The design is superb, and he added his thanks.

Mr. Hurley asked to recognize the members of the Parks & Recreation Commission who have spent a great deal of time on this project. They did make a motion in support of the design with both alternates and appropriation. He just wanted to make it clear that they had made a motion in support of that as well.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 47-2022 (As Amended).

The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:

Vote Results: Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

8. Ordinance No. 01-2023 - Amending Code - Chapter 1153 and Chapter 1127 (Demolition)

To Amend Chapter 1127.02 Municipal Planning Commission – Powers and Duties and Create Chapter 1153 Demolition of a Building Outside the Architectural Review District of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington.

Minutes:

MOTION Ms. Kowalczyk made a motion to removed 1153.05 a. and c. and reletter 1153.05 b. and d. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brewer

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Robinson reported this ordinance being introduced on January 3, 2023. He invited Ms. Stewart to comment.

Ms. Stewart shared the Planning and Building Director Lee Brown has been working on this code language along with members of the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) and the Historical Society. The MPC has also reviewed it.

Mr. Brown reported that Chapter 1153 deals with the demolition of buildings outside the district. The purpose of this newly created chapter is to recognize the need to document the city's existing quality and character while permitting redevelopment in the city outside the architectural review district. It focuses on the complete and partial demolition of an existing building that is more than 75 years old. Any application that meets that age requirement is sent to the Historical Society for review. The zoning code defines a building as any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended for the shelter, housing, or enclosure of persons, animals, or materials. Appeals may be filed with the City Clerk and Council shall hold a public hearing to decide the matter. It is pretty straightforward. He invited Kate LaLonde, director of the Historical Society to provide comments.

Ms. LaLonde thanked Council for the discussion on this issue. Their main objective is to have an opportunity to know that a building is being considered for demolition and to be able to photograph

it, document it, and if appropriate go inside to see the fabric of the building to determine if they want to discuss salvaging or preserving anything. During her time at the Society, there was one building that was demolished before they had a chance to review it. That was disappointing for them. While they do not wish to impede progress, they would like a chance to review and document the older structures. Mr. Brown confirmed there are only a few that would qualify under this scenario per year. Several years ago, Chapter 13 was rewritten to include additional requirements for the demolition of buildings in anticipation of some redevelopment occurring. We mirrored that language as part of this Chapter.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked what exactly is in our code in terms of demolition outside of the ARB. She asked if a permit is currently required for demolition anywhere in the city? Mr. Brown replied yes. Many of the items referenced in this Chapter are already required. Ms. Kowalczyk stated that they do not go through the MPC process. Mr. Brown confirmed that to be correct.

Ms. Kowalczyk stated that permit requests go through the Planning Department for review. Mr. Brown agreed. As part of the process, they determine the age of the structure and if it is 75 years or older the applicant would need to work with the Historical Society to set up a review. They would then inform the applicant of that need. He acknowledged that not currently being part of the process.

Ms. Kowalczyk commented that the idea is to allow for notice before demolition. We are not necessarily prohibiting demolition because something is older than 75 years but we want notice and opportunity for the Historical Society to check it out if it is of interest. As this ordinance reads though, it seems to be more prohibitive of demolition if you don't comply with these requirements. There should be a presumption that if you meet the requirements under our code that is existing then you should be able to engage in a demolition. This suggests that an application could be denied. It goes further than she had anticipated in thinking about this proposal. She also has a question about the language on 1153.05, Standards of Review that states: the verification that the applicant has cooperated with reasonable requests by the Worthington Historical Society to understand the significance of the building in its neighborhood. That seems vague. She thinks that what should happen is that you file your permit request, the notification goes to the Historical Society, and if the building owner denies access, then a complaint could be filed and then you could go through this MPC process rather than the process that has been laid out. There could be a long-drawn-out discussion about whether you've allowed them to understand the significance of the building in its neighborhood, which could be subjective in and of itself. She is just a little worried about how much time and effort when really all we want to do is ensure notice and an opportunity to check out the building before it is demolished. Those are her comments. She doesn't know if others have strong feelings like that as she does. She would be interested to hear other comments.

Ms. Brewer suggested removing subsection "a". Ms. Kowalczyk pointed out that subsection "c" says that the Commission may request additional information from the applicant. That goes further than she thinks they are talking about.

Mr. Brown thinks in looking at that section, 1153.05, "b" would accomplish what we were going for if "a" and "c" are removed. Mr. Lindsey stated he is okay with that change. Mr. Brown and Ms. LaLonde worked really hard in his absence. He spent his time on the appeal language. He understands the point that Ms. Kowalczyk made and has no objection to the suggested change.

MOTION Ms. Kowalczyk made a motion to amend Section 1153.05 to remove existing subsections “a” and “c”, which leaves “b” and “d” which will become “a” and “b”. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brewer.

The motion to amend carried unanimously by a voice vote.

There being no additional comments, the clerk called the roll on Ordinance No. 01-2023 (As Amended).

The motion carried unanimously by the following vote:

Vote Results: Ayes: 7 / Nays: 0

Reports of City Officials

9. Policy Item(s)

a. Affordable Housing Bond Issue

Minutes:

President Robinson explained that the action being proposed tonight is a motion to direct staff to prepare an informational memo including a process to add the issue to the ballot in November, and identifying qualities and characteristics of a program for the Council's consideration and decision. He put in the motion a request that the memo be brought back to Council within 75 days, which would bring us to four months prior to needing to file the papers to get it on the ballot in November. He expressed that he believes that more affordable housing in Worthington is a good thing, but there is the question of how we do it and what means we have to provide incentives. Columbus has given us a model for a bond program that provides funding for a municipality to incentivize the development and redevelopment of housing. There is some question of whether \$1.1 million is enough and whether it will be productive, but this would be a way to leverage our money in a meaningful way. It has also been suggested that a housing study needs to be done first before moving with an action program like this. He would respond to that by saying they should not be mutually exclusive. While studies are useful and needed if they provide new information, this proposal does not require more time to think. We know there is a demand for affordable housing and this would be a means to increase the likelihood of the development of new housing.

Ms. Brewer said that moving forward with affordable housing makes sense, but she is not sure it makes sense to move forward right now. Based on feedback from staff and residents, she sees doing a housing study first and she believes we need more time to execute this in the correct manner. She does not want to rush something that would have a great effect on our community.

Ms. Kowalczyk shared her concern that we have not really had presentations and information on whether this is the correct approach. She still has a lot of questions on whether this is the proper approach to achieve affordable housing at this time. Asking staff to move forward with this process is concerning when there are a lot of options we can pursue such as allowing accessory dwelling units along with reducing other barriers in our zoning code. She is concerned about the limitations of the proposal which only includes areas currently zoned for multi-family, which is only about 3.8% of the acreage of the

community. If we pursue a ballot initiative, we need to be committed to its passing and educating the community on why this is important, which will require a significant staff effort. She is not in support of a motion to direct staff to prepare a memo on this issue right now. Ms. Michael stated that we only have so many bites at the apple, and she does not think we have enough information at this time to move forward. She read the content of an email from Matt Gregory about this issue. She said that we need to put the housing study in place first, we need to know where we are going, what we are doing, and what we want. Mr. Bucher stated that the motion as stated in writing simply directs a memo to be developed, which is a tool to build our knowledge. We can always review that in the spring and decide not to move forward. He is supportive of the motion as a tool to further explore the merits of a bond issue to tackle the issues in our community. Mr. Smith shared how a housing study is a great tool, but he wonders what that study will inform us when it comes to options. We have a pretty good idea already with the studies that have been done. He does not know why we cannot move forward with a housing study concurrently with the bond issue at the same time. President Robinson explained how in 2020, the City had approximately 1150 multi-family units that are a total of 147 acres, not including non-conforming multifamily housing. To him, the probability of new developments either here in Worthington or elsewhere is probably less likely than redevelopment. Just last week, there were articles in the Dispatch and Business First about the Columbus Housing Enterprise, whose mission is to redevelop multi-family facilities to convert them into affordable housing. This allows communities to develop affordable housing in their communities, and revitalize older developments. We have the ability to act now, but even then we would be waiting until 2024-25 or longer for development to occur. Ms. Brewer responded that we do not know the essentials, and that is why we need the study. We were told by staff how dense of a topic this is, and she does not know all the data that is out there, and she wants to know what that data means and what it means for the community. Ms. Kowalczyk expressed how she appreciates that Columbus has implemented programs that fit their community, but we are not Columbus and it might not be the right fit for Worthington. A housing study would allow us to help determine the right fit for us. If we want to be conscientious of staff time and what they are working on, a housing study would be first and foremost. There are many additional options that can be pursued. She is not interested in expanding existing City resources on something that we do not agree is the top priority of housing priorities. If this is put out for a vote now and fails, we will never see it on the ballot again. We need to be serious when we are talking about putting out a million-dollar bond for the voters to consider and we need to all be in alignment that this is what we want. Ms. Hermann asked should this vote pass, and where the money gets pulled from. Ms. Stewart replied that there could be new millage tied to paying off the bonds, or it may be pulling from existing resources to pay off those bonds. There are a number of complexities here and our Finance Department would need to put in a lot of time diving into the details. Mr. Robinson said that he would advocate that the bonds be paid for from the General Fund

to maximize the possibility of this being passed by the voters. Ms. Hermann said that our expenses this year will surpass our revenue, which gives her concerns. We are a sliver of the greater Columbus that surrounds us and we were not a part of the MORPC housing study. She brought up past opposition to apartments, but apartments provide affordable housing. We need multi-family housing. We have sat on a piece of land for years and now we want to take a million dollars to do something if an opportunity comes up. If we are going to do a housing study, she supports us in doing it right. This proposal is jumping ahead and she is not in support at this time. We are landlocked and have to be very conscientious with our finances.

Mr. Aaron Shearer of 6875 Bowerman Street East made it clear that he supports all efforts to provide affordable housing in our City. His biggest concern with the proposal as presented is locking it in with our outdated zoning code. Much of Worthington's multi-family stock is naturally occurring affordable housing, so by locking this to currently zoned, multifamily housing areas, it would build this new affordable housing that is distant from our bike and pedestrian corridors, and could potentially displace people currently in our more affordable housing. Columbus's bond packages were not limited in their scope and in fact, they specifically mentioned the redevelopment of commercial areas for affordable housing. President Robinson shared that he is able to count the votes, so he does not see a point to make a motion and making a vote. He stated that this has been an acrimonious topic, but he believes more than ever that we are coming at this from a place of goodwill and wanting to do the right thing for the community.

b. Housing Study

Minutes:

Ms. Kowalczyk shared how she has provided a draft resolution which has been brought up a few times previously. What this asks is to direct staff to pursue a housing study while also understanding the growth of the Central Ohio area around us. Her hope is that through this study we will have the ability to understand what options are best suited for our community to expand housing options with a special focus on affordable housing.

Mr. Smith said that he would suggest some changes to Section II to include a sentence about expectations of a community feedback phase after the housing study has made recommendations.

Mr. Bucher said that it is unanimous that doing this study is important. This is a great starting place and he hopes that at a future meeting, we can consider it after he has had some time to analyze it.

Mr. Robinson stated that given the particulars of Worthington and the planning phase we are in, housing is something we want to assess in Worthington. He suggested adding impacts of various housing outcomes, such as the impact on schools, City finances, traffic, and the environment. Additionally, more vaguely, his consideration going into any study is that it be fact-based, and not driven by an agenda that shapes the data.

Ms. Kowalczyk stated that she will work with staff and hopefully have something ready before the next agenda goes out that can be voted on.

c. Parks & Recreation Foundation Board

Minutes:

Mr. Hurley explained how they received feedback from Council on the drafts shared at the last update which were composed of mostly wordsmithing or editorial things. Staff feels confident about submitting revised drafts in the upcoming week and then moving forward with soliciting applications and getting that process underway. He asked for Council's okay to move ahead with the profiles and applications as revised, as well as input into which council members may serve on the review panel.

President Robinson and Ms. Michael asked that the final documents be reviewed before beginning any public dissemination occurs.

Reports of Council Members

10. Reports of Council Members

Minutes:

Mr. Bucher and Ms. Kowalczyk gave their kudos for the Martin Luther King event which was very well done.

Mr. Smith said that he would begin sending out information about the benefits of backyard chickens and what an ordinance distance change might look like.

Ms. Brewer gave an update on the most recent and upcoming MPC/ARB meetings.

President Robinson gave a brief update on the City Manager search. He also brought up flavored tobacco and how some lingering questions have been resolved and the topic may come back for more consideration. Prompted by Ms. Hermann's comments about the Worthington Pools, he explained how there is an opportunity and necessity to do something. He has asked SwimInc to come in to speak to Council, who has accepted that invitation.

Other Business

Executive Session

Adjournment

11. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes:

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved, Ms. Kowalczyk seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



City Council Special Meeting

Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Worthington City Council met in-person in Special Session on Monday, February 6, 2023.
President Robinson called the meeting to order at or about 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Members Present: Katherine Brewer, Peter Bucher, Rebecca Hermann Beth Kowalczyk, Bonnie Michael, David Robinson

Member(s) Absent: Doug Smith

Also Present: Clerk of Council D. Kay Thress and City Clerk Grace Brown

Executive Session

3. Executive Session

Minutes:

MOTION Ms. Michael moved, Ms. Hermann seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to the appointment of a public official.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

City Council recessed at 6:01 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:48 p.m.

Adjournment

4. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes:

Ms. Michael moved, Ms. Hermann seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote.

President Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



City Council Agenda

Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Worthington City Council met in-person in Regular Session on Monday, February 6, 2023.
President Robinson called the meeting to order at or about 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

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

Member(s) Absent:

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

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

4. Visitor Comments

Minutes:

Mr. Mark Gideon of 91 Chaucer Court shared how the court notified the City that an entry for dismissal must be submitted to the court within 60 days of the notice of settlement, or the case would be dismissed. The City failed to submit an appropriate entry to the court, therefore the court ordered that the City's lawsuit against him be dismissed. However, he is continuing to work with the City to come to an agreement and reach a settlement. He explained how the sewer that the City is wanting to build should be built on public right-of-way. He discussed the lawsuit that he is engaged in with the City and what things the City should be doing for construction to reach a settlement agreement.

Mr. Matt Lofy, Executive Director of the Worthington Chamber of Commerce located at 90 East Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 100, shared the exciting news that the new Amplify Worthington

podcast is being released later in the week. This is a partnership between the Chamber and the City, represented by Mr. McCorkle. This podcast will help to strengthen the voice of business within the City of Worthington. He asked that everyone give the podcast a listen and to subscribe their podcast provider of choice. Together we can help amplify Worthington.

Special Presentation(s)

5. Worthington Pools

Minutes:

Mr. Douglas Southgate, President of the Board of Directors of SwimInc, of 455 Longfellow Avenue explained that he was going to speak tonight on the state of the Worthington Pools. His message is simple and that is our facilities, both indoor and outdoor, have served the community for over twice the expected lifespan when constructed. The choice between reconstructing our facilities and closing them is upon us, and in order to reconstruct, support from the City will be essential. Reconstruction can take the form of remodeling and updating, or greater changes can be made to the infrastructure. If no investment is made, then our pools will close before too long, either by planned closure or catastrophic failure. SwimInc's capacity to finance what is needed to save the Worthington Pools is limited. The land that facilities are located on land is owned by the Worthington Schools, so they are not able to issue bonds or obtain lending from a bank. Their operating expenses are able to be paid through fees paid to use the outdoor facilities, which is impressive, however, cash reserves are small in comparison to the need for construction costs and expenses continue to rise. In recent times, many pools in the region run by non-profit entities have shuttered themselves. To avoid this outcome, SwimInc has worked for years on developing a strategy for redevelopment, resulting in the creation of a Master Plan. However, COVID halted further steps toward developing plans for reconstruction. In 2021, a Joint Recreational District (JRD) was considered to invest in pools, parks, and recreational facilities in the broader school district community. However, that effort was rendered moot with the School winning support for Phase Two of their Master Facilities Plan, which included reconstruction of the natatorium. SwimInc has engaged a consulting firm to provide design and development options, along with cost elements for the outdoor facilities.

Ms. Maria Kalinke Anderson, Vice President of the Board of Directors of SwimInc, of 280 Pinney Drive explained how preliminary design work will include determining design goals, defining a program, and evaluating the conditions of the existing facilities. This work will help us frame the required scope for the project, as well as the goals and constraints of the project, and three proposed designs along with cost estimates.

Ms. Michael asked about the JRD and how it is no longer an option, and what sort of help is being looked for from the City. Mr. Southgate replied that in a way, they have been helping the City for decades by running the pools, as compared to the City running the outdoor pools. He can not say with any precision how much this is going to cost, but at a minimum, it will be \$9-10 million. Ms. Michael asked about the potential for using the City's bonding power to fund construction. Mr. Southgate said that they are open to that, but they could not guarantee that they could pay the bonds entirely. At present, they have an integrated staff between the two facilities, so it is hard to allocate between the two. However, this will stop moving forward with the schools rebuilding the

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natatorium. Currently, a lot of dollars are going to provide maintenance, but with a new facility, their maintenance costs would decrease and could be contributed to capital costs. Ms. Michael explained how when the addition to the Community Center was made, it was explicitly said that the pools there would not be in competition with the Worthington Pools. She then asked about the potential for a JRD still being able to move forward. Mr. Southgate said that they are not appropriate to ask that question, it is up to the City and the School District.

Ms. Hermann expressed how there are concerns about whether the construction of the new natatorium would interfere with or hurt the operation of the outdoor pool. Mr. Kurt Carmen explained that the equipment will skirt the property line, but the existing natatorium will remain in place until the school building is finished, and then it will be removed. The use of an indoor pool will not be interrupted.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked how many people who use the outdoor pool are residents of Worthington and how many are not. Mr. Southgate replied that around about 1450 households with memberships and about 2/3 of those are Worthington residents. Ms. Stewart noted that there are different definitions of Worthington residents, and she does not know if that makes a difference in the data. Ms. Kowalczyk said she would like the data if it is broken down in such a way. She followed up and asked if our membership rates are comparable to other communities. Mr. Southgate said that the most comparable is Northwest, which is a private facility, and their prices are above the Worthington Pools. Ms. Kowalczyk asked if there were other thoughts about how the City could be more connected to the Pools. Mr. Southgate replied that the institutional relationship will change because, by necessity, the existing model will change.

Mr. Robinson suggested that everyone think about the process moving forward, including the relevant staff persons, and to come back in several weeks to discuss the potential development of a small working group to engage in dialogue to overview options and come back to Council.

Ms. Stewart brought up how it was mentioned that they were going to be launching into their design process quickly. If we as the City are looking to be a financial partner, it needs to be discussed if we want to be engaged in those discussions around the design in any way.

Approval of the Minutes

6. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes - December 5 & December 12, 2022, and January 3 & January 9, 2023

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Ms. Michael to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

New Legislation - Resolution(s)

7. Resolution No. 03-2023 - Worthington Housing Assessment

Directing The City Manager to Conduct a Housing Assessment

Minutes:

Mr. Aaron Shearer of 6875 Bowerman Street East shared that he is fully in support of this resolution tonight and it should move forward. Beyond this, he urges Council to seize the

opportunity to address the housing issues in Worthington before they become too big. He noted that President Robinson spoke on All Sides with Ann Fischer in January about his affordable housing bond proposal, and it was well received on the show, and it should be in the right form. While he is supportive of the proposal, the major pitfall is limiting it to currently zoned multi-family housing. That is the poison pill in the proposal. Subsidizing affordable housing is a good thing, but it is not the biggest thing holding back affordability in Worthington. The housing assessment needs to inform how money is spent on an affordable housing bond issue. We have to know where the needs are and where dollars should be spent. Setback and parking requirements increase the costs of housing more than anything. He urged this Council to be known as the one to fix housing in Worthington.

Introduced by Ms. Kowalczyk

Ms. Kowalczyk explained that considering the conversation at the last meeting discussing this issue, there appeared to be a consensus to pursue a housing assessment. We all agree that it is important to look at how we can improve access to all types of housing types in our community and it is a priority for us all. This also supports our vision plans and vision statements. The affordable housing bond discussion was important to help move this discussion forward, but we still need to have more data to help examine what might be the best solution for Worthington. The point of this assessment resolution is to gather that data and understand what our options are and to have a robust discussion about that in order to set goals before we decide what the mechanisms are. She had a lot of help from City staff to condense this resolution, as well as to make this more data-driven. Once data is collected, we will engage further on the next steps and get more community feedback, and then be able to determine the impact.

Ms. Michael asked if this will look at whether zoning changes will need to be made to allow for different types of housing. Ms. Kowalczyk replied that all things are open for that discussion.

Ms. Stewart highlighted that this proposes a two-step process with the first step being data-driven where we select a consultant to help collect that information and use the information to inform our strategies and next steps. The second step is evaluating strategies for impacts such as on the schools and the environment.

Mr. Brown explained that the first part of this is to gather that data for our area, including adjacent areas. That data collection would allow us to do a study or a comprehensive plan update.

Ms. Kowalczyk said that breaking it out like this makes it more manageable for timing, which would require less staff time for this first phase, which would be more consultant-heavy. Ms. Stewart added that a second phase with a comprehensive plan update or more specific housing strategy would be more staff and community-intensive.

Mr. Smith referred back to the visioning process and how we started that process with a similar resolution that kind of signaled to potential consultants to facilitate that process. He knows that they looked at the language we worded in our resolution and our backing documents, so this resolution is very important for consultants who are proposing a specific course of action for this specific housing assessment and even a comprehensive plan update. It may seem like the amendments he proposed were addressed in this section three when it comes to impacts and the range of impacts. He would also feel more comfortable if there is an amendment identifying a robust public engagement process within section three.

President Robinson expressed that he feels really good about this resolution and how it is written,

and this process is great. When he saw Mr. Smith's proposed amendments, he believes they were basically sound. But section one is really about the assessment in its simplest form, about gathering data. Section two starts to move toward strategies and prescriptions, factors that are going to affect our ability to build more housing as well as the community's desire. The assessment for a short period of time will be a standalone document, so it is important that it convey the breadth of what we are trying to do and the things we are thinking about. That is why in section two he believes there should be a mention of including basic impact factors about traffic and impact on City finances, so the average person will understand that this is a fair-minded, holistic approach. In section three, the current wording is too weak about public engagement, which is the kind of thing that could really be dismissed altogether or not considered a central tenant.

Ms. Kowalczyk replied that the first piece was really a practical consideration about what is feasible in the first part as opposed to the second part. The assessment cannot go too deep in those areas until you get to section three, which is why it was included there. If there is any ability to include some language about the extent feasible, that may sense. Mr. Brown explained that with the assessment, you are looking at existing data, you are not scenario-ing out options yet. Once you get to a focused housing study or a comprehensive plan, that is when you get more into the overall impacts of the potential scenarios.

Ms. Hermann explained how the assessment that was done for the City of Dublin which provided values for the impacts on the City for different types of housing, utilized a very specific expertise that is very limited. There are few companies that do that type of research, and it is usually very expensive. While it may seem simple, it is actually much more detailed. That is why she does not believe it should be in section two because that would require a much more niche, expensive group.

Ms. Michael explained that section two brings in the zoning and if we are doing a study that looks at our current zoning and then looks at potential changes and their impacts. Section three would be more site-specific.

Mr. Smith asked for clarification about the process of an RFP going out and who would be drafting it. He wants to know how we are addressing all of this for potential proposers.

Ms. Stewart explained that typically staff issues an RFP, and then makes a recommendation for a firm. However, if Council wants to be involved at some level, we can have that discussion on what it would look like. In terms of the proposal to add this into section two, it is feasible but it is just taking that assessment a further step than what has been discussed. What that does is to start us getting into conceptual strategies, and various initiatives we might pursue, and needing to evaluate those for impact. It moves the finish line of the assessment more into the strategy or plan.

President Robinson asked if section two as written now is only data gathering. Ms. Stewart responded that she saw it as existing data gathering, including whether there have been projects or things that have not been accommodated under our zoning code. She sees it as data collection and potentially a list of strategies, but those strategies would not be evaluated until the second phase as described in section three. President Robinson expressed that he would at least like to see a listing of factors, like the impacts because that is in people's minds. What he is looking for is fact-based, non-agenda-driven. To him not including at least a listing and a section in the

assessment that identifies impacts, means you are only looking at half of the equation.

Ms. Kowalczyk said that to get what we want and to start to address what is being talked about here, it is looking at what the practices and what has been found to have had an adverse impact, rather than diving down into a section of our zoning code and making recommended changes. So this is a little higher level. We can prioritize what could be more impactful, but then we might need more information further in the study with more details. With the range of housing options, it is hard to dig deep and specific in Worthington, but a higher level evaluation can be done.

Mr. Smith said that was the intent of this, it was not to talk about site-specific evaluations.

Ms. Brewer conveyed that sections one and two as worded now are sufficient for the first step, and even adding Mr. Smith's language in the third step, we are still giving the public constructive notice that this will go further. Folks reading this will still know what our intentions are as long as we add a little more in paragraph three.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson to amend section three by striking the words evaluation, striking "Should consider public engagement and feedback" and adding "Shall identify and include a robust community engagement and feedback process"

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Ms. Hermann to adopt Resolution No. 03-2023 (As Amended)

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

8. Resolution No. 04-2023 - Waterworks: Amendment to Final Development Plan

Authorizing an Amendment to the Final Development Plan for 550 Schrock Rd. and Authorizing Variances

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Hermann

Mr. Brown explained how on January 12, 2023, the Municipal Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of an Amendment to Development Plan with Variances. The Waterworks corporate office has been in Worthington since 2008 and was founded in 1935. The property is in the Restricted Industrial & Office (I-1 District), which permits office and warehousing as permitted uses in the district. The Waterworks is a full-service plumbing, drain cleaning, heating, and cooling company with 116 employees working out of the Worthington office with the anticipation of bringing an additional 30 employees to the Worthington office from their Grove City location. What is proposed is to add 30 parking spaces along the frontage and the four existing spaces in the public right-of-way will be removed. With the applicant, we have looked at adding tree islands as part of this approval as well as getting a 5-foot sidewalk.

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to adopt Resolution No. 04-2023

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

Reports of City Officials

9. Policy Item

a. Permission to Bid (Sewer Lining)

Minutes:

Ms. Stewart detailed how the project is requesting to go out to bid for a project that has been included in our Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the repair and rehabilitation

of our sewer lines.

Mr. Moorehead explained how Worthington's Department of Service & Engineering is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the City's sanitary sewer collection system. Our City's collection system includes 2,194 manholes and more than 435,000 feet of sewer main. In 2019 the Service & Engineering Department completed the final phase of a citywide Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study as required by the Ohio EPA Director's 2009 Final Findings and Orders. Recommendations from that study and other needs identified through annual in-house televising of sewer lines make up the repairs being sought by this project. The proposed work will repair or rehabilitate 80 manholes and 13,285 ft of sewer main throughout the City. The engineer's estimate of the cost to complete the project is \$1,006,227.50.

Mr. Bucher asked about the general lifespan of these improvements. Mr. Moorehead replied that the liner itself will buy you another 40-60 years without any additional repair. The manhole rehabilitation is variable and depends on how well it bonds to the existing material in the concrete structure. How estimates it could go anywhere from 15-30 years in terms of it doing its job well. This is taking an existing asset and maintaining it to extend its useful life for a considerable period of time.

Ms. Hermann noted that some of these projects are going to be surrounding Evening Street and the High School, so she hopes that we are making as many efforts as possible to ensure we have alternate routes to avoid access issues. Mr. Moorehead clarified that the lining work will require no excavation, and work will be done from manhole to manhole. There may be some temporary disruption and no heavy construction work being done. Ms. Hermann asked how long this would take. Mr. Moorehead overviewed the process of the relining, describing how it goes rather quickly.

Ms. Kowalczyk asked when this process would be started. Mr. Moorehead explained that the plan would be to go out to bid following this, with work authorized as early as mid-to-late April. It is possible the work could be started in May to June of this year and completed by the August and September timeframe.

MOTION: Ms. Hermann moved, seconded by Ms. Brewer to permit the advertisement of the 2023 Sanitary Sewer Repair & Rehabilitation Project.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

10. Discussion Item(s)

a. Retreat Preparation

Minutes:

Ms. Stewart explained that as we have discussed the upcoming retreat, this time tonight is meant to give a background on the various initiatives that are already underway. She described how our first responsibility is to focus on delivering existing services, in which we provide a wide range of services with a high level of quality and responsiveness. When talking with the team of Directors, approximately 75% of each Director's time is spent day-to-day ensuring that existing services are being provided, and the other 25% is spent pursuing things such as new initiatives or tracking best practices in their industries. She explained how she has put together a listing of specific initiatives that have been proposed

or are already being worked on, along with the departments that would be involved, the most appropriate vision statement, and an estimation of the order of magnitude of the level of effort required to accomplish. She provided an overview of the various topics identified and the current status including Affordable Housing Bonds, Age-Friendly Plans, Aging Infrastructure, Art in Public Spaces, CIC Properties, Comprehensive Plan Update, DE&I, Deer Management, Hiring, Housign Assessment/Study, Northeast Area Plan, Parks Foundation, Pay to Stay, Outdoor Pools, Sustainability, Sharon Fire Levy, and Sign Code Update.

Mr. Robinson asked if an agenda had been prepared for the retreat itself. Ms. Stewart replied that is anticipated in the next couple of days.

Ms. Michael asked if we are going to review the Council Code of Conduct. She believes it is worth taking a look at. Ms. Stewaert replied that it is her understanding there will be time for Council to discuss interactions amongst each other and with staff. Ms. Michael noted that in this presentation she does not see bicycle and pedestrian included, and that is a focal point. Ms. Stewart explained that we are actively engaged with bicycle and pedestrian, for this list she is more focused on the newer things that have been discussed. Ms. Michael said that it is not only staff time, but it is also money when it comes to bikes and pedestrians. Ms. Stewart described how she envisions this priority listing as a regular status report to keep these initiatives front of mind. If there are other things that should be added to this list, we can do that.

Ms. Brewer said that she wants to revisit a possible vision implementation team, which had been discussed previously. We have so many great boards, commissions, staff, and residents, that we can delegate some to the vision implementation teams to help push the visions forward. Her thought is that for each of the seven pillars that the community developed, we can link back to a community group. This would be a good way to shepherd as a team these vision statements through, and she hopes that this can be discussed at the retreat.

Ms. Kowalczyk commended Ms. Brewer's idea as fantastic and suggested it should be added to the listing as one of the plans we want to accomplish.

Reports of Council Members

11. Reports of Council Members

Minutes:

Ms. Hermann noted that we are now at the 20-year anniversary of the Worthington Community Center and there are some exciting events coming up for that.

Mr. Bucher said that he would distribute information on an upcoming webinar from Power a Clean Future Ohio regarding funding opportunities.

Ms. Kowalczyk noted her appreciation for the Worthington Chamber's Groundhog Day Luncheon and WIFA's event focused on learning about Turkish culture. She gave an update on the activities of the Worthington Partnership.

Mr. Smith updated the issue of adjusting the existing chicken ordinance, he has already done the informational legwork, and he would like to gauge interest in Council to put this on an agenda in

upcoming weeks. It will require very little or possibly no staff time and will only be a decision of the Council to discuss it and vote it up and down. Ms. Kowalczyk said that she is okay with having a conversation amongst us, but there is hardly anything that requires zero staff time to analyze. To her, she thinks it should be added to the list of potential priorities to be analyzed along with other efforts.

Ms. Brewer gave an update on the last MPC/ARB meeting.

Other Business

Executive Session

12. Executive Session

a. To consider the appointment of a public official

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Hermann moved, seconded by Ms. Brewer to enter Executive Session for the purposes of considering the appointment of a public official and negotiations for economic development assistance.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

City Council recessed at 9:05 p.m.

Members returned to open session at about 9:21 p.m.

Adjournment

13. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Brewer moved, Ms. Michael seconded a motion to adjourn.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

President Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22pm.



City Council Special Meeting

Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 5:45 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Worthington City Council met in-person in Special Session on Monday, February 13, 2023. President Robinson called the meeting to order at or about 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

Members Present: Pete Bucher, Rebecca Hermann, Beth Kowalczyk (Arrived at approximately 6:00), Bonnie Michael, David Robinson

Member(s) Absent: Katy Brewer, Doug Smith

Also Present: Management Assistant Ethan Barnhardt

Executive Session

3. Executive Session

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, Ms. Hermann seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official.

The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

City Council recessed at 5:56 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:54 p.m.

Adjournment

4. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Kowalczyk moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bucher.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

President Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



City Council Agenda

Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

6550 N. High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Worthington City Council met in-person in Regular Session on Monday, February 13, 2023.
President Robinson called the meeting to order at or about 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

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

Member(s) Absent:

Also Present: Acting City Manager Robyn Stewart, Assistant City Manager and Economic
Development Director David McCorkle, Director of Finance Scott Bartter, Service & Engineering
Director John Moorehead, Planning & Building Director Lee Brown, Director of Parks & Recreation
Darren Hurley, Chief of Fire & EMS Mark Zambito, Management Assistant Ethan Barnhardt

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

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

4. Visitor Comments

Minutes:

There were no visitor comments.

Special Presentation(s)

5. Resolution No. 05-2023: Retirement of Kay Thress, City Clerk & Clerk of Council

Minutes:

Introduced by Ms. Michael

MOTION: Ms. Hermann moved, seconded by Ms. Kowalczyk to adopt Resolution No. 05-2023

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

President Robinson read the text of Resolution No. 05-2023.

Ms. Stewart presented Ms. Thress with her nameplates from the Council dais, framed in a shadow
box, and shared remarks on how she has done so much for this organization over the years.

serving as the glue of City Hall. She explained how Ms. Thress has always shown throughout her service with the City a dedication to caring for people.

Ms. Thress shared comments with the City Council and individuals in the audience and first gave credit to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She expressed how much she has enjoyed working with Councilmembers and witnessing them grow and find their voice. She gave thanks to her husband of forty years, and those who first took a chance on her when she started with the City and supported her during her time here. She commented that the professionals that make up this team are outstanding and exceptional in their fields, always willing to help.

Council members shared words of appreciation for Ms. Thress and conveyed how missed she will be.

6. Worthington Chamber Orchestra

Minutes:

President Robinson shared his musings on the role of artists in society, quoting the words of US President John F. Kennedy when speaking at a celebration and acknowledgment of Robert Frost about a month before he was assassinated, where he detailed the differences between a democratic society versus authoritarianism and the role of the artist within that. Here in Worthington, we are blessed with many artistic opportunities, including the Worthington Chamber Orchestra, and have an outsized impact on the communities surrounding us.

Mr. Mick Ball, President of the Board of Directors of the Worthington Chamber Orchestra gave his thanks for inviting them here tonight and for the support they have received from the City. He introduced and detailed the background of the Conductor of the Orchestra, Dr. Antoine Clark. Dr. Clark explained how the Orchestra's founding came from his love for the community and his desire to provide local artists with more opportunities. He is incredibly proud of what they have accomplished since the Orchestra's founding. Their educational programming allows elementary and middle school students the opportunity to connect curriculum to live, orchestral music. They have made diversity, equity, and inclusion a core tenant of their programming, featuring works by both women and persons of color. To remain a robust and relevant organization, he explained they must reach out to the community to maintain a presence and communicate the value of orchestral music.

A quartet of musicians from the Worthington Chamber Orchestra performed two movements of David Stone's Miniature Quartet No. 1.

Reports of City Officials

7. Policy Item(s)

a. Renewal of Electric Aggregation Program

Minutes:

Ms. Stewart explained how Worthington provides an electric aggregation program where residential and small business owners are able to take advantage of collective purchasing with the benefits of lowering the cost of electric rates but also offsetting the carbon footprint of the energy used with Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). We are coming to the end of our current aggregation program and are gearing up for consideration of renewal for that.

The City contracts with Energy Alliances and Mr. Rich Surace who administers our aggregation program.

Mr. Surace explained how we are now going into our third iteration of the electric aggregation program for the City of Worthington. He overviewed how the program operates, the role of the generators, the distributors, and the buyers, and how this aggregation program allows the City to shop around for the generation of electricity. Going later into this year, it appears that the cost of electricity is going to be increasing. Over the past renewal of the program for Worthington residents, people have been able to save approximately 13% compared to the standard AEP rate, which has put money back into the pockets of residents and business owners.

President Robinson asked approximately what number of Worthington households participate in this program. Mr. Surace replied that roughly 60-65% of households participate and people can opt in and opt out regularly with no termination or entrance fees. Mr. Surace explained how the last time he spoke to the Council there was a discussion about moving beyond Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and into Ohio-based renewable projects. Over the past 12-18 months the costs of just about everything have increased and projects are seeing lengthy delays and new builds could take over five years to start. Even with the RECs, the cost has increased due to increased demand, nearly quadrupling. He suggested letting the market settle out before reconsidering the investment in renewable steel-in-the-ground projects and continuing with REC offsets. For the upcoming renewal, there are a couple of options, but we do not really know what the utility will be doing beyond May 2024. If we lock into a 12-month program, we would be tied to a known utility rate, but there could be more market volatility beyond the program. A 24-month program would provide price certainty, but prices could reduce after the market settles. He overviewed the rates as of today for 12, 24, and 36 months.

President Robinson asked when Council would need to make a decision on what program to select. Mr. Surace responded that by the first week in April would be ideal. He suggested that utilizing an "At or below price" would allow the City Manager to sign a contract not to exceed a certain price. President Robinson asked how Energy Alliance's fees are paid since we are not directly paying for services. Mr. Surace replied that their fee is built into the price and on the current deal it is approximately .7% of the price and they do not anticipate making any changes in the next contract. President Robinson asked when the last time a mailing was sent to non-participants was. Mr. Surace stated that it has been a little over a year. President Robinson asked when Mr. Surace would come back to speak to Council.

Ms. Stewart responded that the decision has to be made by the first week of April when the Council will act via resolution and the at-or-below language can be added. President Robinson asked if Mr. Surace would have actionable information by the third meeting in March. Mr. Surace said that he felt comfortable that he would. Ms. Stewart explained how there will need to be more clarity on what contract length is preferred because we will not have clarity on the price to compare for a potential second 12-month period. Mr. Surace explained that language could also be included for a contract length not to exceed.

President Robinson asked for more information about the major factors feeding volatility in the energy markets. Mr. Surace replied that historically natural gas was domestically

centered, but that is changing as liquified natural gas can be shipped out and international buyers are willing to pay more than domestic buyers are. There is also a bit of a market correction going on. Additionally, the computerization of trading has created more volatility. Mr. Smith asked about the timing issue of 12 vs 24 months and the worst-case scenarios. Mr. Surace explained we could lock into higher rates potentially, but that is also why there are no termination fees. Mr. Smith gave his support for the 24-month period. President Robinson confirmed that this should be on the agenda again for the third meeting in March.

b. Financial Reports

Minutes:

Mr. Bartter explained how the City finished 2022 very strongly due to income tax receipts. For January 2023, the unencumbered balance decreased as Departments encumbered funds for the year, however, it is anticipated that the fund balance will increase as long as income tax collections continue at their strong pace.

Ms. Hermann asked if the changes for work-at-home collections have fully shaken out yet.

Mr. Bartter expressed that it has been beneficial to the City of Worthington with the move to work from home. Highly paid persons working for businesses that do not have a nexus in Worthington are showing up, and requests for refunds are not being made.

President Robinson noted that net profit reporting for January 2023 was down and he asked why that is. Mr. Bartter responded that it could be due to timing. When looking historically at income tax collections, from 2017-2020 we collected approximately \$26-26.5 million each year, but by 2022 there was a 24% increase to nearly \$33.2 million. When we raised the income tax rate previously, from 2-2.5% we only increased collections by 11%. The base of Worthington's businesses has been successful over the past two years and that has come from net profits and employee bonuses. When looking at the future, since it was not a rate change or from a large new business, considering the percentages there is a good chance collections will come back down at some point.

Ms. Hermann brought up how some major employers are starting to pull people back to the office.

MOTION: Ms. Hermann moved, seconded by Ms. Michael to accept the December 2022 and January 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote

8. Discussion Item(s)

a. Update on the Properties Owned by the Worthington Community Improvement Corporation (E. Wilson Bridge Rd.)

Minutes:

Mr. Derek Houtman of 780 Westview Drive shared how we may disagree on the process or decisions made, but we are all here for the best of our community. He is here to convey his opposition to any ingress or egress on Westview Drive to the CIC properties. While he understands the design is far from being finalized, he is concerned to see them in some of the proposals and renderings. He wants to see this development move forward, but the access would drive neighborhood discontent with the project. The curb cut on Westview is

designed for a few cars a day, but building office space would bring a significant amount of traffic. Gary Rutledge has created a thoughtful proposal that would address many concerns of the neighborhood that would close off the access from Westview and East Wilson Bridge Road and create access on the south side to Highland. This is a win for the East Wilson Bridge Corridor as well as the neighborhood and would get support for this development and future developments. He hopes this proposal is given fair consideration.

Ms. Michael shared how we always do traffic studies for developments, and no development is done in this City without one. She also asked if anyone has talked to people in the Highland area about this proposal because there has been major opposition in the past.

Ms. Hermann expressed that it is great to have dialogue because this proposal would have impacts, but this is valid to be examined. She will be bringing this up as a conversation and will ask that we give this a good look. She was impressed with the proposal.

James and Lisa McCalister of 159 Northhigh Drive explained how this is their 19th year living in their home and it is a great neighborhood to live in. Ms. McCalister conveyed they are not against progress, but they are passionate about maintaining the quality and feel of their neighborhood and are generally in support of Mr. Rutledge's proposal. Mr. McCalister shared that there are proposals along Wilson Bridge that would drive more traffic into the surrounding neighborhoods. There are kids that live and play in these neighborhoods, and with increased traffic, he would not want to see more accidents. He asked if Council is listening to the neighbors.

Mr. Chris Selinsky of 156 Northhigh Drive shared similar concerns and sentiments, that having an egress on Westview does not seem logical or safe, especially considering that kids are wanting to play. What Mr. Rutledge proposed is a reasonable idea and allows that area to develop even more.

Mr. Dave Nebergall of 7011 Rockwoods Place stated that he is retired and has lived at that location for 32 years now. The traffic on this road is horrendous and he cannot imagine dumping 75 cars into that neighborhood.

Ms. Stewart stated that we currently do not have an application with details in order to fully evaluate and vet the details of a proposal. When we do receive one, it will come into the Development department and go through their review process. The CIC currently owns these properties and has received proposals from developers, which they have narrowed down to one to work with.

Mr. McCorkle explained the history of the Wilson Bridge Corridor study and how the CIC acquired four parcels between 2018 and 2021. The properties were rezoned to WBC-2, which is for professional office space, in 2021. In the fall of 2022, the CIC issued an RFP for which we received six unique proposals from five developers. In the January 2023 CIC meeting, the CIC did select Don Roberts of CBRE to move forward with as a developer, which proposed 30,000 square feet of office space composed of five, one-story office buildings. Two major concerns have come from residents which include access to Westview and screening for the neighbors. Mr. Roberts believes there will be significant interest in the smaller office condos, which is why the CIC ultimately selected him to move forward with. The next steps will be the CIC working with Mr. Roberts on a purchase

agreement and what that would include, and the application for a 75%, 10-year property tax abatement. The proposed sale price may be negotiated upon, particularly if there is an expensive fence required. The further process will include a preliminary plan with MPC, traffic analysis, a tree preservation plan, and a final plan with the MPC and on to City Council for approval along with any variances. He listed the development standards including setbacks, right-of-way dedication, screening, landscaping, building design, materials, windows doors, natural features, signage, parking, and public spaces. We have not received a proposal from them at this time.

Ms. Hermann brought up how Columbus City Council has moved to lower their speed limits from 35 to 25, and she is interested to see how that works out. She asked how important the 35mph speed limit is along Wilson Bridge, and whether that is a change we could do as well. Ms. Stewart replied that would require a broader analysis of speed limits. Mr.

Moorehead explained how speed limits in that area are something local governments can control, but in order to adjust a speed limit there needs to be a speed study conducted. This would typically be taken on as a separate matter, rather than as part of a development proposal.

President Robinson asked for more information about what the CIC is, how its decisions are made, and where they get its money. Mr. McCorkle answered that the CIC is an extension of the City made of a 10-member body, with 40% required to be City personnel. The organization does a range of activities, but the focus is mostly on economic development or financial impact as well as civic motivations within their mission statement. Their money is received mostly from the Worthington City Council. President Robinson asked if a project works its way through the MPC and on to Council, what will be Council's decision. Mr. Brown explained that the final development plan comes to Council for review and approval along with any variances from code requirements. President Robinson asked what it would take for the Gary Rutledge proposal to be seriously evaluated or assessed by the CIC or any other governmental body. Ms. Stewart replied that it would be multiple layers of analysis, including engineer analysis, legal evaluation of the project, neighborhood engagement, an economic development analysis, and public safety review. President Robinson asked if there would need to be a Council action to precipitate doing something like that. Ms. Stewart explained that staff would first like to understand the plan that is submitted for review and evaluation and understand the traffic study and analysis before we define a problem to understand what the ideal or best solutions would be to address it.

Reports of Council Members

9. Reports of Council Members

Minutes:

Ms. Hermann noted how great last Thursday's training was and the information was extremely valuable and informative.

Ms. Kowalczyk provided updates on the Flint and Walnut Grove Cemetery Board and the McConnell Arts Center.

Ms. Michael gave an update on the most recent MORPC meeting she attended.

President Robinson asked for a brief update on the deer inventory process that was paused. Mr. Barnhardt explained how the attempted deer inventory was initially unsuccessful due to some logistical differences between counting in a suburban area versus parklands. They feel very confident that they will be able to do a recount in Worthington during the next snow. Ms. Stewart shared how the information we get back from the deer count will be nuanced and will be more of a range rather than an exact number.

Other Business

Executive Session

Adjournment

10. Motion to Adjourn

Minutes:

MOTION: Ms. Michael moved, Ms. Hermann seconded a motion to adjourn.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

President Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Contact: D. Kay Thress, Clerk of Council (Kay.Thress@worthington.org (614) 436-3100)



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Date: March 30, 2023

To: Robyn M. Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: Tom Lindsey, Law Director

Subject: Ordinance: Household Food Waste Collection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance extends the temporary waiver of the requirements of Section 945.02 of the Codified Ordinances to permit the curbside collection of household food waste.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The City of Worthington, with support from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and a partnership with GoZERO, has for several years provided a drop off location at the Department of Service and Engineering for the collection and composting of household food waste. The Compost Exchange has provided a bucket drop off program at the Worthington Farmer's Market for the collection and composting of household food waste. Since 2021, the Worthington Partnership has partnered with The Compost Exchange to offer a subscription service in which residents pay a monthly fee to voluntarily participate in the curbside collection of their household food waste.

Section 945.02 of the Codified Ordinances restricts who may collect or remove solid waste, including household food waste, from residential units. Only the City or a company having a contract with the City is permitted to engage in residential garbage

collection. City Council previously passed Ordinance No. 15-2021 waiving the requirements of Section 945.02 until May 1, 2022 to permit The Compost Exchange and/or GoZERO to offer curbside collection of household food waste without having a contract with the City.

The proposed ordinance would waive the requirements of Section 945.02 until May 1, 2025. This will allow additional time for staff and City Council to evaluate the curbside collection of food waste before recommending any permanent amendments to Section 945.02.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Ordinance No. 11-2023

ORDINANCE NO. 11 – 2023

Temporarily Waiving Section 945.02 of Codified Ordinances of the City of Worthington for Curbside Collection of Household Food Waste.

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington, with support from the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio and a partnership with GoZERO, has provided a drop off location at the Department of Service and Engineering for the collection and composting of household food waste; and

WHEREAS, the Worthington Partnership and The Compost Exchange has provided a subscription service in which residents pay a monthly fee for curbside collection of their household food waste; and

WHEREAS, Section 945.02 of the Codified Ordinances currently restricts who may collect or remove solid waste, including household food waste, from residential units; and

WHEREAS, City Council passed Ordinance No. 15-2021 to temporarily waive Section 945.02 to permit The Compost Exchange and/or GoZERO to offer curbside collection of household food waste to evaluate the interest and viability of a voluntary curbside collection program paid by the residents; and

WHEREAS, staff is recommending that City Council continue to waive the requirements of Section 945.02 to allow the current subscription service to continue and to provide additional time for evaluation of the curbside collection of food waste before making any permanent changes to Section 945.02; and

WHEREAS, City Council has deemed approval of this Ordinance to be in the best interest of the residents and citizens of the City of Worthington and to further the public health, safety and welfare.

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

SECTION 1. That City Council hereby temporarily waives the provisions of Section 945.02 of the Codified Ordinances to permit The Compost Exchange and/or GoZERO to collect and remove household food waste from residents without having a contract with the City of Worthington.

SECTION 2. That the waiver provided in Section 1 shall expire on May 1, 2025, unless earlier terminated, extended, or modified by City Council.

SECTION 3. 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 NO. 11 – 2023

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: April 03, 2023

P.H.: April 17, 2023

Effective:



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Date: April 5th, 2023

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: Scott F. Bartter, Finance Director

Subject: Resolution No. 22-2023 – Approving Arts Grant Funding

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution approves the distribution of \$5,000 in Community Arts programming grants.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce and Approve as Presented

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

Annually, the City appropriates \$5,000 in grants for Community Arts programming. The City utilizes the McConnell Arts Center to run a program that recommends to the City how these funds should be distributed.

The McConnell Arts Center has recommended the funds be distributed as listed in the attached Resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES

Community Arts Programming General Fund appropriation for 2023

ATTACHMENTS

Memo from McConnell Arts Center
Resolution No. 22-2023



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Date: April 10, 2023

To: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager
Worthington City Council

Re: 2023 Worthington Creative Community Grant

Dear Ms. Stewart and Members of Council,

I'm writing to inform you that a panel has met to review applications for the 2023 Worthington Creative Community Grants and award decisions have been made.

The application process was managed by the McConnell Arts Center, with an external panel reviewing the applications. Zach Compston, the Executive Director of Programming and Education for the Jazz Arts Group, Matthew Kurk, the Director of Advancement and Engagement at ProMusica Chamber Orchestra, and Donald Wells of Wells CPA, LLC served on the panel.

The following are recommendations made by the panel regarding allocations of the Creative Community Grant Funds:

Applicant	Award Amount	Supported Project
Experience Worthington	\$800	Art Walk
Worthington Area Art League	\$1050	Artist Workshop
Worthington Chamber Orchestra	\$1050	General Expenses
Worthington Chorus	\$1050	ASCAP & Royalties
Worthington Community Theatre	\$1050	Tuck Everlasting

Total Allocation for 2023: \$5000

Attached you will find address information for fund disbursement for each of the groups.

Thank you for your support of the arts in our community.

Sincerely,

Kimberlee Goodman
Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2023

Approving 2023 Grant Funding for Worthington
Community Arts Programming.

WHEREAS, the City of Worthington recognizes the important contributions of the many organizations that provide the Worthington community with arts programming; and,

WHEREAS, the McConnell Arts Center (MAC) has formed the Creative Community Selection Committee which solicited applications for this grant funding; and,

WHEREAS, upon evaluating the purpose and goals of each organization, the MAC, through the Selection Committee, has determined how \$5,000 in funds already appropriated within the 2023 budget will be distributed.

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

SECTION 1. That City Council hereby awards community arts programming grants as follows:

Worthington Area Art League	\$1,050
Worthington Chamber Orchestra	\$1,050
Worthington Chorus	\$1,050
Experience Worthington	\$ 800
Worthington Community Theatre	<u>\$1,050</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ 5,000

SECTION 2. That the Finance Director is authorized and directed to distribute grant funds to the organizations in the amounts indicated in Section 1.

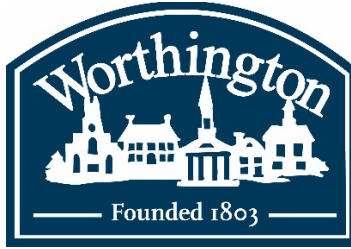
SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted: _____

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Date: April 12, 2023

To: City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

Subject: RESOLUTION – CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANGELA HARRIS AS
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution confirms the Appointment of Angela N. Harris to the position of Director of Personnel and amends the position description for Director of Personnel.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce and Approve as Presented

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

The City's longtime Personnel Director will retire on May 31st. Per the City Charter, the City Manager appoints unclassified officers of the City subject to confirmation by City Council. I have appointed HR Manager Angela Harris to become the next Director of Personnel effective June 1, 2023, and this Resolution confirms the appointment.

Ms. Harris has served the City for almost 10 years, first as Finance/Personnel Analyst, and then as HR Manager. She has assisted with all functions of the Personnel Department, including hiring, promotions, discipline, benefit administration and labor relations. In addition, Ms. Harris managed the City's transition to a timekeeping system, and has been an active participant in employee diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. She has a B.S. degree in Business Administration/Management and a Master's degree in Human Resources Management.

The job description for the Director of Personnel has been amended to change the title from Assistant to the City Manager/Personnel Director to Director of Personnel. The longer title was a result of Lori Trego's earlier position with the City before focusing on Personnel functions.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 23-2023

Director of Personnel Job Description

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2023

Confirming the Appointment of Angela N. Harris to the position of Director of Personnel and Amending the Position Description for Director of Personnel.

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Worthington provides for the City Manager to appoint certain unclassified officers of the City subject to the confirmation of City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager has appointed Angela N. Harris as Director of Personnel effective June 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, City Council desires to confirm the appointment of Angela N. Harris as Director of Personnel; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the job description for the position of Assistant to the City Manager/Personnel Director to properly reflect the duties of this position and to amend the title to Director of Personnel;

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

SECTION 1. That the appointment by the City Manager of Angela N. Harris to the position of Director of Personnel effective June 1, 2023 be and hereby is confirmed.

SECTION 2. That the job description for the position of Director of Personnel (Class Specification No. 27) as per the description attached hereto be and the same is hereby amended.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted _____

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council

CITY OF WORTHINGTON

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

CLASS: 27

Department: Personnel

Date: April 17, 2023

Reports To: City Manager

Title Revised: 2009

Updated: 2023

General Statement of Duties

The Director of Personnel serves as a principal assistant to the City Manager. This is a management level position requiring the use of considerable independent judgment in planning, coordinating and executing human resources responsibilities. The Director of Personnel performs varied and independent work. Duties primarily focus on human resources management, but may encompass any City function, as assigned by the City Manager.

Essential Functions of the Position:

Manages all City human resources functions including the recruitment and selection of all personnel; labor relations; and benefits administration.

Administers the City's employee benefits program, employee assistance program, and worker's compensation functions.

Develops, evaluates and revises City personnel policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

Monitors compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations, laws and statutes, as well as, the policies of the City of Worthington.

Coordinates performance evaluations, disciplinary actions and other personnel matters.

Serves as the primary contact for employees regarding issues related to EEO, compensation and benefits, and other employee relations matters.

Oversees the drug and alcohol testing procedures mandated by federal law.

Prepares various personnel records and maintains information of a confidential nature.

Supervises Personnel Department staff.

Serves as Clerk for the Personnel Appeals Board.

As directed by the City Manager, may act as liaison to, and/or assist boards, commissions and/or community organizations.

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:

Knowledge of public administration and its applications to local government.

Knowledge of personnel management and labor relations policies, applicable laws and practices.

Knowledge of municipal government budgeting practices and procedures.

Knowledge of recruitment strategies, procedures and legal requirements.

Ability to analyze complex public policy issues and manage diverse administrative projects.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the public, council members, department heads, and other City employees.

Ability to utilize a computer and standard office equipment.

Minimum Requirements of the Position:

Possession of a bachelor's degree in public or business administration, political science, human resources or a related field (master's degree preferred) and five years progressively responsible administrative and management experience in local government, or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.

The characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

This job description does not list all of the duties or functions of the job. You may be asked by supervisors or managers to perform other duties. The City has the right to revise this job description at any time.

Adopted by Resolution No. 23-2023; Effective ____



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Date: April 12, 2023

To: City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

Subject: RESOLUTION - COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS - JUNETEENTH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes the flying of a commemorative flag recognizing Juneteenth on the green lampposts along High Street between Granville Road and South and South Street.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

In April 2022, City Council adopted guidelines regarding the display of flags on City property, including Commemorative Flags (Resolution No. 19, 2022). Commemorative Flags are “a flag that identifies with a specific historical event, cause, theme, nation, or group of people that the City Council chooses to honor, recognize, or commemorate consistent with the City’s policies and priorities.” Under the guidelines, Commemorative Flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of City Council as an expression of the City’s official government speech. Request to display a Commemorative Flag must be made by a member of City Council. Requests made by members of the public are not considered.

Council Member Kowalczyk has requested the flying of a flag to recognize Juneteenth. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. The U.S. Government, State of Ohio and the City of Worthington designate June 19th as a holiday honoring Juneteenth in recognition of the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas and announced the enslaved black people in the state were free by executive decree.

Juneteenth celebrations began as community and state level events, which included unique traditions and symbols. Through the work of advocates including Dr. Ronald Myers and the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, the flag designed by

considered for display in Worthington.

City Council discussed this topic on April 10th and indicated a desire to fly the Juneteenth flag after Flag Day until June 20th. The resolution presented for consideration reflects this strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES (if applicable)

The City's costs will be associated with the purchase of the flags, fabrication of mounting hardware, and the staff time to put them up and take them down. The Service and Engineering Department's operating budget funds the purchase of flag materials.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution No. 24-2023

Resolution No. 19-2022 – Adopting Guidelines Regarding the Display of Flags on City Property

Proposed Juneteenth Flag to be flown

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2023
Authorizing a Juneteenth Flag to be Displayed on
City Owned Property at Specific Locations and for
Specific Periods of Time.

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution No. 19-2022 declaring that flagpoles on property owned by the City of Worthington are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as a non-public forum only for the display of flags authorized by City Council; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19-2022 provides that Commemorative Flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of City Council and that the authorizing resolution shall set forth the specific location and period of time that the Commemorative Flag shall be displayed.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to display a Juneteenth flag at the following specific locations and periods of time:

<u>Location(s)</u>	<u>Period of Time</u>
Flag holders on green city-owned lampposts from the lampposts on the immediate north side of the intersection of Granville Road and High Street to the intersection of South Street and High Street.	Annually from June 15 th to June 20 th .

SECTION 2. That the City Manager may modify the above locations and times as necessary to comply with federal or state law or to meet the operational needs of the City.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted:

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2022

Adopting Guidelines Regarding the Display of Flags on City Property

WHEREAS, City Council desires to establish clear guidelines regarding the display of all flags flown on City owned property; and,

WHEREAS, City Council declares that flagpoles on property owned by the City of Worthington are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as a non-public forum only for the display of flags authorized by City Council either as required by law or as an expression of the City's official government speech.

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

SECTION 1. Flags displayed on City owned property shall be displayed in accordance with Federal and State statutes and regulations, including but not limited to, United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1 and Ohio Revised Code Section 5.012.

SECTION 2. The City of Worthington flag shall fly at half-staff if either the United States Flag or Ohio Flag is at half-staff. The City Manager may order the City of Worthington Flag to fly at half-staff at the death of a current or former Council Member, current or former City employee, or a historically significant member of the community.

SECTION 3. That Council adopts the following guidelines regarding the display of commemorative flags on City owned property:

1. As used in these guidelines, a "Commemorative Flag" shall mean a flag that identifies with a specific historical event, cause, theme, nation, or group of people that the City Council chooses to honor, recognize, or commemorate consistent with the City's policies and priorities.
2. The City Manager may order the Commemorative Flag of any duly recognized Sister City of the City of Worthington to be flown on property owned by the City of Worthington during official visits of representatives of the Sister City provided that City Council has not authorized another Commemorative Flag for the same location and period of time.
3. The City Manager may order the Commemorative Flag recognizing the City of Worthington as a Tree City USA on property owned by the City of Worthington during the week before and the week following National Arbor Day provided that City Council has not authorized another Commemorative Flag for the same location and period of time.
4. Except as provided above, Commemorative Flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of City Council as an expression of the City's official government speech.

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5. City Council shall only consider a request to display a Commemorative Flag made by a member of City Council. Requests to fly a Commemorative Flag made by members of the public will not be considered.
6. City Council shall set forth in the authorizing resolution the specific location and period of time that the Commemorative Flag shall be displayed.
7. Commemorative Flags must be the same size or smaller than the United States or Ohio flags being flown.
8. If any other flag is being flown at half-staff, the Commemorative Flag will also be flown at half-staff.
9. The following are not allowed as Commemorative Flags and will not be considered by City Council:
 - a. Flags of a particular religious movement or creed to avoid the appearance of the City government endorsing religion or a particular religious movement or creed; or
 - b. Flags of a political party or candidate to avoid the appearance of City government endorsing a political party or candidate.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted April 18, 2022

/s/ David Robinson

President of Council

Attest

/s/ D. Kay Thress

Clerk of Council





STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Date: April 12, 2023

To: City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

Subject: RESOLUTION - COMMEMORATIVE FLAGS – PROGRESS PRIDE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution authorizes the flying of a commemorative flag recognizing Juneteenth on the green lampposts along High Street between Granville Road and South and South Street.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve as presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

Last year, City Council authorized the flying of the Progress PRIDE flag on the green city-owned lampposts on the immediate north side of the intersection of Granville Road and High Street to the intersection of South Street and High Street during the month of June, except for Flag Day when the U.S. flag is flown. If City Council approves the resolution authorizing the flying of Juneteenth flags between Flag Day and June 20th, the authorization for flying the Progress PRIDE flag must be amended to clarify the Progress PRIDE flag will be flown from the beginning of the month of June until Flag Day (June 14) and then after the Juneteenth flags are removed on June 20th until the end of the month of June.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES (if applicable)

There are no additional costs for these changes related to the Progress PRIDE flags.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution No. 25-2023

Resolution No. 25-2022 – Authorizing a Commemorative Flag to be Displayed on City Owned Property at Specific Locations and for Specific Periods of Time

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2023
Authorizing the Progress Pride Flag to be Displayed
on City Owned Property at Specific Locations and
for Specific Periods of Time.

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution No. 19-2022 declaring that flagpoles on property owned by the City of Worthington are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as a non-public forum only for the display of flags authorized by City Council; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19-2022 provides that Commemorative Flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of City Council and that the authorizing resolution shall set forth the specific location and period of time that the Commemorative Flag shall be displayed; and,

WHEREAS, City Council previously adopted Resolution No. 25-2022 authorizing the display of the Progress PRIDE flag annually during the month of June except on Flag Day on the city-owned lampposts on High Street; and

WHEREAS, City Council has adopted Resolution No. ____-2023 authorizing the display of the Juneteenth flag on the same lampposts which necessitates a modification of the period of time previously specified in Resolution No. 25-2022.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to display the Progress PRIDE flag at the following specific locations and periods of time:

<u>Location(s)</u>	<u>Period of Time</u>
Flag holders on green city-owned lampposts from the lampposts on the immediate north side of the intersection of Granville Road and High Street to the intersection of South Street and High Street.	Annually during the month of June, except from Flag Day to June 20th.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager may modify the above locations and times as necessary to comply with federal or state law or to meet the operational needs of the City.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted:

President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2022 (As Amended)

Authorizing a Commemorative Flag to be Displayed
on City Owned Property at Specific Locations and
for Specific Periods of Time.

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution No. 19-2022 declaring that flagpoles on property owned by the City of Worthington are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather as a non-public forum only for the display of flags authorized by City Council; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 19-2022 provides that Commemorative Flags may be displayed only as authorized by resolution of City Council and that the authorizing resolution shall set forth the specific location and period of time that the Commemorative Flag shall be displayed.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager is authorized and directed to display the Progress PRIDE flag at the following specific locations and periods of time:

<u>Location(s)</u>	<u>Period of Time</u>
Flag holders on green city-owned lampposts from the lampposts on the immediate north side of the intersection of Granville Road and High Street to the intersection of South Street and High Street.	Annually during the month of June, except on Flag Day.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager may modify the above locations and times as necessary to comply with federal or state law or to meet the operational needs of the City.

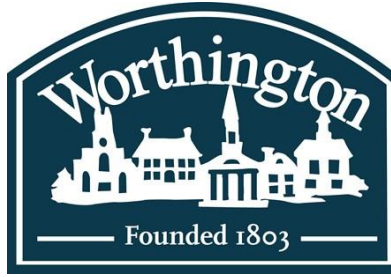
SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council be and hereby is instructed to record this Resolution in the appropriate record book.

Adopted May 9, 2022

/s/ David Robinson
President of Council

Attest

/s/ Ethan C. Barnhardt
Management Assistant



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Date: April 13, 2023

To: Robyn M. Stewart, Acting City Manager

From: Tom Lindsey, Law Director

Subject: Renewal of NRECC Agreement for Dispatch Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center to continue to provide public safety dispatching communication services.

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce and Approve as Presented.

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

In 2019 City Council adopted Resolution No. 31-2019 determining that contracting with the City of Dublin (Dublin) for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center (NRECC) to provide public safety dispatching communication services was in the best interest of the City and its residents for the provision of 911 call answering and public safety dispatching services.

NRECC is operated by Dublin and is governed by an executive committee and two operational committees which allow for each of the jurisdictions served by the Center to have input on how the Center operates and interacts with the community, police, firefighters and paramedics. The cost of services for a given year is based on the City's proportionate share of NRECC's annual joint dispatch budget calculated based upon the number and types of calls for service from the prior year. The City's

initial three-year agreement with Dublin expired December 31, 2022.

The proposed resolution would authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewal agreement with Dublin for the purpose of NRECC continuing to provide dispatching communication services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/FUNDING SOURCES (if applicable)

City Council has already appropriated the \$685,205 necessary to pay the City of Dublin for dispatch services for 2023.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Proposed Resolution 26-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2023

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center to Continue to Provide Public Safety Dispatching Communication Services.

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution No. 31-2019 determining that contracting with the City of Dublin for the Northwest Regional Emergency Communication Center (NRECC) to provide public safety dispatching communication services was in the best interest of the City and its residents for the provision of 911 call answering and public safety dispatching services; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 31-2019 the City Manager entered into an agreement with the City of Dublin for NRECC to provide public safety dispatching communication services which expired December 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, City staff is recommending that the City enter into a renewal agreement in which Dublin would continue to furnish the facilities, personnel and equipment for the purpose of NRECC providing dispatching communication services and the City would pay Dublin its proportionate share of the annual joint dispatch budget calculated based upon the number and types of calls for service from the prior year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 an agreement with the City of Dublin for the NRECC to continue to provide public safety dispatching communication services, subject to approval to form by the Law Director.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Finance Director, and the Law Director are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions, including the execution of all documents, amendments, or renewals for NRECC to continue to provide public safety dispatching services pursuant to the agreement authorized in Section 1, and that are not substantially inconsistent with this Resolution.

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

Adopted

President of Council

Attest

Clerk of Council



STAFF MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting – April 17, 2023

Date: April 13, 2023

To: Worthington City Council

From: Robyn Stewart, Acting City Manager

Subject: Resolution 27-2023 – Designation for Worthington Resource Pantry

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution designates Ethan Barnhardt as City representation on the Worthington Resource Pantry Board

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce and Approve as Presented

BACKGROUND/DESCRIPTION

This Resolution will formally designate Ethan Barnhardt, Management Assistant with the City Manager's office, as representative of the City on the Worthington Resource Pantry's Board.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 27-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2023

Designating Ethan Barnhardt to Represent the City
of Worthington on the Worthington Resource Pantry
Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, the Worthington Resource Pantry is a non-profit organization that educates, feeds and comforts people who need a helping hand during tough economic times; and,

WHEREAS, the Worthington Resource Pantry has requested a representative of the City to serve on its Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, Lee Brown has served as the City of Worthington's designee on the Worthington Resource Pantry Board of Directors for the past eight years and his term is expiring; and,

WHEREAS, Ethan Barnhardt has expressed interest in representing the City of Worthington on the Worthington Resource Pantry Board.

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

SECTION 1. That Ethan Barnhardt is hereby designated to represent the City of Worthington on the Worthington Resource Pantry Board and 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 2. 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