

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 01, 2021 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Cris Nesbitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Nesbitt led those in attendance in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Gertz, Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Lindeman, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Law Director Dave Stevenson, Treasurer Mel Gertz & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 6 (Special Meeting) & May 8 (Regular Meeting)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

COMMUNICATIONS –

- Letter submitted by Mr. Don Lykins:

“Council, Please respond to my statement below:

I’m Don Lykins and I reside at 8415 Reading Road, Reading Oh 45215. I am a small business owner.

I don’t know who or when someone came up with the idea to serve Amberley Village with ambulance service or Arlington Heights with police, fire and ambulance.

But here is the downside:

There are simply too many sirens going off in our community.

Making revenue off these neighbors comes at a cost of peace for Reading residents.

I think we should run out our existing contracts and cease these services as we don’t need the sirens or traffic.

You are downgrading our city for the sake of others and at the expense of our residents.

I’m willing to pay more taxes to reduce the noise and sirens and traffic on our streets.

I own property all over Reading and you can hear the sirens 2 and 3 blocks away from the roads they traverse when heading to the Amberley or Arlington Heights. I just happen to live on Reading Road also, so I hear it first-hand.

Don Lykins”

Randy Fischesser Response to Mr. Lykins letter:

- First, yes our Fire/EMS/Police services are busy. All you have to do is listen to the monthly response numbers to know this.
- Most of the police responses are not light and siren; so we can take them out of the equation for "noisy" responses.
- On average, our Fire/EMS make just one run per day to the two mentioned contracted communities. Of those responses, the overwhelming majority of the response routes are Clark Rd. to Arlington and Benson St. to Amberley.
- Knowing that Mr. Lykins resides near the intersection of Reading and Galbraith, I can assure him that this intersection is used extensively by other department including Cincinnati, Sycamore, and departments to the west that are heading to Jewish Hospital.
- Finally, yes these contracts help to keep the city's expenses for safety services in check. With pumper trucks costing around 3/4 of a million dollars and Squads costing \$200,000.00 it's not just a tax increase as he suggests; but a decision if we would be able to continue offering the excellent services our citizens have come to expect.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Anthony Gertz

- Letter submitted by Mr. Gertz to Patrick Ross dated 06-01-21:

*"Mr. Patrick Ross
Safety Service Director
City of Reading
1000 Market Street
Reading, OH 45215*

RE: Response to Letter of May 18, 2021

Dear Mr. Ross:

I have reviewed your responses to my letter of May 18, 2021 concerning various questions I have about city progress on various issues pending within city government.

1. The current Community Development Block Grant money for 2018, 2019, 2020 needs to be spent in the near future during 2021 or the money will be lost. This information was known approximately six months ago when council reviewed an alternate use of these funds. I brought this before council at that time and originally the money was to be used for flood remediation. Council chose to use that money to redo the bathrooms at Koenig Park. This then was the second attempt by council to use these funds to redo the bathrooms at Koenig Park. The previous amount, if I remember correctly, was approximately \$170,000.00 and that was for the period of 2015, 2016, and 2017. Due to our failure to act promptly we ended up buying big toys for the park. Now we are advised that since Koenig Park is in a flood plain, money cannot be used from the Community Development Block Grant to do the bathrooms at Koenig Park. It is hard for me to understand that we had no knowledge of this fact over the last three to five years. In reality I believe it was even noted on the plans that it is in a flood plain. As a practical matter, I am confident that most of the city realizes that Koenig Park is in a flood plain. Here we are again scrambling to figure out how to spend \$140,000.00 of federal money before we lose it. I do not agree that we do a "half baked" plan to put some cosmetic changes to the bathrooms and spend the other half of the money somewhere else. Since council chose not to use the funds for flood remediation, and most agree that Benson Street from Reading Road to the corporate limits at the Millcreek Bridge, let's proceed with doing all of Benson Street before we lose the money. It would seem to me that we would have to have another public meeting to vote on this issue.

2. I am aware that council made a decision to use money for road repairs and acquisition of dilapidated properties. My point is to move more rapidly and not in the last year of the grant money and not to know specifically what our goals would be. If we use the previous year's grant money for Benson Street then I think more money could be used towards dilapidated properties.

3. I still have no specific answer from you as to security of the property that the Port Authority has acquired. In addition to the Port Authority, there are other property owners around this site that I have reviewed that have dilapidated cars, junk and debris that should be removed and a building that should be removed. The property which I believe is owned on the west side of Millcreek in this vicinity has a huge mound of scarified asphalt. This needs to be removed or secured. I see no effort in doing either.

4. I propose we review certification from the Budget Commission. I thank you for providing that; however this should have been available before we even proceeded with the permanent appropriation.

5. I will contact Sabrina and secure these grants and amounts. I still have a problem with how these monies are being spent without action taken by council approving both the appropriation and the spending of the funds. Even though this may be a grant given to the city, council still in my opinion has the authority and obligation to decide if it chooses to spend the funds upon any such proposal. My example would be as follows: "if Planned Parenting gave the city a grant of \$100,000.00 to provide for abortions, council would have the right to object to the spending of such funds from the city treasury."

6. I am aware that you provided information about proposed money that Duke was going to pay for assessments to construct the gas pipeline. Did we receive the funds, and have they been deposited into the city treasury and in what fund were they placed? Further, as I recall, a member of council I believe Mr. Lindeman thought they should be paid more money than they

proposed. My recollection was we were to receive \$220,000.00, and if I am correct, I voted against it because I did not want to give them the easements in hopes of slowing down the project.

7. I do agree that council was advised that the Metropolitan Sewer District was not going to go forward immediately as outline in my question 7. My question is what is the current status? The residents in the neighborhood of West Street have had great discomfort with the Duke project and I would prefer that the project with the Metropolitan Sewer District be delayed until next spring or farther. Also it makes no sense to me that if you are going to be putting in a storm sewer on West Street when can you repave the street? Duke has an obligation to repave the street and Metropolitan Sewer District has an obligation to repave the street. My constituents in this neighborhood have had to experience much discomfort already and I think we need to know what the plan is for dealing with all of these issues.

8. In meetings which council and the administration have previously had, even our attorney representing the litigation with a certain employee was under the assumption that money had already been set aside to pay for the city's loss that it is sustaining. To merely put into the appropriation in a general fashion leaves an unreliable analysis for the expenses of operating the city police department during the year, 2021. It is my opinion that a separate allocation or fund be established so that in analyzing the budget for 2022 we do not include that settlement as an expense in the Police Department.

9. It is my understanding that some information has been put on our website concerning huge traffic congestion that has been caused by Duke construction of the gas line. I think it is imperative that we communicate to our citizens in our community more aggressively the status of the various projects and why they have been delayed and further when they will be completed. The Zoom council meetings are not adequate for communicating information to our citizens. It would be my opinion that, if necessary, a separate newsletter be delivered throughout the community explaining the status, progress, and estimated completion of these various projects.

10. In response I suggest that a caucus for public meetings be set up so that citizens can participate in what their opinions might be for the use of such funds, and we need to know what the general and required purposes and use that may be required by the federal government. I do not want to end up with another problem such as trying to redo bathrooms in Koenig Park when we knew it was in a flood plain.

11. In response to your answer, is the construction of this new ballfield/baseball site meeting building requirements when there are no accommodations for restrooms? I do not believe that the Hilltop Park restrooms would be adequate. This should be corrected and explored in more detail.

12. In response to the ambiguity and answer to the use of the old Central School property on Jefferson Avenue, I think it is imperative that our Economic Development Director and the powers to be communicate with the school aggressively to explore the intended use of this property. Obviously, it is situated in my Ward and there are concerns from citizens that this property may be used for purposes that may not be agreeable. Even though the property is owned by the School Board, they are supported by the taxpayers, and taxpayers have the right to know what the potential use or intended use is to be for the property. Further input should be given by all concerned people who wish to express their views.

*Very truly yours,
Anthony J. Gertz
Councilman, Ward 2"*

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Don Lindeman

- Recycling in Reading:

RRI Grant program award, followed by diversion rate %

2016 – Did not submit application - 6.64%

2017 - \$2,696.53 – 6.03%

2018 - \$3,807.13 – 7.59%

2019 - \$3,720.62 – 8.44%

2020 – Did not submit application – 4.56%

We are one of 4 communities that does not have curbside pick-up of Recycling.

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- I have started a new Facebook group, David Powell Ward 1 City Councilman Reading, Ohio that I intend to use to better inform people about the business of Council and my Committee.

I had a Mt. Notre Dame parent reached out to me after a citizen confronted their daughter about taking up the “private parking” on the street. Just a reminder to everyone, these are public streets and are therefore public parking spaces. If you have an issue the proper way to handle it is to contact City Hall.

LAWS AND CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

- Mr. Stevenson is working on the rental registration ordinance and form and the wording.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Randy Fischesser

Fire:

May 2021, the fire department made 244 EMS Responses & 30 Fire Responses (11 all-call), totaling 274 responses.

Operations:

- SCBA Mask fit testing completed
- Spring servicing of hydrants completed, and yard signs retrieved.
- Live fire training for all personnel at Cincinnati FD.
- Department driver training utilizing State Fire Marshals Simulator.
- In-service training on hose deployment and fire flows, pump operations, cutting torch operations, vent-enter-search techniques, and blood borne pathogens and allergic reactions.
- Joint training with Amberley on French Park and Amberley Green rescue response/patient movement from remote areas.
- One firehouse tour and multiple birthday parades over the past month

Police:

For the month of May, the Police Department had 1410 calls for service, 33 auto accidents, 258 total charges filed with 188 a being original charges. Citation issued: 24 to Arlington Heights, 8 to Hamilton County Court, 5 to Juvenile Court, and 127 to Reading's Mayors Court for a total of 166 citations.

Operations:

- 05/04/2021, Officers responded to Reading and E. Benson for a subject struck by vehicle. During investigation, it was found to be a known suspect, investigation continues.
- 05/05/2021, Officers responded to Cooper St. for a drug overdose. Suspect cited for disorderly conduct.
- 05/09/2021, Officers responded for a report of criminal damaging and located a windshield busted out. Suspect developed and warrants signed on same.
- 05/10/2021, Officers responded to Lakeshore Dr. for a report of a stolen vehicle. Driver left his keys in the vehicle.
- 05/11/2021, Suspect arrested after officers found he had open warrants. While checking the vehicle, officers located a loaded 9mm handgun in the car.
- 05/11/2021, Officers responded for overdose. Suspect found to have possession of bulk amounts of two types of drugs; arrested for same and transported to HCJC
- 05/16/2021, Officers responded to 7700 block of Reading Rd. to assist Cincinnati PD with 3 persons shot in a night club.
- 5/17/2021, Alwil Dr., Suspect arrested for domestic violence after causing injuries to his stepfather.
- 05/22/2021, Subject found passed out behind the wheel on Thurnridge at Fuhrman. Driver arrested for OVI.
- 05/23/2021, Officers responded with fire dept for a car fire on Fourth St. During investigation, it was found the vehicle was tampered with, a suspect developed and arrested for same.
- 05/23/2021, officers responded to 9200 Reading Rd. for an auto accident. The hit skip vehicle was later located on Sanborn Dr. The driver cited for the accident and leaving the scene.
- 05/24/2021, Suspect cited after starting a fire near a building to stay warm.
- 05/26/2021, Subject found inside a vehicle. Admitted he was stealing change from the vehicle; charged for same.

Detectives Section:

- Olden Ave. Swat Call out for subject waiving a gun. Search warrant served after arrest of two suspects. All weapons found where airsoft weapons.
- Served a search warrant for security video of suspected employee theft.
- Served last suspect with search warrant for shooting at the Lounge in 2020.

Other Information:

- Speed trailer will be back in service over the next week. Will be placed in different locations throughout the city.
- National Night Out is slated for August 3rd.

I would like to thank council for passing the ordinance to purchase the police cruisers at the last meeting.

SERVICE: Dennis Albrinck

- No Report.

RECREATION: Tom Lynd

- The pool will open at noon & will close at 6:00pm on the weekends. The pool is open 12pm - 8pm Monday through Friday.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE**REPORTS OF OFFICIALS****MAYOR: Robert “Bo” Bemmes**

- No Report (Absent)

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross

- No Report (Absent). Written response to Mr. Gertz’s Questions:

“First, many of these questions have already been answered and information provided.

1. Current Round of CDBG- Council wanted the current round to be switched to do restroom renovations at Koenig Park. Where this stands now: I met with 5 members of the public works department over the past several months to gameplan work down there. I also was working with the building department and Dan Brooks who is an architect because he was going to assist in plans and designs for a new restroom. Official at the County who administers CDBG was supportive of this due to the age of the existing restrooms. When we showed prelim plan to the county, I was told they could not fund a new or rebuilt restroom due to Koenig being in the floodplain. I asked if we built the structure higher out of the plain if we could continue and was told no, and she said that they had the similar issue in another community and the federal government gave them a firm no. I asked if we could still spend money to at least give those restrooms a face lift (new toilets, doors, sinks, painting etc.) She said we could still do this. Public works is gathering the pricing (we need multiple price quotes to do so). We will have money left over and the admin would like to see us spend it so she approved us using it to pave a portion of Benson (west of Jefferson could be mostly paid for with the remaining CDBG dollars).

2. In the meeting last year, council decided to allocate 50% of our allocated CDBG dollars for dilapidated property acquisition and 50% for road repairs. Those are in the later years of the cdbg cycle.

3. We are working with the port to secure the site with temporary fencing for which the Port will pay for. There will be updates coming soon on the status of the overall development of the site by the Port and their development partner Neyer Properties as far as the TIF that has been discussed. Linda Fitzgerald and myself have a meeting next week with the City's council approved attorney Brenda Wehmer who is representing us in the TIF negotiations.

4. Will email this separately.

5. The exact dollar amounts I will have to get with Sabrina on, I don't want to say the wrong amounts. But the use of these have all been parks and recreation related: The improvements and fixing of the doughboy monument, new chairs and tables at the fieldhouse, trash cans at parks.

6. This info was provided in an email I send on November 16 to you and all council prior to the easement ordinance being passed by council. That amount was \$202,459.

7. There has been no change since the last time I reported to council that this project was delayed until approximately the 4th quarter of 2021.

8. The amount was included in Police Department total appropriations. We don't have final number on this as our attorney and their attorney have not agreed upon the number for back wages. Our attorney has had issues with responsiveness from the other side and his attorney. If the number is higher than the total we appropriated, we can increase the appropriation if we are going to be over, similarly to how we adjust appropriations every year since I have been here.

9. I have been giving updates on the city's Facebook page that has also been shared on community forum and other sites online. There is also Duke's project update page that I told everyone on council and the community about. However Duke has finished installing pipeline completely west of Reading Road. They are north of Vine St on 3rd Street and need to finish Mechanic. There will be a bore under a portion of about 100' on Third between Vine and Benson that will take about 60 days. This bore will take almost double the time due to how deep they have to bore (28' versus 18' for the other locations under railroad and reading rd.) They have Adleta on standby if they should damage the old storm sewer culvert. They are on track to have the pipe fully installed in the residential areas and streets by end of June (except the one bore on 3rd) They still have concrete curb and some apron work that needs to be completed and will be doing the full curb to curb paving on the roads they disturbed at approximately the end of summer. They must test the pipe before repaving in case they need to dig back into the road.

10. I have not seen the official amount we are expecting to get. My number one suggestion would be a reserve fund for the majority of the funds. Only immediate items that have been suggested are to update the treasurer's office to allow people to file electronically (~\$2SK) and perhaps the finance and payroll software update for the Auditor's office and payroll(costs for this can be anywhere from 40k-120k). Any other items that a majority of council members support as well.

11. That is correct. The school's reconfiguration of the former Hilltop School property to build a baseball and softball field does not include facilities.

12. I have no knowledge of future plans for the Central School location. The only discussion item I have heard is potential for field usage for soccer, but no one from the school has shown myself any proposals. I have no position for the City to their proposals as I have not seen any proposals."

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson

- No Report.

TREASURER: Mel Gertz

- Income Tax Update: Year to date we've collected a total of \$3,904,844.00 (24.9% ahead of 2020).

May Income Tax Collections: \$775,456.00 (48% ahead of 2020)

City of Reading May 2021 Income Tax Receipt Summary With Prior Years Comparison

Individual Residents Income Taxes

	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 20 to 21
January	\$34,126	\$96,093	\$110,812	\$107,429	-3.1%
February	\$61,125	\$68,356	\$68,147	\$45,896	-32.7%
March	\$109,962	\$117,226	\$89,577	\$127,056	41.8%
April	\$385,988	\$415,198	\$109,428	\$221,576	102.5%
May	\$95,874	\$77,836	\$48,987	\$223,682	356.6%
June	\$102,232	\$115,093	\$98,378		
July	\$73,746	\$53,556	\$37,992		
August	\$69,346	\$70,483	\$71,990		
September	\$83,132	\$102,017	\$106,704		
October	\$62,802	\$38,131	\$93,081		
November	\$36,104	\$54,158	\$76,487		
December	\$54,149	\$58,151	\$96,634		
Yearly Totals	\$1,168,586	\$1,266,298	\$1,308,217	\$725,639	
YTD Progress	\$687,075	\$774,709	\$426,950	\$725,639	70.0%

Business Profits Income Taxes

	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 20 to 21
January	\$20,422	\$14,888	\$22,258	\$11,981	-46.2%
February	\$17,256	\$37,357	\$18,556	\$58,854	217.2%
March	\$31,617	\$44,127	\$77,585	\$23,641	-69.5%
April	\$209,074	\$146,628	\$26,014	\$137,747	429.5%
May	\$28,701	\$22,169	\$21,905	\$60,812	177.6%
June	\$40,987	\$87,523	\$40,388		
July	\$66,693	\$7,829	\$94,447		
August	\$10,374	\$50,022	\$80,398		
September	\$58,820	\$61,612	\$78,033		
October	\$25,489	\$16,216	\$32,831		
November	\$9,876	\$13,642	\$17,874		
December	\$34,875	\$63,553	\$27,026		
Yearly Totals	\$554,182	\$565,565	\$537,315	\$293,034	
YTD Progress	\$307,069	\$265,168	\$166,318	\$293,034	76.2%

Payroll Withholding Income Taxes

	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 20 to 21
January	\$578,561	\$555,799	\$539,671	\$717,952	33.0%
February	\$406,582	\$418,114	\$530,926	\$462,760	-12.8%
March	\$402,563	\$403,816	\$419,609	\$413,361	-1.5%
April	\$657,428	\$718,041	\$590,089	\$801,135	35.8%
May	\$399,973	\$464,702	\$453,000	\$490,963	8.4%
June	\$425,179	\$463,205	\$441,487		
July	\$463,036	\$474,774	\$433,643		
August	\$421,664	\$410,495	\$519,886		
September	\$529,899	\$519,714	\$392,475		
October	\$461,625	\$457,049	\$449,639		
November	\$423,040	\$454,636	\$483,331		
December	\$467,531	\$458,688	\$429,457		
Yearly Totals	\$5,637,081	\$5,799,031	\$5,683,214	\$2,886,171	
YTD Progress	\$2,445,106	\$2,560,471	\$2,533,295	\$2,886,171	13.9%

Total Income Taxes Collected

	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change 20 to 21
January	\$633,108	\$666,780	\$672,741	\$837,361	24.5%
February	\$484,963	\$523,826	\$617,629	\$567,510	-8.1%
March	\$544,142	\$565,169	\$586,771	\$564,058	-3.9%
April	\$1,252,490	\$1,279,867	\$725,531	\$1,160,458	59.9%
May	\$524,548	\$564,707	\$523,892	\$775,456	48.0%
June	\$568,398	\$665,820	\$580,253		
July	\$603,475	\$536,158	\$866,082		
August	\$501,384	\$531,000	\$672,274		
September	\$671,850	\$683,343	\$577,213		
October	\$549,916	\$511,396	\$575,551		
November	\$469,020	\$522,436	\$577,693		
December	\$556,555	\$580,392	\$553,117		
Yearly Totals	\$7,359,849	\$7,630,893	\$7,528,746	\$3,904,844	
YTD Progress	\$3,439,251	\$3,600,349	\$3,126,564	\$3,904,844	24.9%

Total Refunds 2018 = \$170,549

2019 = \$135,343

2020 = \$132,162

2021 YTD Refunds = \$50,294

Prepared by: Melvin T. Gertz- City Treasurer 06/01/2021

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith

- No Report (Absent)

READING OF RESOLUTIONS - NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES

1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY THE AMOUNT OF \$73,565.03 FROM THE STREETS & CURBS FUND (230.280.5800.00) FOR PAYMENT WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT LOANS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Gertz, seconded by Mr. Albrinck to suspend the rule that requires a second or third reading.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Lindeman to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-20

(2) AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SECURE BIDS FOR THE PERMANENT, UNDERGROUND RELOCATION OF UTILITIES PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED OVERHEAD IN THE VICINITY OF BOLSER DRIVE AND COLUMBIA AVE. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WITH ZONING REQUIREMENTS OF "PDD#2, THE READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Eadicicco response to the Ordinance:

It's my understanding, and after talking with Patrick earlier today he confirmed this, that the administration has been meeting with the school about this and that the ball is already rolling to get the poles (wires) buried.

I also thought that the previous ordinance we passed already allowed Patrick to enter into the agreement with the school and that projects under \$50,000 do not require competitive bids.

I'm wondering if the ordinance is really necessary and why we would want to add more poles that weren't originally part of the PDD to begin with.

Mr. Fischesser response to the Ordinance:

Underground Wiring Ordinance:

- I will state up front that I sent a copy of this ordinance and then discussed its ramifications with Joe Braun, the city's attorney for the school dispute.
- I can't believe this issue is coming back up yet again. But, it is, so I'll point out my issues with this ordinance.
- The ordinance title requires the safety service director to secure bids for the work, even though this work has already been bid and awarded to AMS.
- In the third "Whereas", it states that "this lingering dispute has been a source of discord" even though, to my knowledge, there is no lingering dispute once the agreement was reached.
- The four months since agreement is due in part because of school being in session and the closing of Hunt Rd. detouring over Bolser Dr.
- Considering the aggrieved parties have dropped their lawsuit, I would think that they are at least content with the progress.
- In the fourth "Whereas", it is stated that prompt completion is essential to restoring harmonious relations between the school and council. To me, this ordinance will do nothing but reopen past wounds and once again drive a wedge between the two groups.
- Section III requires bids to be submitted by July 15th, in Section IV that said bids be sent to members of council by July 18th and in Section V that council meet to discuss within 7 days. I thought, according to "Whereas" number four, that prompt completion is essential. This does nothing but delay the progress yet another two months before it would be awarded and then who knows how long to get the work scheduled and completed.

- Section V states that should the "alternate bid" be accepted then council agrees to pay any additional expenses. I once again must voice my opinion that this is a waste of taxpayer money. Not to mention that the crosswalk sign attached to the pole would need to come down and some other warning device (such as solar units) purchased and installed.
- Finally, Mr. Braun advised that Section VII is flawed in that it does not state the exact reason that it needs to be an emergency measure.
- In the end, I feel this ordinance should be permanently tabled since the agreed upon contract work has already been awarded and any changes now would do nothing but reopen wounds and delay this project further.

Ordinance was declared a 1st Reading only.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:03 pm.

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CARLA KACHER

Clerk of Council

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CRIS NESBITT

President of Council