



City of Powell, Ohio
City Council

MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Jim Hrivnak on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:32 p.m. City Council members present included Jon Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Tom Counts, Jim Hrivnak, Brian Lorenz, Brendan Newcomb and Daniel Swartwout. Also present were Eugene L. Hollins, Law Director; Steve Lutz, City Manager; Megan Canavan, Communications Director; Debra Miller, Finance Director; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk, and interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCIL OATHS OF OFFICE – Judge David Gormley

Councilmen Jon Bennehoof, Brendan Newcomb and Daniel Swartwout were sworn in.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Hrivnak opened the citizen participation session for items not on the agenda. Hearing none, he closed the public comment session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 23, 2015

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt the minutes of December 23, 2015. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the minutes were approved.

RESOLUTION 2016-01: A RESOLUTION TO ELECT BRIAN LORENZ AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POWELL FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Mayor Hrivnak asked if there were any nominations for Mayor for the City of Powell. Councilman Bennehoof nominated Brian Lorenz as Mayor. There being no others, Mayor Hrivnak closed the nominations.

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

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to adopt Resolution 2016-01. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

RESOLUTION 2016-02: A RESOLUTION TO ELECT JON BENNEHOOF AS VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POWELL FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Mayor Hrivnak asked if there were any nominations for Vice Mayor for the City of Powell. Councilman Bertone nominated Jon Bennehoof as Vice Mayor. There being no others, Mayor Hrivnak closed the nominations.

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

MOTION: Councilman Bertone moved to adopt Resolution 2016-02. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR OATHS OF OFFICE – Judge David Gormley

Brian Lorenz was sworn in as Mayor and Jon Bennehoof was sworn in as Vice Mayor.

Jim Hrivnak expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as mayor and congratulated Brian Lorenz for his election as Mayor. Mayor Lorenz took the gavel and proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2016-01: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING STREETS, ROADS, SEWER AND OTHER RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING MUNICIPAL PARKS, BIKEPATHS, AND OTHER PARK-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING THE CITY'S PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITY, WITH RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING GENERAL MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS.

Steve Lutz, City Manager: This issue is related to the bond issue that the voters approved for the construction of various capital improvement projects, including Murphy Parkway, Seldom Seen Park, bike paths and road repairs.

Debra Miller, Finance Director: Originally in 2013, we only issued 4.1 million of the 7.1 million that we were authorized to issue. The reason why we didn't issue the entire amount is because many construction projects take a long time to do the engineering and we felt that instead of having the money just sitting around [during the lengthy engineering phase] and paying interest on it, we would leave it in the hands of the market. We will start paying interest now when we can spend it quicker so we should actually have lower interest costs. In 2013, we issued bonds for up to 10 years. With this one we're doing a note because we believe with the lower interest rate market we can do the notes and roll it up to 5 years and pay it off at that time. We feel this is a better financial picture for the City instead of issuing bonds.

Mr. Lutz: If you so choose you can suspend the second reading of this ordinance. We plan to price the notes on February 9th and close on the notes on the 23rd of February.

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

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved to suspend the rules in regard to Ordinance 2016-01. Councilman Hrivnak seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 1 (Newcomb)

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt Ordinance 2016-01. Councilman Bennehoof seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 1 (Newcomb)

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Development, Finance and Operations

Mayor Lorenz: Prior to each one of our Council meetings, our Committees will get together and meet. That is where the meat of the work is done on Council. Councilmembers are eligible to participate in any and all Committee meetings and serve on those as well. But in order to get the agenda set to continue on with some of the items that Council has been working on previously, I'd like to set the chairpersons for these three separate committees.

Nominations for Development: Councilmen Counts nominated Jim Hrivnak as Chair. Councilman Bertone seconded the nomination. Council gave a thumbs up to the nomination.

Nominations for Finance: Councilmen Hrivnak nominated Tom Counts as Chair. Councilman Bertone seconded the nomination. Council gave a thumbs up to the nomination.

Nominations for Operations: Councilmen Counts nominated Frank Bertone as Chair. Mayor Lorenz seconded the nomination. Council gave a thumbs up to the nomination.

Councilman Bennehoof: ONE Community is not on the list because, while it is a formal committee now, it is a collaborative committee between the township and the City, which is why we are not having that nomination. I will persist as one of the co-chairs with that.

Councilman Counts: Mayor, the agenda items said 'Committee Appointments.' Were you looking to

see what the pleasure of the Councilmembers were to serve on the various committees?

Mayor Lorenz: I was hoping we could consider that at Goal Setting and I just wanted to set the Chairs at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Next Meeting: February 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee: Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m. (Ms. Miller: We may have one later in January, there are some things brewing, but as of now there is nothing going on).

Operations Committee: Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

ONE Community: Next Meeting: These meetings will be on the second Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting will be February 16th.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Powell Community Improvement Corporation: Next Meeting: TBD.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lutz: At our next Council meeting on January 19th, it will be a facilitated City Goal Setting session to establish initiatives. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be provided.

Mayor Lorenz: Each Councilmember should take a look at some initiatives that are important to them, set some goals that they feel are attainable and manageable or something you would like to see happen in the next two years that you want to be a steward of, and come prepared to talk about that. Also, as Tom mentioned, consider the different Committees you would like to serve on. All Councilmembers are welcome to participate in all Committees. Please contact me with any questions about Committees, structures or any other questions.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilman Bennehoof: Each of our Committees should, at the end of each Committee meeting, if they have any communications items, to direct them to the PIO [Public Information Officer], Megan [Canavan], at the end of the meeting for her promulgation in whatever channel she chooses.

One of our alum, Mike Crites, had [previously] brought up [the prospect of] a sister city and I don't know that we ever moved forward on that. I would like to put it on the Goal Setting Session Agenda. I think there might be some value in that.

I've recently been asked if ONE Community was an open meeting and I told the questioner that all of our Committee meetings are open to the public.

Mayor Lorenz: And the Goal Setting Session, while informal, is also open to public as well.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Bennehoof moved at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED: January 19, 2016

		
_____ Brian Lorenz Mayor	_____ Karen J. Mitchell City Clerk	_____ Date
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City Council
 Brian Lorenz, Mayor

Jon Bennehoof	Frank Bertone	Tom Counts	Jim Hrivnak	Brendan Newcomb	Daniel Swartwout
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