



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Daniel Swartwout called the City Council Meeting of July 5, 2023 to order at 7:30 p.m. City Councilmembers present included Jon Bennehoof, Christina Drummond, Heather Karr and Daniel Swartwout. Councilmembers Ferzan Ahmed and Tom Counts were absent.

City Staff in attendance included Jeffrey Tyler, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director; Rosa Ocheltree, Finance Director; Jason Nahvi, HR Manager; Claudia Husak, Planning Director; Grant Crawford, Director of Public Service; Aaron Stanford, City Engineer; Wes Blake, IT Manager; Mallory Sribanditmongkol, Strategic Communication Officer; and Yazan Ashrawi, Law Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jon Bennehoof.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Swartwout presented a proclamation to Jaxson Eckert of Olentangy Liberty High School, recognizing him as the 2023 Division I State 800 Meter Champion.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mayor Swartwout opened the floor for citizen participation to address City Council regarding matters not on the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Swartwout closed citizen participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023

MOTION: Councilmember Bennehoof moved to approve the City Council Minutes of June 20, 2023 as written. Councilmember Karr seconded the motion. Motion passed by consensus.

VOTE: Y – 4 N – 0 AB – 0

Mayor Swartwout announced they would vote to table Ordinances 2023-15, 2023-14, and 2023-16 until the July 18, 2023 meeting of City Council at the request of the applicant.

ORDINANCE 2023-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH GRAND COMMUNITIES, LLC, RELATIVE TO THE ENCORE PARK OF POWELL DEVELOPMENT.

ORDINANCE 2023-14

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH DEVIATIONS AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING A NEW STREET SEGMENT FOR THE ENCORE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, A ± 2.43 -ACRE DEVELOPMENT AT THE CASE AVENUE AND DEPOT STREET INTERSECTION TO BE DEVELOPED WITH NINETEEN (19) SINGLE-FAMILY, DETACHED RESIDENTIAL UNITS AS SUBMITTED BY GRAND COMMUNITIES, LLC.

ORDINANCE 2023-16

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

MOTION: Councilmember Bennehoof moved to table Ordinance 2023-15, Ordinance 2023-14, and Ordinance 2023-16 until the Tuesday, July 18, 2023 meeting of City Council. Councilmember Drummond seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VOTE: Y – 4 N – 0 AB – 0

ORDINANCE 2023-17 (FIRST READING)

AN ORDINANCE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A $\pm 2,225$ -SQUARE-FOOT CAFÉ WITH A DRIVE-THROUGH ON A ± 1.3 -ACRE SITE AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS.

Claudia Husak, Planning Director, presented the Staff Report and talked about the request for the combined Preliminary and Final Development Plan for a Starbucks on Woodcutter Drive at Home Road. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2023-17 at the second reading/public hearing on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Mark Wihoite, Compton Addy, 3805 Edwards Road, Cincinnati, 45209, representing the applicant, spoke briefly regarding the project.

There was a discussion between City Council, staff and applicant regarding the future walking path, the traffic study and safety issues.

Mayor Swartwout opened public comment for Ordinance 2023-17.

Maria Mitchell, 3362 Timberside Drive, HOA President, Villas at Woodcutter Condos, spoke about the resident's concerns regarding traffic coming from Sawmill onto Woodcutter to access this location.

Aaron Stanford, City Engineer, discussed the findings from the traffic study.

Mayor Swartwout asked for additional public comment. Hearing none he closed public comment and declared Ordinance 2023-17 would move to a second reading at the next City Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Next meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

*Finance Committee: Next meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. **

*Operations Committee: Next meeting Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. **

*Community Diversity Advisory Committee: Next meeting Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. **

*Planning & Zoning Commission: Next meeting Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. ***

*Powell Development Corporation: Next meeting Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. **

***Police Conference Room**

****Police Roll Call Room**

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/CITY CALENDAR

Jeffrey Tyler, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director, updated Council on the items staff is working on and reviewed the upcoming calendar.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Drummond thanked staff for their attentiveness during the Powell Festival and talked about the positive feedback that she, and Liberty Township Trustee, Scott Donaldson, received at the booth they hosted at Powell Fest.

Councilmember Bennehoof talked about his appreciation of staff and the success of the Powell Festival. He also talked about being humbled by his being honored by the Naval Academy.

Councilmember Karr also recognized staff for their hard work and dedication at Powell Fest. She also commented the contractors were very responsive to the vendors who had issues.

Mayor Swartwout talked about the Powell Festival being a phenomenal event and he received overwhelmingly positive feedback. He said it could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of staff. He also thanked the scout troops that assisted at the Talking Trash with the Mayor event to clean-up the Village Green the Sunday after the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) – To consider the appointment of a public employee or official, and the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee.

MOTION: Councilmember Bennehoff moved to enter into Executive Session. Councilmember Karr seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Swartwout requested a roll call for passage: Jon Bennehoof, yes; Christina Drummond, yes; Heather Karr, yes and Daniel Swartwout.

VOTE: Y – 4 N – 0 AB – 0

Entered Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.


7-27-23

Jason Nahvi, Date
 Acting City Clerk