



**City of Powell, Ohio**  
City Council

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 20, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Jim Hrivnak on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. City Council members present included Jon Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Richard Cline, Tom Counts, Mike Crites and Brian Lorenz. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Debra Miller, Finance Director; Rob Rice, City Engineer; Gene Hollins, Law Director; Susie Ross, City Clerk; and interested parties.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Hrivnak opened the meeting to Citizen Participation for items not on the agenda.

Paul Mohler, 188 Wagon Trail North, said the new condos being built on Sawmill Road and Grey Oaks Drive have cut an entry onto Grey Oaks. His understanding was that they would only enter and exit off of Sawmill Road. Mayor Hrivnak said Staff will check on that and contact him. Mr. Mohler said the City may want to consider different recycling containers. He is not sure if they are having this problem in other neighborhoods but people stack them 3-4 containers high and the wind blows the trash all over the neighborhood. He said they may want to consider containers with lids.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Hrivnak closed the Citizen Participation session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Ross noted one correction on page 5 of the draft minutes.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt the minutes of May 7, 2014 as amended. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. Councilman Crites abstained from the vote. By unanimous consent, the minutes were approved as amended.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Item

*Departmental Reports – March 2014*

Action Requested

*Receipt of Electronic Report*

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Crites seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2014-10: A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED TO 5.001 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, WHICH IS PENDING ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF POWELL.**

Steve Lutz, City Manager, said this property is located along the City's southern border adjacent to the Liberty Hills subdivision. The property is being acquired by the resident who lives adjacent to this property. He wants to build a new house on this property and move there, continuing to receive City services.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Resolution 2014-10. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, Resolution 2014-10 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2014-11: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY TO REPAIR OR REPLACE SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF POWELL.**

Mr. Lutz said this is part of the annual sidewalk repair program. The City Engineer has identified the estimated costs of repairs for the homeowners within the program. The residents have been notified and given the option of opting-out so they can make their own repairs or by having the City contract out and make the repairs. If the resident chooses to have the City make the repairs they can pay the actual amount or choose to have an assessment placed on their property and spread out the cost over five years.

Mayor Hrivnak asked about the timeline for the program.

Rob Rice, City Engineer, said if this resolution is not adopted tonight it will be on the June 3<sup>rd</sup> agenda. The last day of the opt-out period is June 10<sup>th</sup>. After that, they advertise the project and the bid opening will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The bid will be awarded at the July 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting and work will take place in July and August.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment.

James Mink, 185 Valley Run Drive, said he has lived in this home for twenty years and it is a corner lot. There is a lot of sidewalk, in excess of 200 feet. The property was inspected by the City and five blocks were identified as needing to be replaced; four of the five are because of City street trees. These trees were approved and installed by the City ten years ago and when walking the neighborhood he noted that there are 13 different locations where street trees have caused this problem. There is only one bad place in his twenty year old sidewalk; he can see sidewalks in front of the municipal building that have areas that would trip someone. They are telling him he has to fix the sidewalks at a proposed cost of \$1,476 and if the trees are not removed he will just have this problem again in the future. All of the raised areas in the sidewalk are less than 1" and the slabs could be ground down and roughed up. This is done with approaches and driveways.

Mr. Rice said years ago a detailed survey was done and they found that folks did not want the trees removed. The issue of trees lifting the blocks has come before Council each of the ten years of the program. The City's policy is to trim the tree roots and replace the sidewalk block. Occasionally a tree will be lost because of the root cutting and the City will remove the tree. If the resident chooses to "opt-out" of the program the City will allow the resident to remove the trees. If the resident opts-out they can complete the sidewalk work in any way that meets the City's criteria. Grinding is not an option that the City has identified as acceptable within the program because of the potential damage to the sidewalk through compromising thickness and adding slickness. If the sidewalk was ground down and the tree does not have its roots trimmed it will continue to heave the block, requiring future replacement.

Mr. Mink asked if the tree roots come back if they are trimmed. Mr. Rice said they may or may not; there is no guarantee. Mr. Mink said it sounds like he can remove the trees if he does not go with the City program. There is one place where the heaving is just on one end of the block; will grinding that area cut into the integrity of the concrete? Mr. Rice said grinding is not a City method but if he wants to "opt-out" he can grind the block or use another method. Mr. Mink said the City should check the list of trees approved to put along these areas and not plant pear trees in the future because they cause problems. Grinding should also be added to the program as an option.

Mayor Hrivnak thanked Mr. Mink for his comments; if he would like to "opt-out" of the program Staff will be happy to assist him in the process.

Councilman Bennehoof said if he decides to remove the tree he may want to check with his homeowner association to make sure it can be removed. Some associations require that trees be replaced. Mr. Mink said the tree is not on their property.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Hrivnak closed the public comment session.

Councilman Cline asked if Staff is requesting that Council take this resolution to a second reading. Mr. Rice said in the past they have taken this to second reading only when there were a number of questions and they requested that Staff re-inspect some of the areas before adopting the resolution.

Councilman Bertone asked if this is similar to what was done in Lakes of Powell last year. Mr. Rice said last year's program took place in that area. Councilman Bennehoof said they discussed last year that going with the City program may allow economy of scale. Mr. Rice said they are not privy to homeowner information about the price of the contracted work but they have heard back that sometimes opt-outs were more or less expensive than the City program. It depends on the deal they are able to work out with their contractor as well as the bids received by the City.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Resolution 2014-11. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, Resolution 2014-11 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2014:12: A RESOLUTION SPECIFYING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED TO 5.147 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, WHICH IS PENDING ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF POWELL.**

Mr. Lutz said this resolution is a part of the State statutory annexation process. It is required that a municipality state that they are willing to provide services if the land is annexed and then the resolution goes back to the County Commissioners. This does not affect any pre-annexation or development agreements. This resolution is for the property located on Sawmill Parkway just north of the Mt. Carmel site on the west side of the parkway. At the last Council meeting they briefly discussed the proposed Alzheimer's facility that desires to go through the planning process at the City.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Resolution 2014-12. Councilman Crites seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, Resolution 2014-12 was adopted.

**REQUEST TO TABLE TO JUNE 3, 2014: SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2014-09: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF A 5.072 ACRE TRACT, MORE OR LESS, TO THE CITY OF POWELL.**

Mr. Lutz said this ordinance coincides with Ordinance 2014-21 and is in regard to Spectrum Retirement Communities. The property is located on the east side of Sawmill Parkway and one issue to be resolved is the lack of sanitary sewer capacity. The applicant is still working on this issue with the Delaware County Sanitary Engineer and their statutory annexation deadline and contract to purchase the land are coming up in June. This ordinance will likely come before Council at the next regular meeting if the applicant is able to resolve the sewer issue. For the past two weeks they have discussed this with other developers in the area who are facing similar limitations and will see if they can pool their resources to help lower the cost of providing sanitary sewer to their properties.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

Councilman Bennehoof asked if the coalition of other developers feel they are making progress or do they feel they will table again and run out of time. Mr. Lutz said they have an uphill battle; time is not on Spectrum's side and it may be difficult to resolve this in the next couple of weeks.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to table Ordinance 2014-09 to the first regularly scheduled meeting of City Council on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**REQUEST TO TABLE TO JUNE 3, 2014: ORDINANCE 2014:10: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTER AT POWELL CROSSING LLC, A DEVELOPMENT OF 14,000 SQ. FT. OF RETAIL IN TWO BUILDINGS, PRESERVING THE OLD HOUSE FOR COMMERCIAL USE, AND DEVELOPMENT OF 64 APARTMENT RESIDENTIAL UNITS ON 8.3 ACRES, LOCATED AT 147 W. OLENTANGY STREET.**

Mr. Lutz said this has been requested to be tabled to the next Council meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. When this was reviewed at the first reading the developer stated they would undertake a traffic study along Powell Road from Murphy Parkway to the Four Corners and put together a comprehensive plan, including what the City is intending to do with the queue cutter. They were able to complete that plan but they did not receive the final cost estimates. As part of this plan the developer will be responsible for the costs of any improvements which are adjacent to this proposed development. They do not feel comfortable moving forward until they have those costs; a meeting in two weeks will allow ample time.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to table Ordinance 2014-10 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of City Council on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**REQUEST TO TABLE TO JUNE 3, 2014: SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2014-21: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SPECTRUM RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES FOR AN INDEPENDENT SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY ON PROPERTY BEING ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF POWELL, BEING LOTS 2972 and 2973 OF WEDGEWOOD COMMERCE CENTER SECTION 3 ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAWMILL PARKWAY SOUTH OF PRESIDENTIAL POINTE SHOPPING CENTER, AND ESTABLISHING THE ZONING DISTRICT AS PC, PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.**

*Public Hearing*

Mr. Lutz said the annexation of this property has been tabled so they will do the same with this ordinance regarding the proposed development plan.

Mayor Hrivnak noted that the ordinance has been revised slightly to reflect the zoning category.

Gene Hollins, Law Director, said he discussed this with Mr. Betz and the intention of this ordinance is to approve the development plan and place the property in a Planned Commercial district if it comes into the City. The code regarding this district requires that a development plan be reviewed by Planning & Zoning and if it is approved, that it go before City Council for approval. He said the appropriate language was added to make sure both actions are considered.

Councilman Bennehoof said he was under the impression that the annexation of properties brought the current zoning with it. Mr. Hollins said there are a number of options and they can leave it in the district where it resides so it freezes in time that part of the Liberty Township zoning code that was in effect prior to the annexation or they can rezone the property to a City zoning district and apply City zoning code and regulations. Councilman Bennehoof said his opinion of this development has softened some but his position on the Planned Commercial district has not. His concern is that they are adhering to the CEDA agreement and his perception was that they would annex and carry the zoning of the Township forward for the property. Mr. Hollins said there are some sub areas where that was required but others such as this one where the City has options. Councilman Bennehoof said he stands by his opposition to Planned Commercial district zoning.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to table Ordinance 2014-21 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of City Council on Tuesday, June 3, 2014. Councilman Cline seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

**SECOND READING: ORDINANCE 2014-23: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH DOGWOOD ENTERPRISES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP AND GANZHORN REAL ESTATE OF POWELL, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Lutz said this is the second reading for a pre-annexation agreement for the proposed Alzheimer's facility on Sawmill Parkway. At the last meeting Council suggested that Mr. Hollins draft additional language for pre-annexation agreements which makes it clear to all that the agreements provide the landowner and purchaser the opportunity to avail themselves of the Planning & Zoning process of the City. During the pending annexation they will receive the customary review of the zoning application and prior to making any final decision as to whether or not to be annexed it will come before City Council along with a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the proposed development.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to amend Ordinance 2014-23 in Section 1, sixth sentence to insert the word "and" between the words "planning" and "zoning." Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-23 as amended. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2014-25: AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES FOR THE ACTIVE, INTERIM AND INACTIVE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Debra Miller, Finance Director, said three years ago they went through the RFP process with financial institutions and they awarded to Key Bank for three years with the option to renew for two more years. Instead of automatically renewing for two years, she sent out an abbreviated RFP with six or seven questions to let the banks know she was negotiating with Key Bank but would allow all of them to update their information. This would allow her the option to come back with a major RFP and not renew with Key Bank. Based on the responses, remaining with Key Bank is a good option for the City of Powell and that is her recommendation. This was discussed by the Finance Committee.

Mayor Hrivnak asked if it is necessary to have this as emergency legislation. Ms. Miller said she does not need this to be in effect immediately so the emergency wording is not necessary. She has until September 10<sup>th</sup> to pass this ordinance.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

Councilman Bennehoof asked if there are any ramifications of not taking this to a second reading. Ms. Miller said there are none. Councilman Crites asked about the difference between active, interim and inactive funds. Ms. Miller said that is the legal language regarding funds: active funds hold what they are currently spending, interim funds are those they know they will need in a short period of time, and inactive funds are investment funds. Councilman Cline said this ordinance adds StarPlus or StarOhio as a secondary depository and the Finance Committee reviewed and approved that change. Councilman Counts suggested they suspend the rules because the agenda at the next meeting will be relatively long and they should deal with this legislation tonight.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2014-25. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-25. Councilman Cline seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2014-26: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014.**

Mr. Lutz said last year the community raised funds for the City to purchase and maintain a police canine dog, Axel. Axel was taken to the ER over the weekend and will come through just fine but as a result they need an appropriation to pay the vet bill and to acquire health insurance.

Councilman Cline asked if they need to do a then-and-now certificate. Ms. Miller said it is within the \$3k limit which she can authorize.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2014-26. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-26. Councilman Cline seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2014-27: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC. (EMH&T) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MURPHY PARKWAY EXTENSION IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Mr. Lutz said one of the projects to be funded by the capital improvements levy was the Murphy Parkway Extension. Mr. Rice has worked with EMH&T on the proposal to design and engineer this road extension. EMH&T was the firm that engineered the existing Murphy Parkway as well as Grandshire and the Lakes of Powell so they are familiar with the area and have much of the background data. The contract has been negotiated on a time and material "not to exceed" basis so they know the cap amount. Throughout the process there will be several public meetings to review the progress and for Council to look at items and make policy decisions. Components of the contract include doing environmental engineering and addressing wetlands, pre- and post- traffic studies, railroad coordination at the south end of the parkway, and landscaping. Ideally they would like to have the engineering completed by late winter so they may go out to bid to construct the parkway in 2015.

Mr. Rice said they included all of the items provided through public input during the previous Murphy Parkway meetings. Councilman Cline said the Finance Committee reviewed this and recommends approval. He said the "not to exceed" contract is a maximum of \$260,540.00, meaning they may not need all of that but the contract is capped at that amount. Mr. Rice said if there are other necessities identified they may be able to incorporate them into this. They will know that better down the line and could add them by change order.

Councilman Lorenz asked if this proposal includes studies of flora and fauna such as the Indiana bat species. Mr. Rice said the proposal includes those studies. Councilman Lorenz said when they passed the ordinance to



change the alignment they discussed implementing safeguards to other streets that may be affected. He asked if that would be a part of this study. Mr. Rice said they identified that they would not physically design anything into the initial plan other than making a widening to the portion of Murphy Parkway adjacent to Presidential Parkway and Donerail so if they identify within the traffic studies that they want to do some sort of turn restrictions, the road will be wide enough to accommodate that. They do not know if they will need traffic calming so that is not included in this step.

Councilman Bennehoof applauded them for going with EMH&T. He asked if they are at risk because they are not doing a competitive bid. Mr. Lutz said professional services are exempt from competitive bidding under Ohio law. The City has a different ordinance that deviates slightly from the State law that allows them to review backgrounds of different engineering firms and negotiate from there. Councilman Bennehoof asked if there has been any thought given to destroying and relocating the maintenance building so the road can be straighter and shorter. He also asked if the dark area indicates the wetland area. Mr. Rice said that facility is actively being used by the Public Service Department and as a public records archive. Even if the building was demolished they will need to curve the road around to align it in a perpendicular way with South Liberty. The dark area shown is an existing pond and it will be studied for environmental concerns. Mr. Lutz said the Lechler Building was acquired when the City purchased the land for Murphy Parkway. The building is not in good condition and would require a lot of money to fix it up. The City's long term plans are to tear it down some day and relocate everything to one central Public Service complex; they will consider that as part of the development of Seldom Seen Park.

Councilman Cline said this ordinance is the first step in a long series of steps that will help them to address a terrible traffic problem in the downtown. When they addressed this at Finance Committee public input suggested that there is some question in the residents' minds about the commitment of Council to address the Four Corners problem. He assured the citizens that Council is committed to addressing that problem but it would be imprudent to do that when there is no alternative for the southwest quadrant. Murphy Parkway creates that southwest bypass. He is anxious to see this go forward and see construction begin but it must be clear to all that simply because this ordinance comes first, it in no way detracts from or limits Council's commitment to addressing the Four Corners problem.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2014-27. Councilman Crites seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-27. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

**FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2014-28: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN UPDATED POLICY OF PURCHASING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF POWELL.**

Mr. Lutz said this was reviewed by the Finance Committee last week. Ms. Miller said the entire policy needs some updates but they have not had time to address it. This is a very small amendment to the end of the policy that authorizes Change Funds. This will allow Staff to keep a small amount of change on hand to use to make change available for payments received.

Mayor Hrivnak opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2014-28. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-28. Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE:            Y   7              N   0  

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Development Committee:** No report. *Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.*

**Finance Committee:** No report. *Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

**Operations Committee:** Councilman Counts said they met prior to this meeting. One of the Council initiatives regarding safety issues was discussed. They heard a report from the Chief on the staffing of the Police Department. Lots of good information was received; he encouraged Council to review the papers prepared.

This year's budget includes the addition of another officer for the last six months of the year and that feeds into the Chief's report and safety issues within this initiative. *Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.*

**ONE Community:** Councilman Bennehoof provided an update on phone calls regarding the funding for the endowment and how it could be spent, the equity/fairness of the endowment, and concerns about the Committee committing funds. He said there should be no funding issues but if there are they would have to go to the Township Trustees and City Council to request a fund commitment. *Next Meeting: Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** No report. *Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.*

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The members of Council/families/friends were invited to meet at the trolley for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday at 9:45 a.m.
- ODOT notified the City they will temporarily open the intersection of S.R. 315 and S.R. 750 from this Friday until the tournament is over. It will re-close after that to complete the work.
- The City will not install the "pork chop" and turn restrictions at Depot Street until after the tournament.
- The first meeting for master planning of Seldom Seen Park will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. More information will follow.
- Board and Commission appointments need to be made. The length of Council meetings has prohibited them from addressing this earlier; they will try to schedule interviews at the beginning or end of the June 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS**

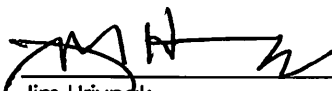
Councilman Cline said his packet included the Township Administrator's letter dated May 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the Board of Building Standards discussion and requesting a written response by May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He asked for an update about those discussions. Mr. Lutz said they have not held discussions yet. They also received an informal funding request from the Township today and he will need to contact Mr. Anderson to prioritize the timelines.

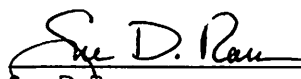
Councilman Bennehoof said the email from the Township about the widening of S.R. 750 earmarks monies and matching funds. He asked if someone should approach the Columbus Zoo because primarily their traffic necessitates these improvements. It could be cascaded down to the golf course at the Zoo and the Memorial Tournament but that would be a hard sell. Mr. Lutz said this is a grant that Liberty Township applied for and it has been in the works for a couple of years. The Zoo was involved in many of the meetings as the grant was trying to be secured and over that period of time there was no interest on the Zoo's part to contribute financially to this project. Councilman Bennehoof said he believes they should be re-approached. Mr. Lutz said this is a grant administered through MORPC which the Township applied for and to date ODOT and Delaware County have stepped up with financing. This is roughly a \$7 million project and they have about \$5 million in funding; the Township has been notified that it is time to identify and secure the remaining funding so they can complete the grant. Councilman Bennehoof asked if the City has any stake in this. Mr. Lutz said he has talked to the Township Administrator over the past year about getting a formal request for funding and it appears the City will be receiving it soon. Mayor Hrivnak said after all of this time they are finally going to receive a request and the timeline is very tight. Councilman Lorenz said the Zoo really needs to step up and be a player; the City is indirectly affected day after day with no benefit. He would like to see them forge more of a relationship with some of the players that cause our residents headaches and grow some more accountability. The City is making all of these improvements and they must determine if they are making them for the residents or for the greater Columbus area.

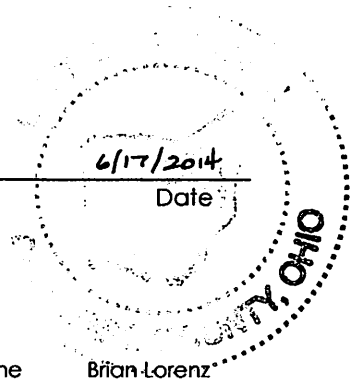
**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Councilman Cline moved at 8:42 p.m. to adjourn from Regular Open Session. Councilman Counts seconded the motion. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-17-14  
 Jim Hrivnak Date  
 Mayor

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 6/17/2014  
 Sue D. Ross Date  
 City Clerk



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