



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Daniel Swartwout called the March 21, 2023 City Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. City Council Members in attendance were Ferzan Ahmed, Jon Bennehoof, Tom Counts, Christina Drummond, Heather Karr, Brian Lorenz and Daniel Swartwout. City Staff in attendance included Andrew White, City Manager; Jeffrey Tyler, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director; Rosa Ocheltree, Finance Director; Jason Nahvi, HR Manager; Yazan Ashrawi, Law Director; Claudia Husak, Planning Director; Grant Crawford, Director of Public Service; Mallory Sribanditmongkol, Strategic Communications Officer; Steve Hrytzik, Police Chief; and Amy Deere, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Proclamation recognizing Olentangy Liberty High School Wrestler, Dylan Russo.**

Dylan Russo Proclamation.pdf

- b. Proclamation recognizing Olentangy Liberty High School Swimmer, Hudson Williams.**

Hudson Williams Proclamation.pdf

- c. Proclamation recognizing Olentangy Liberty High School Ice Hockey Team.**

Ice Hockey Champions.pdf

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Swartwout opened the floor for Citizen Participation, allowing citizens to address City Council on items that are not on this evening's agenda.

Brittany Zoecklein of the Delaware Public Health District provided updates from the district.

Mayor Swartwout asked if there were any other citizens wanting to address City Council. Seeing none, he closed Citizen Participation.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Chambers Update - Rosa Ocheltree

[199256_City of Powell_Lobby Council Chambers_Presentation_3.15.23 \(002\).pdf](#)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of City Council Minutes of March 7, 2023

[City Council Minutes 03072023.pdf](#)

MOTION: Jon Bennehoof moved to approve City Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023. Christina Drummond seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0 (None) AB 1 (Brian Lorenz)

City Council Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023 were approved with a vote of 6-0-1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Monthly Department Reports - February, 2023

- [1. Building_Department_Monthly_Report_February_2023.pdf](#)
- [2. Community_Development_Dept_Monthly_Report_February_2023.pdf](#)
- [3. Finance_Monthly_Report_February_2023.pdf](#)
- [4. HR_Monthly_Department_Report_February_2023.pdf](#)
- [5. PD_Monthly_Department_Report_February_2023.pdf](#)

MOTION: Jon Bennehoof moved to approve Consent Agenda of March 21, 2023. Christina Drummond seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

Consent Agenda of March 21, 2023 was approved with a vote of 7-0-0.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING(S)

ORDINANCE 2023-10

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF POWELL, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- [1. Ord. 2023-10_Ordinance_Memo.pdf](#)
- [2. Ord. 2023-10_Ordinance.pdf](#)

Mayor Swartwout opened the floor for public comment on Ordinance 2023-10. Seeing none, he closed public comment for Ordinance 2023-10.

MOTION: Christina Drummond moved to strike Section 4 (a) from Ordinance 2023-10. There was no second. Motion failed.

MOTION: Jon Bennehoof moved to amend Ordinance 2023-10. Brian Lorenz seconded the motion.

Mayor Swartwout requested a roll call for passage: Christina Drummond, yes; Heather Karr, yes; Brian Lorenz, yes; Daniel Swartwout, yes; Ferzan Ahmed, yes; Jon Bennehoof, yes; and Tom Counts, yes.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

Motion to amend Ordinance 2023-10 approved with a vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION: Jon Bennehoof moved to approve amended Ordinance 2023-10. Ferzan Ahmed seconded the motion.

Mayor Swartwout requested a roll call for passage: Heather Karr, yes; Brian Lorenz, yes; Daniel Swartwout, yes; Ferzan Ahmed, yes; Jon Bennehoof, yes; Tom Counts, yes; and Christina Drummond, yes.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

Ordinance 2023-10 was approved with a vote of 7-0-0 and passed as an Emergency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee – Brian Lorenz advised the next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee – Tom Counts advised the next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Operations Committee – Jon Bennehoof advised the next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Community Diversity Advisory Committee – Heather Karr advised the next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Committee – Claudia Husak advised the next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Powell Development Corporation (CIC) – Brian Lorenz advised the next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/CITY CALENDAR

City Calendar

City Calendar.pdf

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ohio Revised Code Sec. 121.22 (G) (2) – To consider the purchase of property for public purposes.

Ohio Revised Code Sec. 121.22 (G) (8) – To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance.

MOTION: Jon Bennehoof moved to enter Executive Session. Heather Karr seconded the motion.

Mayor Swartwout requested a roll call for passage: Brian Lorenz, yes; Daniel Swartwout, yes; Ferzan Ahmed, yes; Jon Bennehoof, yes; Tom Counts, yes; Christina Drummond, yes; and Heather Karr, yes.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

Entered Executive Session at 9:04 p.m. with a vote of 7-0-0.

MOTION: Jon Bennehoof moved to adjourn Executive Session. Heather Karr seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

Adjourned Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. with a vote of 7-0-0.

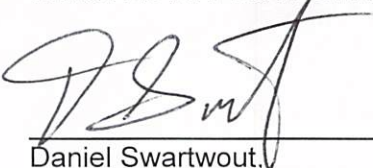
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jon Bennehoof moved to adjourn. Ferzan Ahmed seconded the motion.

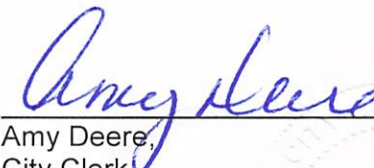
VOTE: Y 7 N 0 (None) AB 0 (None)

Adjourned at 9:18 p.m. with a vote of 7-0-0.

MINUTES APPROVED: APRIL 4, 2023



Daniel Swartwout, Mayor
4-4-23
Date



Amy Deere, City Clerk
4-4-23
Date

