

City of Seven Hills

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COUNCIL MEETING HELD

JULY 25, 2023

The Regular Council Meeting of July 25, 2023, was called to order by President of Council Phil Kiriazis at 7:09 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present and accounted for were Mayor Biasiotta, Director of Law Moore, Director of Finance Petrunyak, Councilman-at-Large Elliott, Councilwoman-at-Large Kelly, Councilman-at-Large Costanzo, Ward 1 Councilman Kiriazis, Ward 2 Councilman Martin, Ward 3 Councilman Snitzky, Ward 4 Councilman Morrow, Director of Public Services and Properties Johnson, Building Commissioner Grassi, Engineer Schmitzer.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF THE JOURNAL

CONSENT AGENDA – There were none.

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION-There were none.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Chairman Snitzky reported the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee met tonight. Our next meeting will be on September 26, 2023, and the minutes are pending as soon as I can get them over to the secretary.

Public Works

Public Works Committee Chairman Costanzo reported that our last meeting was on July 11, 2023, and the minutes are on file with the Clerk. Mr. Costanzo said our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Community Services

Community Services Committee Chairperson Kelly reported that our last meeting was on July 11, 2023, and the minutes are on file with the Clerk. Ms. Kelly said our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Police and Safety

Police and Fire Committee Chairman Elliott reported the last meeting was held on July 11, 2023, and the minutes are on file with the Clerk. Mr. Elliott said our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Parks and Recreation

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Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman Morrow reported our last meeting was today July 25, 2023, and the meeting minutes will be with the secretary after the meeting. Mr. Morrow said the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics

Rules, Ordinances, and Ethics Chairman Martin reported that the last meeting was this evening, and the minutes from that meeting have been submitted. Mr. Martin stated that our next meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2023.

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel

Finance, Civil Service, and Personnel Committee Chairman Kiriazis reported the Committee last met this evening, and the minutes from that meeting are pending. Mr. Kiriazis said that the Committee will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND CLAIMS There were none.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION ONLY There were none.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Kiriazis stated that he is going to read a summary of the charter changes that are going to be read tonight for the final reading. He said over the past year we have retained the services of an Outside Municipal Law expert Joe Diemert who has served as Law Director in 15 different communities and has been involved in Charter revisions and amendments multiple times over many decades. The Council requested that he investigate model codes throughout the country and make recommendations as to the best interests of the residents of the City of Seven Hills to govern themselves democratically, fairly, and efficiently. These proposed amendments are a result of his recommendations after reviewing the Charter and interviewing all the department heads past and present, officials, the Chiefs of Police and Fire, and outside legal experts. Mr. Kiriazis explained that Ordinance No. 50-2023 is an amendment to Article Two, Section Two merely clarifies the cities authority under Ohio law if outside companies or developers try to challenge the authority of the City to govern itself such as with zoning restrictions in that added sense it makes it clear that the judiciary should construe to language in the Charter liberally in favor of the city's and its authority to govern itself.

Mr. Kiriazis further explained that Ordinance No. 51-2023 deals with City Council terms of service and authority, and our expert consultant pointed out that many of this article's restrictions,

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limitations and powers are from the days of political contention and retaliatory amendments which are contrary to model codes throughout the country. He pointed out that they are also contrary to the recommendations of the National Civic League in Washington D.C. Mr. Kiriazis stated that currently Council members are limited to a total of eight years of service, must be elected every two years, and all Council members are elected in the same election. He said that according to our consultant the current thinking related to limitation on years of service and providing for all council members to be elected in the same year actually restricts the citizens democratic power, and the voters right to elect a representative, Mr. Kiriazis explained that the proposed amendment allows the citizens choose who their representative is going to be, and the voters will more greatly benefit this amendment also proposes to restore the normal powers that City Council have relatively to controlling the financial purse strings of the City.

Mr. Kiriazis further explained that it gives them an opportunity to increase or decrease wages according to the budgetary ability of the city per consultant restrictions for raises on some administrative personnel is one of those undemocratic and retaliatory amendments that does not belong in the city's constitution. Our consultant pointed out that another city oddity would be corrected by this amendment where the City Council is obligated to consider persons who lost a prior election to fill in a vacancy. Mr. Kiriazis stated that to require the Council to consider people who the voters rejected is contrary to democratic principles. He said finally this amendment would update Charter provisions to allow for electronic communications and notices as an option for calling meetings and notices to the public, and there are also some grammatical corrections that were needed in the charter which were changes in methodology for approving of contracts. Mr. Kiriazis explained this will eliminate extensive delays that would impair each of the departments from functioning efficiently for the protection of the citizens, particularly in the safety forces.

Mr. Kiriazis further explained that Ordinance No. 52-2023 is similar. It proposes to eliminate the limitations on the voters' right to reelect the mayor after two terms. The consultant recommended that this is a restriction on the ability of the electors to choose their mayor, and contrary to all current best practices and recommendations this amendment also updates when the President of Council shall act as Mayor. Mr. Kiriazis pointed out that currently the language says that anytime the mayor is absent which could be interpreted in many ways the recommendation is to allow for the substitution by the President of Council only when the mayor is unable to perform his duties. He stated that Ordinance 53-2023 provides for a charter update due to improved technologies in saving taxpayer money by more efficient notification of Council members. Currently the Police Department delivers in person all printed copies of Ordinances to be considered by Council at least 24 hours in advance, and this amendment would allow a notification to Council members in person or electronically.

Mr. Kiriazis said if a Council member does not have electronic communication ability, then

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personal service would still be provided, however taxpayer dollars will be saved by not requiring personal service to each of the Council members and residents. He explained that the posting for the Seven Hills website would be more efficient than it currently is which requires physical posting at three different city locations in the city. Mr. Kiriazis further explained that Ordinance No. 54-2023 simply modifies the dates and the number of people for future Charter Review Committees. He pointed out this is because of an endeavor by Council this year with the Municipal Law Consultant the next Charter Review Committee would be in 2027, and every five years instead of four thereafter, and it will require seven qualified electors as opposed to nine volunteers which is difficult to fulfill in this size community according to our consultant and according to our previous experience. Mr. Kiriazis stated the Council has been very transparent in this process, and we passed these out of committee on June 27, 2023, and tonight is the third and final reading.

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE ON LEGISLATION

Senior and Community Services Director Tony Terry said he wanted to take a moment and address the Council, and bring up a couple of points, and he appreciates the consideration for an increase for my department is on the table. He asked Council if it is fair to say we have over the years since my last increase we have increased the number of events that we do, and the scope of the duties in which I do and if anybody would like to say no, he will hold for that. There was none. Mr. Terry asked if it is fair to say that inflation has risen incredibly since my last increase in salary, and again he will wait if anybody has a no. There was none. Mr. Terry said that he would ask that you consider as you vote for this tonight that in fact you would be asking for an employee to do more work for essentially less money, and I want you to bear that into consideration when you look at that this evening, and you will notice I said more work not work harder. He explained that as most of you are aware it would not be possible to work any harder than I already do. Mr. Kiriazis explained that one last thing before he goes to the readings is Council is voting tonight to send this to the residents of the city to decide what they want to approve.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 42-2023

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Costanzo to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 42-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 42-2023—AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.091, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 151, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJUSTING THE COMPENSATION RANGE OF EMPLOYEES NOT A PART OF A CITY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT.

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Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Costanzo to pass Ordinance No. 42-2023

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 42-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 44-2023

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 44-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 44-2023—AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.091, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COMPENSATION RANGE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES.

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to pass Ordinance No. 44-2023.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 45-2023

Motion by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Martin to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 45-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 45-2023—AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 151.091, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES GENERALLY, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COMPENSATION RANGE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

Motion by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Martin to pass Ordinance No. 45-2023.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 46-2023

Motion by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 46-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

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Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance No. 46-2023--AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 148.04(A), COMPENSATION OF THE RECREATION COMPLEX MANAGER, AS CONTAINED IN TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJUSTING THE SALARY RANGE OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS DIRECTOR.

Motion by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to pass Ordinance No. 46-2023.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 47-2023

Motion by Mr. Costanzo, seconded by Mr. Morrow to suspend the rules under the Charter read Ordinance No. 47-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE No. 47-2023—AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 137.04 (A)(1) COMPENSATION, CHIEF, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 137, DEPARTMENT OF FIRE, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE FIRE CHIEF.

Motion by Mr. Costanzo, seconded by Mr. Morrow to pass Ordinance No. 47-2023

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 48-2023

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Kelly to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 48-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORD. No 48-2023—AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 148.07(a), ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, ESTABLISHMENT, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 148 RECREATION COMPLEX, OF TITLE FIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR POSITION.

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Kelly to pass Ordinance No. 48-2023

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Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 50-2023

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to suspend the rules of the Council and read Ordinance No. 50-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, A CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE II. FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND POWERS, SECTION 2 POWERS.

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to pass Ordinance No. 50-2023.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 51-2023

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Elliott to suspend the rules of the Charter and read Ordinance No. 51-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, A CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL SECTIONS 1, 4, 5, 8, 9.

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Elliott to pass Ordinance No. 51-2023.

6 yeas-1 nay

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 51-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 52-2023

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 52-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE IV, THE MAYOR, SECTION 1, TERM.

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Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to pass Ordinance No. 52-2023.

Roll Call: 6 yeas-1 nay

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 52-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 53-2023

Motion by Mr. Costanzo, seconded by Mr. Martin to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 53-2023 for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE III, ORDINANCES AND EFFECTIVE DATES, SECTION 1, ORDINANCES.

Motion by Mr. Costanzo, seconded by Mr. Martin to pass Ordinance No. 53-2023.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 53-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 54-2023

Motion by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 54-2023 by title only for its third and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO A CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE X FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE XI, CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Motion by Ms. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to pass Ordinance No. 54-2023.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 54-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 55-2023

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Snitzky to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 55-2023 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO WITH THE SEVEN HILLS

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FIREFIGHTERS’ ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEMORIALIZING WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Snitzky to approve the emergency clause found in the last section of the Ordinance.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Snitzky to pass Ordinance 55-2023 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 55-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 56-2023

Motion by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Costanzo to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 56-2023 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO WITH OHIO GEESE CONTROL, LLC OF ROCKY RIVER OHIO, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,903.20 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GEESE CONTROL ON THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AND RECREATION CENTER PARCELS FOR THE 2023/2024 SEASONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Costanzo to approve the emergency clause found in the last section of the Ordinance 56-2023.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Costanzo to pass Ordinance 56-2023 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO 56-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 57-2023

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to suspend the rules of Council and read Ordinance No. 57-2023 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO WITH JOHNSON LAUX CONSTRUCTION, OHIO FOR THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS SERVICE GARAGE POLE BARN AS PER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF

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EZIQC CONTRACT NO. OH-R2-GCO5-102021-JLC (cooperative purchasing); APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$936,003.18 FOR SAID SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to approve the emergency clause found in the last section of the Ordinance.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Kiriazis to pass Ordinance No. 57-2023 as an emergency measure with an additional comment that there has been a demonstrated need by the road department for such a facility, and time is of the essence due to the length of construction for such a facility.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 57-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

Ordinance No. 58-2023

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Kelly to suspend the rules under the Charter and read Ordinance No. 58-2023 by title only for its first and final reading.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SEVEN HILLS, OHIO WITH OHIO COUNCIL 8 AND LOCAL 3557 (SERVICE), AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEMORIALIZING WAGE NEGOTIATIONS WITH VARIOUS CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the emergency clause found in the last section of the Ordinance.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Kelly, to pass Ordinance 58-2023 as an emergency measure.

Roll Call: all yeas **MOTION CARRIED**

ORDINANCE NO. 58-2023 IS DECLARED PASSED

COUNCIL OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE-

Mr. Thrane asked if he could ask Councilwoman Kelly why she voted no on this article. Mr. Kiriazis responded no you cannot, and he asked if anybody else in the audience had any comments this evening. There were none.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR:

Mayor Biasiotta thanked God for the great weather at Home Days. He also wants to thank our sponsors Legacy Health Services, Waste Management, Cox Communications, NOPEC, and Erie Bank. He stated that these business relationships that we have fostered over the years help us put this on for a fraction of what other communities do. Mayor Biasiotta said that most of all he wanted to thank all the volunteers led by the Community Service Director Tony Terry they put in countless hours, and they start planning for this right after Christmas, and the work that they put in was evident and on display this past weekend. He reported that there were record crowds with more rides and more booths, more vendors, and the feedback that he has gotten from the residents in person, because he was there except for one hour for all the events. Mayor Biasiotta said it was just fantastic and once again the progress in the city was showcased, and it was a priceless opportunity for an elected official to have person to person interaction with thousands of residents, and it was all positive. Mayor Biasiotta said, and the work they put in was evident and on display there were more rides, more booths, more vendors, and the feedback I have gotten from the residents in person who were there who only missed maybe one hour of the activities said it was just fantastic. He explained that once again the progress in the city was showcased, and it was a priceless opportunity for an elected official to have person to person interaction with thousands of residents. Mayor Biasiotta further explained that all the feedback was positive, and they like the direction the city is in, and they wanted to see more of it many of the people in this room are responsible for that direction and I thank you one and all.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

Director of Finance Petrunyak-had no report.

Director of Law Moore – had no report but he wanted to thank Mr. Terry and his group for putting on one fine event.

Director of Public Service & Properties Johnson -had no report.

City Engineer Schmitzer - had no report.

Building Commissioner Grassi-Good Evening, Thank you Mr. President. This month the Building Department processed 104 permits, 17 contractor registrations, and 27 property maintenance violations. One new single-family dwelling was submitted. It will be located at 3880 East Pleasant Valley Road. Plans were also submitted to rehab the vacant home on Hillside. This will include a two-floor addition, a covered patio, and deck, and a new covered front entrance. The new bollards were installed at the Omri Vitalia property at the end of Gale Drive next to the

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emergency access driveway. The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on August 16th at 7:00 pm, and there is one request on the agenda thus far. The Planning Commission will meet on August 9th at 7:00 pm and there are two submittals on the agenda that completes my report. Have a nice recess.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Snitzky stated that at the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing of Wednesday, July 12, 2023, the Board made the following recommendation to Council on the variance submitted by

Lea Colagiovanni, property owner at 6143 Meadview Drive

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted whether to grant the applicant and property owner Lea Colagiovanni, 6143 Meadview Drive, A 15' variance to Ordinance No. 997.03 Obstruction to View, to allow the installation of a 6' fence 15' forward of the rear building line on the south side of the home as depicted in the submitted drawings.

(Variance Granted by Zoning Board)

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Kelly to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of July 12, 2023, in granting the variance request of Lea Colagiovanni, 6143 Meadview Road a 15' variance to Ordinance 997.03(a) Obstruction to View, to allow the installation of a 6' fence 15' forward of the rear building line on the south side of the home as depicted in the submitted drawings.

Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Snitzky stated that at the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, the board made the following recommendation to Council on the variance submitted by

Caliente Parrish, property owner at 802 Primrose Drive

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted whether to grant the applicant and property owner Caliente Parrish, a 96 square variance to Ordinance No. 963.02(b)(6) Accessory Buildings or Uses, Sheds to allow the placement of a proposed 12 x20 (240 square foot) accessory building 10' from the side yard property line as depicted on the submitted drawings (parcel is 14,000 square feet).

(Variance Granted by Zoning Board)

Motion by Mr. Snitzky, seconded by Ms. Kelly to concur with the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals of July 12, 2023, in granting the variance request of Caliente Parrish, a 96 square variance to Ordinance No. 963.02(b)(6) Accessory Buildings or Uses, Sheds to allow the placement of a proposed 12 X 20' (240 square foot) accessory building 10' from the side yard property line as depicted in the submitted drawings (parcel is 14,400 square feet).

Roll Call: **2 Yeas-5 Nays**

MOTION DENIED

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Mr. Elliott explained that the reason he voted no on this is that he did not believe the residents were notified in a timely manner.

Mr. Costanzo thanked Director Terry for providing such a great opportunity and fanfare. My family came up, and they enjoyed it, and you did an amazing job because I know how hard you worked on this.

Mr. Elliott stated that Director Terry did a great job although I was not able to be there because I had to work all three days, but everybody I talked to said it was unbelievable, and every year it gets better. He said he is sure that the Recreation Director Jen Burger played a large part in that as well. Mr. Elliott thanked the mayor for setting it all up and it was a great job.

Mayor Biasiotta responded that he wanted to thank Mr. Elliott for explaining his no vote which is usually customary when you vote no you want to let the electorate know what the rationale for the no is, and he appreciates the professionalism.

Mr. Morrow said as both Mr. Costanzo and Mr. Elliott said Director Terry did an amazing job. I was up there on Friday and Saturday with my wife, and I was hearing all the buzz, walking down the path, and just enjoying everything. You don't really get that in a lot of communities, and I said to her where else are you going to get this, so thank you as well as all the other directors who helped keep the event safe. Director Burger is always running around and taking photos and doing all the stuff you do. Mr. Morrow wished his wife a happy birthday.

Mr. Martin stated that Director Terry only represents the tip of the spear because there were so many others who assisted you, and I don't know how to acknowledge all of them. He said this includes the Police Department, the Service Department, The Parks and Recreation Department, and the mayor, and everyone else to ensure that this thing was well organized, so it sounds like it was a wonderful result. Mr. Martin explained to answer the questions that you had asked earlier the former Governor Voinovich had a motto to do more with less.

Mr. Snitzky explained that there has been a lot of work done on the Zoning Committee in looking back at our Zoning laws Ed Foley, Chris Bruns, Joe Grandinetti, Dave Bortolotto, Jay Stewart, Phil Kiriazis, and Jeff Grassi have done a lot in this process, and Ed Foley and Jeff Grassi have been talking to Jay Stewart on a weekly basis. He further explained his yes vote on the variance in the interim we looked at the plans the engineer had, and the short side of the building is in fact facing their property. Mr. Elliott responded that he does not think this should be discussed because it has already been voted on you had your chance. Mr. Snitzky pointed out the mayor asked for the reasoning behind the vote so that is what I did.

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Mr. Snitzky stated other than that it was a great Home Days without a doubt the best fireworks since I have been here in 1970 it used to be just a community event, but now it is a regional event, and he was here almost the whole time. Mr. Snitzky said that he hopes he was of some assistance to Director Terry, because he tried, but he was talking to people and there were a lot of people that were from out of the area. He explained that he talked to one couple who were from Connecticut, so I think that this has really become something, and a lot of it has to do with you, the mayor who was around the whole time. Mr. Snitzky further explained that they took a couple of cart rides together when our legs gave out, but it was a fantastic community event, so thank you very much.

Ms. Kelly congratulated Tony Terry on a job well done and while she did take her mother, she was not able to stay there long, so she kind of missed all the excitement. Ms. Kelly pointed out that she had heard it was wonderful, and all the comments she has heard have been great, so congratulations to you, and she also thanked the Recreation Director Jen Burger and all the volunteers that helped.

Director Terry stated that he wanted to point out the people who did not want to be pointed out obviously there are those of us who get paid to do this it is a no brainer, so thank you everybody for doing your jobs I don't like the credit, I don't need the credit although I do appreciate your noticing of my hard work. He said that he knows the other directors do feel the same way we all work very hard for our residents and for you guys to put forward the best of us that we can. I do however want to take time to thank all of you for your donations whether it be your monetary donations for prizes or your time in working the specific areas throughout, because that didn't just help your residents that helped the people that I want to mention right now there is a core group of people who spent countless hours here that do not get paid. Director Terry explained that he gets a paycheck, and the other directors get a paycheck, but these people were here. He further explained that they busted their tails for all of you as well as all of our residents as you represent them, and at this moment he will not mention their name in fear of missing something due to my lack of sleep, but at some point I will be reading into the record the gratitude that the Mayor and I both share privately and publicly for the volunteers, and the amount of time and hard work that they put in. Director Terry pointed out that truly this could not be done without them, but it could be done without me, because anybody else can come in and work hard to make it happen. It cannot be done without the work of the volunteers.

Mr. Kiriazis stated that Mr. Terry outdid himself this year and he talked to many people outside of Seven Hills who said this is the best Home Days they had ever been too, and the fireworks were spectacular, and that he had been talking to someone from Alaska.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kiriazis seconded by Mr. Snitzky to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.,

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Roll Call: all yeas

MOTION CARRIED

Phil Kiriazis, President of Council

ATTEST: _____
Evelyn K. Gelbman, Clerk of Council

DATE: _____

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