



City of Powell, Ohio
City Council

MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of Powell City Council was called to order by Mayor Jon C. Bennehoof on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. City Council members present included Jon C. Bennehoof, Frank Bertone, Tom Counts, Brian Lorenz, Brendan Newcomb, Melissa Riggins and Daniel Swartwout. Also present were Steve Lutz, City Manager; Karen J. Mitchell, City Clerk and interested parties.

OPEN SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 6, 2018 and the February 13, 2018 Strategic Initiatives.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt the minutes of February 6, 2018 and February 13, 2018 Strategic Initiatives. Councilman Newcomb abstained from the February 13, 2018 minutes. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item

- [Departmental Reports – January 2018](#)
- **ORDINANCE 2018-07**: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR CARPENTER'S MILL, SECTION 1, PART A, BY PULTE HOMES OF OHIO LLC FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT STEITZ ROAD AND HUNTERS BEND. ([EX. A](#))
- **ORDINANCE 2018-08**: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR CARPENTER'S MILL, SECTION 1, PART B, BY PULTE HOMES OF OHIO LLC FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT STEITZ ROAD AND HUNTERS BEND. ([EX. A](#))

Action Requested

Receipt of Electronic Reports
Adoption

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

PRESENTATION: SCRAM! Wildlife Control, by Logan Oates, Community Engagement Coordinator and Adam Turpen, Director of Ohio Wildlife Center & SCRAM! Wildlife Control ([Exhibit 1](#))

Mr. Turpen explained that SCRAM! is a suburban commercial and residential animal management organization that was established in 2001 as a service of Ohio Wildlife Center that provides 100% nonlethal services to Central Ohio for natural, humane and permanent solutions of animal nuisance. SCRAM! can be reached at 614.763.0696 or SCRAMwildlife.org.

Mayor Bennehoof: You showed bats. Do you encourage bat houses or not?

Mr. Turpen: Absolutely. If you want to see bats and have bats in your yard, absolutely. However, it is

not a situation where 'if you build it, they will come.' You have to already have bats in your back yard for them to be interested in that bat box. They are beneficial to our ecosystem because they can eat up to their weight in insects every evening.

Mayor Bennehoof: Regarding geese, are those plastic swans effective?

Mr. Turpen: Not really. In the '70s it was thought that swans would be a good aggressor to discourage geese and it just really isn't. It's to the point where the state is now interested in removing all swans which are considered a non-native. The ornamental swans that most people had on their farms, or on their small ponds, are now considered a non-native, invasive species that the state's trying to get rid of because those particular swans ruin the habitat for our native trumpeter swan. Also, a plastic swan is fairly static and it becomes part of the landscape very quickly. The birds are very visual, so you need to be visual with your attack on them. It requires lots of quick movement, such as a red or green laser.

PRESENTATION: Delaware General Health District Update, by *Sheila Hiddleston*

Ms. Hiddleston: There are a couple of things coming up. For the Mayor, we do have our District Advisory Council meeting on March 8th, beginning at 6:15 p.m. For those newer members of Council, we are a combined health district which means our board is appointed by the District Advisory Council, the City of Delaware, and the City of Powell. You get your own appointee, Heather Carr, who is appointed to our Board, but the Mayor is also on the District Advisory Council and they appoint five of our Board of Health members.

Last year a lot of time was spent on facility planning and customer service planning. With the population growth on the southern end of the county and limited current office space, the Health District plans to open two full service satellite facilities down in the southern part of the county (Sunbury/Galena area and another down here near Powell, although exact location is undetermined) and hope to have it opened and running by the end of the year.

The flu season doesn't seem to have reached its peak. There was a slight decline but it has recently begun to increase again. There have been three deaths in the county this year – all adults.

Councilman Lorenz: I attended the opioid taskforce meeting last October. What are the next steps for that? Are you planning on doing anything else?

Ms. Hiddleston: We are continuing to work through the logic model. If you haven't met Deanna Brandt, she's our newer contact. She's really looking at the treatment, recidivism side. We at the Health District are partnering with her. We are about prevention and what we can do focusing on prevention, i.e. how to get more Narcan out to the streets, how do we do those education pieces, etc.

Mayor Bennehoof: Where is the March 8th meeting taking place at?

Ms. Hiddleston: At the health district, in the basement. Joan Bowe, our representative that comes to your meetings regularly, is retiring at the middle of March. Her next meeting may be her last meeting with all of you.

FIRST READING: [ORDINANCE 2018-04](#): AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018. ([EX. A](#))

Steve Lutz, City Manager: This appropriation is to allow us to spend up to \$500 in our Veterans Memorial Fund. This is a fund which people contribute money to and then we utilize the funds to purchase engraved bricks. We have funds but we need legislation to spend those funds.

Mayor Bennehoof opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public comment and opened the floor for comments and questions from Council.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to suspend the rules in regards to Ordinance 2018-04.
Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-04. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2018-05: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018. (EX. A)

Mr. Lutz: In this year's capital budget we have the funds necessary to install a traffic signal along North Liberty Street and Grace Drive. This is part of a recommendation that came out of the Keep Powell Moving initiative. As part of this project, we have to acquire some right-of-way for the project and the funds will be utilized to purchase that right-of-way.

Mayor Bennehoof opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public comment and opened the floor for comments and questions from Council.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to suspend the rules in regards to Ordinance 2018-05.
Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-05. Councilman Swartwout seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2018-06: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018. (EX. A)

Mr. Lutz: As part of our operating budget, we do budget for employee health insurance based on their existing status. Recently, our Assistant City Engineer, John Moorehead, and his wife welcomed a baby boy. To get him on the health plan, it will be an additional \$2,300 per year, so we have that appropriation before you tonight.

Mayor Bennehoof opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public comment and opened the floor for comments and questions from Council.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to suspend the rules in regards to Ordinance 2018-06.
Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-06. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2018-09: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018. (EX. A)

Mr. Lutz: This is an item that has had considerable discussions before coming before Council tonight. This was recommended by a 2-1 vote out of Finance Committee last week and involves hiring Murphy Epson to assist the City in communicating the work of the City's Financial Task Force. The City continues to look for better or more efficient ways to communicate to our residents and businesses. As we all know, communications is constantly evolving and has gotten a bit more complicated. Today we are much more heavily involved in social media [as a communication tool].

One thing we looked at was putting together a proposal somewhat similar to the Keep Powell Moving initiative where we utilized the same firm to help communicate what was taking place. During the discussion with the Finance Committee, there were many different thoughts about this and supporting this effort. There were concerns about whether we would begin to advocate and not just communicate. Tonight it is before you for discussion and consideration.

Councilman Counts: So as Steve mentioned, this did come before the Finance [Committee]. The one thing I would add is this really relates to the topic of capital improvements, capital repairs. This issue, in my view, is the biggest issue we have before the City. It's rare that we communicate too much to our residents. I think Keep Powell Moving was a fine example of where Council and Staff worked through that process and residents were kept informed of what was going on. Out of that process, some things were decided, other things were put off into the future. With Keep Powell Moving, there were differences of opinion as to what was appropriate, but I think that at the end of the day, people felt that they knew that there was an issue before them, and they knew a little bit more about it. I think that is what we are trying to achieve here. Because I believe this is an important issue, especially at this particular point of time with Megan being on maternity leave. It doesn't help our ability to communicate. Still, notwithstanding when Megan comes back, it remains an important issue. I think that is why it is appropriate to enter into this.

Councilwoman Riggins: As I stated at the previous meeting, this is an awful lot of money to go into this. I don't know if it is going to be able to be justified to residents and I am concerned it will affect how the citizen committee operates.

Councilman Newcomb: A lot of the proposal has to do with content that's involved. Have we been able to identify anyone in the task force, which has a lot of talented individuals on it, willing to develop the content and then we can just post that on the website?

Mr. Lutz: At this point that question has not been posed to the task force.

Councilman Counts: These are residents giving up their time. For someone to take on that task, especially given the fact that there are these subcommittees where most of the work is being done, it would require multiple people, not just one person. I think that would be asking a lot. I think that is why it is appropriate to have someone else do that.

I should also add that as we modify this, no one from MurphyEpson would be attending all the meetings. Much of the collection of information would be coming from Staff and then that information would be passed on to MurphyEpson.

Councilman Bertone: We did discuss this in Finance Committee at length. To me this is staff augmentation. We are missing our Communications Director and Public Information Officer who could possibly handle these types of duties, but I look at what we have in terms of Staff and it is a lean, mean model. To add that duty on someone may also mean they're doing ordinary work versus extraordinary work.

I had concerns about this whole initiative, this proposal, back in December or early January when it first came to us. The number is less than what it was previously. But more importantly, I agree with Tom, and I think this is our greatest issue facing our community right now. What the task force is being asked to do is help guide us and help us understand where we are albeit from expenses, revenues, etc. We've all done our part in terms of trying to explain that to them and give the latitude they need. I think this group [MurphyEpson] coming aboard is beneficial to them. I don't think MurphyEpson is going to hinder them. I think they will be behind the scenes. I think that should be explained to those subcommittees, to explain that this group is simply augmentation to what they are doing today.

I like your thought, Brendan, about possibly having one of the task force members do this, but I think that's an ask that may be hard for a task force member to swallow because they are already giving up their time. I'm not sure many would sign on to that type of duty.

I fully advocated this approach. I advocated that this be delayed versus a January opportunity. Now we are looking at possibly starting this sometime near March. I think that's an appropriate time to interject this group to help the task force get information out to the community. They are doing a lot of great work, so let's get this information out to help folks understand what's going on. I don't want to be flat-footed. I want to be proactive in our communications. We've had that brand and reputation about us in the past and I think this is certainly something we will want to continue to do: be more positive and more proactive about what is taking place and that there is a lot of good work going on.

Councilman Swartwout: Why is this coming from our contingency?

Mr. Lutz: This is an unbudgeted item. We could take it unappropriated. It will come out of the Operating budget, but it's not a budgeted item.

Councilman Swartwout: I'm a little bit leery about going through more than half of our contingency before the end of February. I know that we spent a lot of our contingency last year on significant public safety issues such as police patrols at the Four Corners when we had some serious traffic issues caused by the closure of S.R. 315. I don't question the need for communication. I believe that communication is important and necessary to educate our residents. I just question the efficacy of this proposal. I've made my position clear and I don't want to belabor the point here.

Councilman Lorenz: Tom nailed it: capital improvement is our biggest need in this community and it continues to grow on a day-by-day basis. Our residents expect a high level of service. Our Staff continues to stretch to make that happen. We continue to be hit in all directions. The ordinance that follows this one is another example where Home Rule is being challenged and our ability to collect and control our own destiny as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. We really need to nail this 100% this year and make our residents understand what capital improvements are, why they are needed, and why they are coming at such a critical time.

My only concern with this ordinance is what happens after it. This has been whittled down to some degree, from the original proposal, right Tom? [Councilman Counts indicates affirmatively]. I'm not ready to vote on this yet. I'd like to look at it a little bit more. I would suggest taking this to a second reading so that we can have a discussion on what the next steps might be after this.

Mayor Bennehoof: I think that our residents demand, require and deserve a high level of service from the City. With that, I think they also require a high level of communication. I think we are remiss when we don't communicate. We have had examples of that in the past and I think we have learned from those mistakes. We have used MurphyEpson in the past with great success. With the absence of Megan, the delay of this communication project, and the reduction through value engineering to reduce the cost, I think that the time is right for this, but I will entertain the conversation tonight to address Brian's concern about what the next steps are.

Mr. Lutz: We haven't had that much discussion other than what we had at last week's strategic session. This proposal would take us through the completion of the task force, which is scheduled for mid-June. Then I think there was a brief discussion about after that time, it gets into Council's hands to determine what to do with it and how to move forward. I would think we would be having a similar discussion later this summer depending on what actions we may or may not take with the recommendations.

Mayor Bennehoof: I think we risk being behind the eight ball on this with delay.

Mayor Bennehoof opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public comment and opened the floor for comments and questions from Council.

Councilman Counts: I would like to mention that our next Council meeting is March 6th, so at that point, the Task Force Committee will have met twice and some subcommittees once. You are going to end up effectively having two months to two and a half months [to communicate with residents]. Is it going to make that much difference in delay? Quite honestly, I am on the fence on that issue, but I will tell

you that it's taken us almost two months to get this point. Frank, early in this process, said that maybe we could start this a little later. Well we are now to later.

Councilwoman Riggins: I agree that informing the public is very important. I just don't think at this price.

Councilman Bertone: To that end, there may be some heartburn over the price. It's obvious here that folks are having some contention with it. From my viewpoint, I consider myself somewhat of a handy individual. I can choose to do some home improvements on my own or simply for the benefit of my own time and my family's time, I would hire an expert to do certain things. When I look at what we are trying to achieve with this overall objective, I think it's time to bring in an expert to help us get this piece completed. I look at it as an investment towards getting what we need and that's getting the information out in a proper fashion. Tom, you're right, I did say maybe I'd be open to this conversation, not in January or February. We are going into March already. The longer we kick the can down the road, we are just going to ruminate on this conversation. I think it's ripe for a vote tonight.

Councilman Lorenz: I understand the communication. It's a cost of convenience. What's bothering me is what's next. This would be the second time in the last two or so years – and I understand we are short-staffed and this is something that a specialist should probably be working on – but here's an opportunity if we took all the money from this contingency and put another FTE on it, we could do it all in-house and have full control over it. I'm not sure if I'm articulating that well enough.

Councilman Bertone: You are, but to an extent, I don't believe it was budgeted.

Councilman Counts: One of the issues with respect to should we do this in-house or should we hire someone to do that, is by the time we were to go through the interview process and hire someone with this being a short-term project, what happens to that person after the project is completed? This is one of the reasons why you use a consultant so you don't have to fire someone after a short-term project is done.

Mayor Bennehoof: As a consultant, I could underscore that.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to suspend the rules in regards to Ordinance 2018-09.

Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 4 N 3 (Newcomb, Riggins, Swartwout)

Ordinance 2018-09 was taken to a second reading.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2018-10: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY INCOME TAX CODE TO ADOPT SECTIONS 718.80 THROUGH 718.95 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (EX. A)

Mr. Lutz: This was also discussed at last week's Finance Committee meeting. It has to do with HB 49 in which the state is looking at creating a centralized municipal net-profit tax collection. Law Director Hollins will give a brief review and current status of this legislation.

Gene Hollins, Law Director: At Council's request, we did distribute some attorney-client materials of what other municipalities are doing. Without getting into too much detail, which we can discuss more in Executive Session, and consistent with what we have been saying, we argued strenuously to the Court of Common Pleas that this add-on to last summer's budget bill we strongly believe is unconstitutional. The state did enter into an agreed preliminary injunction until Saturday so the Court has indicated they will rule by Friday on a preliminary injunction which would keep this piece of legislation stayed until the court had a chance to fully consider it on the merits of the unconstitutionality.

We are presenting this for a first reading this evening despite the fact we strongly feel it is unconstitutional. If you felt it important to have something in effect just in case court the ruled adversely to us on Friday, we could get this in place tonight and repeal it at the next meeting if we get our

injunction. The only risk here is, because of the way the state is structured, they are basically threatening to yank our entire income tax authority to force us to give them this piece of the puzzle. Some taxpayer may in the future try to claim that for some short period of time we were out of compliance with what the state dictated to us and we didn't have any income tax authority. We know that's a risk. We don't like conceding any of these points to the state, but we would understand if this Council felt risk-adverse enough it didn't even want to stand that risk in the future. I'd be happy to answer more detailed questions but would ask that we do that in Executive Session. A second reading would be after we know what happens with the injunction.

Councilman Counts: Are you asking us to move it to the end of the agenda so we can go into Executive Session?

Mr. Hollins: Certainly. We could come back from Executive Session if that would make you more comfortable.

Mayor Bennehoof opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public comment and opened the floor for comments and questions from Council.

The Mayor moved this item for Council discussion between Agenda item 16 and 17.

FIRST READING: [ORDINANCE 2018-11](#): AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH DELAWARE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF LIBERTY ROAD AND SELDOM SEEN ROAD. ([EX. A](#))

Mr. Lutz: This is a project that the City has been involved in discussing with Delaware County for the past two years. We studied the intersection of N. Liberty and Seldom Seen Roads. The northbound lane of Liberty Street is under the county jurisdiction, the rest of this area is under the City's jurisdiction. The City and county conducted an analysis of the intersection, determined that improvements were necessary, and considered several solutions, including a roundabout, adding a traffic signal, or adding a turn lane on northbound Liberty Street. It was determined that the signalized intersection was best route to take.

We conducted that analysis in early 2016. In November of 2016, Council passed, and we entered into, a similar agreement with the county for the engineering of this project which is currently underway. In this agreement the City is paying for 50% of the engineering and the county the rest. With this legislation, it formalizes the cost going forward for construction of this project. We are applying for a grant, and if we receive the grant, the City's half of the cost of construction will be \$401,000. If we don't get the grant, it will be \$726,000. The schedule is that we will be applying for that grant this fall and we will find out early next year if we get the grant or not. Construction is tentatively scheduled for either late 2019 or early 2020. This agreement locks the City and county down into the cost sharing for the improvements.

Mr. Hollins: The county tends to use the same agreement regardless of what phase of the job it is in. It's just a way to get it back to the county to let them know what we are doing.

Councilman Lorenz: We have to budget for this if we are unable to come up with the amount because it is a significant amount [Multiple speakers]....are there any penalties by adopting these, Steve?

Mr. Lutz: What the City's budget accounts for is in the future years, we have estimated and allocated the full amount if we are responsible for \$726,000, similar to what we've done for Sawmill Parkway knowing in a couple years we received a grant to resurface that. Quite frankly, that's why some of our street maintenance budget this year and next year are lower because we are budgeting the funds for 2020-21.

Mayor Bennehoof opened this item to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public comment and opened the floor for comments and questions from Council.

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved to suspend the rules in regards to Ordinance 2018-11. Councilman Counts seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-11. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Next Meeting: March 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee: Next Meeting: March 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting may be changed depending on the will of the committee members because I will be out of town on that date.

Operations Committee: Next Meeting: February 20, 2018, 6:30 p.m. We met tonight and discussed several items, including a fiber initiative for the City; the possibility of adding a provision in our Building Code to require radon detection systems in new single family dwellings; some modifications and strategies for snow removal from our current policy; we came to an agreement on a park name and sign which is Seldom Seen Park; we had an update and good discussion on the Presidential Parkway and Sawmill Road intersection where the City will reach out to our regional partners in a cooperative effort to improve that intersection; we had a brief update on the community attitude survey which will be conducted soon with preliminary results in March; and mark your calendars for Monday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m. for the Civilian Response to Active Shooter training seminar. Thanks to Councilman Swartwout for that initiative.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Next Meeting: March 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Powell CIC: Next Meeting: TBD. Councilman Lorenz stated that something needed to get scheduled in order to touch base and he will get a date for that as soon as he could.

Powell Citizen Financial Review Task Force: Next Meeting: February 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m. The Task Force is meeting on a monthly basis. Last month, they divided themselves into three subcommittees: Revenue, Expenditure and Capital subcommittees.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. I tried to keep you alerted regarding potholes in the City. This winter has been hard on road surfaces throughout Central Ohio because of the extreme cold and thawing. Through last week, our crews have put down 7,500 pounds of asphalt patches which is more than they often do throughout an entire year. They will be continuing to address potholes as we move into Spring.
2. I will be on vacation and out of town on Thursday through next Friday. During my absence, items can be directed to Dave Betz. As always, you can text or email me.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

- a. Mayor Bennehoof: Standing committees of Council appointments were decided at our Strategy Meeting and now we need to approve those. Our Development Committee is chaired by Frank Bertone with Jon Bennehoof and Dan Swartwout; Finance Committee is chaired by Tom Counts with Frank Bertone and Dan Swartwout; and Operations Committee is chaired by Brian Lorenz with Brendan Newcomb and Melissa Riggins.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to appoint Council members to Committees as outlined by the Mayor. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, the Council Committee members were appointed as outlined by the Mayor.

- b. Mayor Bennehoof: At our organizational meeting, the Rules of Council require us to appoint a Clerk of Council at each new term.

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved to appoint Karen J. Mitchell as Clerk of Council. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members of Council, Karen J. Mitchell was appointed Clerk of Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: O.R.C. SECTION 121.22(G)(1) PERSONNEL MATTERS, O.R.C. SECTION 121.22(G)(3) PENDING OR IMMINENT LITIGATION, AND O.R.C. SECTION 121.22(G)(8) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

MOTION: Councilman Lorenz moved at 8:47 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Matters, O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(3) Pending or Imminent Litigation, and O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(8) Economic Development. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion.

Councilman Newcomb informed Council that he would be recusing himself from discussion during Executive Session regarding O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(3) Pending or Imminent Litigation and O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(8) Economic Development.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

MOTION: Councilman Counts moved at 9:56 p.m. to adjourn from Executive Session into Open Session. Councilman Bertone seconded the motion. Councilman Newcomb returned to the meeting.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0

OPEN SESSION

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2018-10: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY INCOME TAX CODE TO ADOPT SECTIONS 718.80 THROUGH 718.95 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (EX. A)

Mr. Hollins: If adopted, this would put into our codified ordinances the HB for the additional provisions of Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code. They all relate to a centralized collection of net profit taxes for those businesses that choose to opt in to have collections of their net profits. This merely reflects verbatim what was adopted by the General Assembly this summer.

Mr. Lutz recommended taking this to a second reading at a special meeting on February 23, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Council unanimously agreed to the proposed meeting date and time for a second reading of Ordinance 2018-10.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilman Swartwout moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. Councilman Lorenz seconded the motion. By unanimous consent of the remaining members, the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED: March 6, 2018

Jon C. Bennehoof 3/19/2018 Karen J. Mitchell 3/19/2018
Jon C. Bennehoof Date Karen J. Mitchell Date
Mayor City Clerk



Frank Bertone

Tom Counts

Brian Lorenz

Jon C. Bennehoof, Mayor

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Daniel Swartwout