

CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
July 06, 2021 – 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Pro-Tem Randy Fischesser called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Fischesser 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:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Law Director Dave Stevenson, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Lynd to adopt the revised Rules of Council.

Motion carried by a 5-2 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “yes” and Mr. Gertz and MR. Lindeman voting “no”).

Motion made by Mr. Gertz, seconded by Mr. Eadicicco to add the 2022 Budget Ordinance to the evening’s agenda. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Lynd, seconded by Mr. Powell to add Council a meeting next week (Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m.) to solely review the 2022 Budget. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Lindeman, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to add the ordinance to amend certain sections of the Reading Code of Ordinances that addresses Council Meetings. Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Lynd, Mr. Albrinck, Mr. Lindeman, Mr. Fischesser & Mrs. Eadicicco voted “yes” and Mr. Gertz voting “no”).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 15 (Regular Meeting)

COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS – NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(1) Bob Ashbrock (221 Walnut)

There was a time when the real work of government was often conducted in the smoke-filled back rooms of local taverns. Fortunately, calls for reform and a desire to properly engage the electorate in the conduct of civic affairs has resulted in the passage of various Open Meeting Laws- laws intended to ensure that deliberations of public bodies take place in full view of constituents who are then afforded an opportunity to participate. As a result of these laws, the underlying facts and the arguments for and against any vote or decision are openly discussed and become part of a permanent public record.

The ability of the common man to have proper access to elected officials in a public forum is central to a properly functioning representative government. Emergency modifications to Open Meeting Laws to accommodate Covid concerns have compromised that access for the last 15 months. Zoom meetings have been beleaguered with a range of challenges: procedural, technical and production in nature. Technical difficulties with garbled audio aside, those citizens who eschew technology for any number of reasons, have been shut out of the public square entirely. This evening’s return to chambers is a welcome development for many of your constituents. However, proposed changes to Council Rules leave me with concerns that the spirit, if not the letter of the Sunshine laws will once more be strained.

The reduction in the number of scheduled meetings will, I fear, give rise to several potential abuses: the likelihood of inappropriately invoking the “emergency clause” to pass legislation for reason of expediency. This particular issue is

already a problem that presents far too frequently, owing to last minute preparation of ordinances and other reasons. This practice can limit deliberations and deny citizens the right to review and comment on any matter that may be of importance to them, hardly what one would characterize as responsive Government. With fewer meetings, Councilmembers may resort to obtaining answers to questions through individual emails or private phone conversations- a legitimate practice but one that is fraught with problems- not least of which is that the same answer will likely not be given to all who ask. We all know how "the telephone game" can distort a conversation so it is of great importance, then, that Public decisions be made based on deliberations heard by ALL participating in the vote. Moreover, debating the matter openly and "live" in chambers results in a more complete understanding of the issues as one councilmembers question gives rise to a related one by another member. This need for a common knowledge base by all members, may tempt some to engage in a series of group emails to discuss concerns. The law director has admonished all regarding the very real Sunshine Law Violation concerns with this practice.

All this strongly urges the resumption of the previous, well established practice of meeting weekly to provide for required three readings compressed into a three -week window, to maintain adequate opportunity for citizen participation and to ensure that complex city matters can be properly and thoroughly explored within a documented public forum. To that point, I would urge council to arrange that all committee meetings be conducted before or after the second Tuesday meeting and that these, too, be televised and recorded. And, in a "strong Mayor" form of government, many of the Council's votes will be on matters heavily involving the Administration. Citizens deserve to hear "on the record" any arguments for or against administrative initiatives offered by them that may otherwise be communicated only to Council. To that end Council should extend a permanent request for their attendance.

(2) Don Lykins (8415 Reading Road)

I am a small business owner who has owned and lived in Reading for 30 years.

I don't think we need a residential rental registration system. It's an over-reach from my local government and I will continue to fight against it, as it appears to be unconstitutional. Here is why:

- a. *We already have ordinances on the books for owners to maintain their properties and can easily put liens on these properties*
- b. *As a landlord I already register my property and tenants in the Reading tax department*
- c. *As a landlord I already register my rental properties with the County.*
- d. *I spoke with Rick Martin – City of Reading outside code enforcement officer -- and he gets owner names for violations from the county auditor site and has never had an issue getting a names and address.*

Questions:

- 1) *Tenants are my customers and I guard their personal information closely*
 - a. *Are you going to ask other businesses in Reading for their customer names?*
 - b. *Are you going to get all the customer names from BP gas station or McDonalds?*
 - c. *Where will it end?*
 - d. *Once tenant names are given to the city, this information can be easily obtained by my competitors through open records requests*
- 2) *Why doesn't the City get the owner and landlord information from the county auditor?*
- 3) *If they city has issues with a property, can't the city fix these serious issues or tear them down and then charge the owner?*
- 4) *Can the city please provide examples of the reason why this ordinance was created?*
- 5) *Why won't Service Director Patrick Ross respond to my phone calls or emails regarding this issue? I've left several voicemails and several emails. He won't respond. I expect more from our city officials.*

Response by Council woman Katie Eadicicco to Mr. Lykins:

I've spoken with Don at length about this and answered all his questions, but I'll go through the ones here as well:

- a. We already have ordinances on the books for owners to maintain their properties and can easily put liens on these properties – ***The issue is when we can't find or contact the property owners of rental properties to hold them accountable.***
- b. As a landlord I already register my property and tenants in the Reading tax department – ***As I've said many times, the Tax Department CANNOT share or release information. This is not a city law. It's not something we can pass an ordinance to change. This is beyond what we as council can do.***
- c. As a landlord I already register my rental properties with the County. – ***The county list is not accurate and does not include all the rental properties within the city. There are a lot of missing properties, including a lot of single-family rental homes. And as Mr. Powell and I discovered, there are a lot of properties that aren't on the list the fire department has and vice versa.***
- d. I spoke with Rick Martin – City of Reading outside code enforcement officer -- and he gets owner names for violations from the county auditor site and has never had an issue getting a names and address. – ***Our Fire Chief and building department and other city officials have not had such luck. They've had a lot of issues finding out who the property owners are for a lot of properties. Mayor Bo Bemmes chimed in and explained that Mr. Martin has had quite a bit of trouble tracking down owners.***

Questions:

- 1) Tenants are my customers and I guard their personal information closely
 - a. Are you going to ask other businesses in Reading for their customer names? – ***No.***
 - b. Are you going to get all the customer names from BP gas station or McDonalds? – ***No.***
 - c. Where will it end? – ***With this ordinance.***
 - d. Once tenant names are given to the city, this information can be easily obtained by my competitors through open records requests – ***This list WILL NOT be shared with the public and will only be accessed by city officials. You cannot do a records requests for people's personal information. Their information WILL NOT be open to the public.***
- 2) Why doesn't the City get the owner and landlord information from the county auditor? – ***Again, it's not accurate and is missing properties.***
- 3) If they city has issues with a property, Can't the city fix these serious issues or tear them down and then charge the owner? – ***Again, the issue lies in not being able to find or have accurate contact information to do so. There are properties in the city that are abandoned that the city cuts the grass for and we do charge but we often do not get paid and have to jump through hoops to find out who to bill.***
- 4) Can the city please provide examples of the reason why this ordinance was created? – ***I've listed many reason since I first brought this issue up back in March and I've discussed these reasons with Mr. Lykins many times. I've been contacted by A LOT of people who are happy we're doing something about this issue. People who have had to deal with houses on their streets owned by out of town companies or people who have let the homes fall into disrepair and it becomes a property maintenance issue. This is something that is in our Master Plan. Actually, it's a simpler version of what's in our Master Plan. There is no fee to register. No year inspections, no inspection fees. There is no cost to property owners. The only fee is if they fail to complete the form. This isn't a money grab from the city. Mayor Bo Bemmes added that at first administration didn't support this until they found out that there were no fees. This now has their full support.***

(3) Lisa Brewer (8515 Reading Road)

Why are we asking for the Tenant's information when it sounds like the owner's information is what you're looking for?

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes

- It's great to be back to live meetings. We have had a very challenging year and several months since the pandemic forced us to shut city hall down to protect our first responders and vital office personnel. Our condolences to all who lost loved ones we

lost some incredible people from wonderful families

- I thank God that our city came through the pandemic fairly well and though several of our employees got the virus all in all we were able to protect our employees and keep them healthy, so they could continue to provide the services our residents are accustomed to.

- At city hall we know we are public servants here to serve our residents, schools and businesses. It remains an incredible honor to be your mayor and I and my administrative team work very hard every day to improve our city. Many great projects are going on including:

(1) Improvements to South Reading RD, a new bridge on North

(2) Reading RD, Thurnridge Drive improvements (\$1 million grant & \$1 million loan),

(3) Benson Street using approximately \$150,000 in CDBG Grant dollars will be repaved (Jefferson to Mill Creek), North Street will get major work as we just were awarded \$566,000 in one half grant and the other half 20 year interest free loan, and the new box culvert on Hunt Road is finally finished using close to \$400,000 in grant dollars. Patrick told me council has already decided on proposals for the next round of CDBG; ½ paving and ½ to address dilapidated property

(4) We are working with the Port Authority to secure the former DOW Chemical Property. We should thank God every day that the Port Authority decided to become involved, knowing that they were looking at up to \$7 million in demolition and remediation work on the old former Dow/Rohm and Haas/PMC chemical plants that handled very dangerous materials. This property could have sat for years dilapidated and underutilized. LSR, Patrick & I worked very hard with the Port Authority to get them involved as wonderful partners with us and we promised them our support. Hopefully prep work on the site will begin this fall and construction next spring.

- It is my very strong recommendation that we set aside the majority of any additional monies we receive from our Federal Grant in a fund to protect payroll as tough economic times could be ahead.

- The Following is a list of some improvements I feel we should discuss, get price estimates on, prioritize, and should move forward on as funds become available:

- * Replace/update existing facilities - police/fire/general office/building dept/parking lots/park shelters

- * Cameras in city parks

- * Update pool and field house

- * Fire Hydrant replacement (144 unserviceable)

- * Water mains with road projects

- * Body cameras for Police Department

- * Transition to online forms/scheduling (pool, parks, etc)

- * Building Dept (EPM) improvements

- * Update “city” branding

- * Update streetscape on Benson

- * Pave/curb repair on multiple streets

- * Purchase property when able

- * Service Dept fleet planning * Salt bin

- * Additional park employee & hire a Full Time City clerk to replace one Part Time clerk

- * New track

- * Remodel Bleachers and locker rooms at Veterans Memorial Stadium

- * New lights at Koenig ballfields & ballfields improvements

- * ALL parks need attention

- A few upcoming dates to remember:

(1) August 3 is our National Night Out from 5-8pm at Koenig Park to give everyone a chance to get to know our Police dept better.

(2) August 28 is the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legions Taste of Reading from noon till 11pm with scheduled entertainment the entire time. The Reading High School band will perform at noon followed by the RHS and SPPA dance teams

(3) September 22 will be our Reading Bridal Districts Fall in Love event on Benson street. Benson will be closed from Reading road to Wachendorf from 5pm till approximately midnight.

- As always please get to know your neighbors and look out for them and call our police at 733-4122 if you see any suspicious or illegal activity or anyone vandalizing property.

- Please slow down as you drive.

- I again want to thank the many people who do wonderful things through-out our city every day. We have wonderful churches that accomplish incredible things, excellent schools that prepare our young students for a challenging world,

incredible volunteer organizations that are second to none, generous businesses and generous residents who support all or our groups.

- As your mayor I want all to know I envy no one. We are constantly working on improving our services, we have attracted new jobs and businesses to our city that bring vital new tax dollars that allow us to provide excellent service and we are working cooperatively with everyone - every entity in our city and with our neighbors to make Reading the best we can be. Please join me in thanking God for our many blessings.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross

- No Report (Absent)

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson

- Regarding the Duke Pipeline: On March 31 there was an argument before Ohio Supreme Court and the decision is pending. City of Blue Ash, the N.O.P.E group and the City of Reading were the 3 parties arguing.

TREASURER: Mel Gertz (Report given by Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Tony Gertz)

- As of today, we've collected \$706,984.00 for the month of June (21.8% ahead of 2020).
- Year to date we have collected \$4,611,828.00 (24.4% ahead of 2020)

City of Reading June 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	\$99,289	\$134,637	35.6%
July	\$73,746	\$53,556	\$337,992		
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	\$1,309,128	\$860,276	
YTD Progress	\$789,307	\$889,802	\$526,239	\$860,276	63.5%

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	\$484,864	9.8%
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	\$3,371,035	
YTD Progress	\$2,870,286	\$3,023,676	\$2,974,782	\$3,371,035	13.3%

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	\$39,477	\$87,483	121.6%
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	\$536,404	\$380,517	
YTD Progress	\$348,056	\$352,691	\$205,795	\$380,517	84.9%

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	\$706,984	21.8%
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	\$4,611,828	
YTD Progress	\$4,007,649	\$4,266,169	\$3,706,816	\$4,611,828	24.4%

Total Refunds	2018 =	\$170,549	2019 =	\$135,343	2020 =	\$132,162	2021 YTD Refunds =	\$89,388
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Prepared by: Melvin T. Gertz- City Treasurer 07/01/2021

- First, the ordinance requiring registration for all Rental Property Owners in Reading has absolutely nothing to do with what we do in the Tax Department. Regardless of what Council decides, the Tax Department will continue collecting Rental Property Information on a monthly basis. The information we collect is very different and is absolutely confidential and is not shared with anyone else in the City.

- Second, relative to the law suit recently filed by Dusty Rhodes against the City of Cincinnati to refund all income taxes paid by people working for a business in Cincinnati but working from home during the Pandemic has nothing to do with us. The Supreme Court has already ruled that municipalities in the state of Ohio (like Reading) do not have to refund any taxes related to the Pandemic situation. Should anything change in this regard we will let you all know right away.

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith

- June Financial Reports were provided last week to Council and Administration. 6 months of the year are complete.

- As a reminder purchases will have to be complete by Friday, December 3.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Anthony Gertz

- Wants to discuss the funds a bit more with Auditor Ms. Smith
- Streetscape improvements will be paid off in 2023.
- Gave further insight into his ordinance on the floor this evening.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Don Lindeman

- Rumpke waste and Recycling has made a multi-million-dollar investment in its Cincinnati Recycling Center with the

installation of three (3) robots. Robots are the latest and greatest technology in the industry. Rumpke is the first in Ohio to install these robots. Every robot can pick about 70 pieces of plastic per minute. Two more robots will be installed in the coming months. To view the robots in action and see the whole recycling center, set up an appointment with Ann Gray.

Ann's number is 513-742-2900 extension 7164.

- Patrick – have you sent out any bid request for waste and recycling? If so, have you received any response?
- Over the last several months we have had a problem with a property on Gahl Terrace. I have mentioned this at previous council meetings. With much effort, the problem has been taken care of. Thank you to our property maintenance officer, Rick Martin, Fire Chief Owens and Patrick Ross for your efforts.
- Next committee meeting on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m.

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- Would like to have a committee meeting to discuss the issue of grocery adds and little libraries and getting the specified in the Zoning code on Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 PM.. Will be speaking with Pat regarding the Zoning Code issues brought up at previous meetings.

LAWS AND CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

- Tonight we have the second reading for the rental property registration form. As I mentioned earlier, I've gone back through my reports and notes and I've been discussing this issue since the end of March. I've had 3 committee meetings about this and have been very open discussing this on during meetings and on Facebook, etc. The ordinance was read in its entirety at our last meeting and is on the city's website in the meeting minutes and on the recording from the meeting. The ordinance has been posted on Facebook in its entirety both on my page and Mr. Powell's. I have received a lot of feedback, comments and questions about this issue and I have taken them all into account. I've taken the time to answer every question I've received. I'll always err on the side of the majority and/or what's best for the city and residents. Just a reminder that this is something that is in our city's Master Plan and I'm hoping we can move this forward.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY: Randy Fischesser

Fire:

- June 2021 the fire department made 219 EMS Responses and 42 Fire Responses (12 all-call) for a total of 261 responses.

Operations:

- Final round of homebound COVID-19 doses administered on June 2nd.
- FF/P Stickney filled the full-time vacancy, his first shift was June 7th. Two new part-time members began orientation.
- Chassis for the new squad has shipped. Delayed due to microchip availability. Expected delivery in September.
- Annual Aerial ladder, ground ladders, and hose testing completed.
- FF/P Strole coordinated bike safety event held on June 13th.
- Lt. Fischesser managed the fireworks display on June 27th.
- Multiple birthday parades conducted.

Police:

- For the month of June, the Police Department had 1467 calls for service, 48 auto accidents, 262 total charges filed with 181 a being original charges. Citation issued: 15 to Arlington Heights, 7 to Hamilton County Court, 1 to Juvenile Court, and 143 to Reading's Mayors Court for a total of 169 citations.

Operations:

- During routine traffic stops, officers made numerous arrests on various charges including OVI, drug possession, and loaded firearms.
- 06/06/2021, Burglary on Bradley Ave. Three firearms along with jewelry taken. Suspect developed during investigation. Investigation continues.
- 06/09/2021, 8800 Reading Rd. Theft of catalytic converters. Suspects cut electric fence and cut off 10 converters. Investigation continues.
- 06/13/2021, Officer observed a vehicle leaving McCluskey Chevrolet during closed hours. Vehicle fled from stop, officer unable to pursue due to policy.
- 06/13/2021, Officers responded to 9200 Reading Rd. for a subject stabbed. Suspect located and after a foot pursuit was taken into custody.
- 06/14/2021, Siebenthaler, broke up a large party in lower field.
- 06/15/2021, two juveniles and two adults arrested in quiet park with drugs.
- 06/25/2021, 8050 Reading Rd. Theft of Catalytic converters. On-going issue in the county.
- 07/02/2021, 700 block of Third St., 2 subjects arrested for disorderly conduct, subjects fighting in the middle of the street.

Detectives Section:

- Detectives continue to assist road officers with various felony investigations.
- Detectives continue to follow up on drug investigations in city and village.

SERVICE: Dennis Albrinck

- 1-ton dump truck is finally in and they're doing the outfitting now.
There will be a need for another one very soon.
- Need to purchase a mini-excavator.
- Service department have been doing their annual inspecting, repairing and replacing of catch basins yearly.
- Service Department repairing water main breaks.
- Mechanic's test has been put off until the end of July but they look forward to hiring someone very soon.

RECREATION: Tom Lynd

- The pool has been busy this year. We have had a lot of new families that have joined the pool and the daily attendance is much higher than it has been in a couple years. As of yesterday, July 5th, we were still getting new memberships. I want to thank the pool managers and staff for all their hard work so far this season.
- I would like for Council to look at the possibility of hiring another full-time parks employee.
- The City of Reading/American Legion fireworks were well attended and RC Pyrotechnics put on a good show.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Eadicicco - I would like to continue discussing updating the Bridal District since we have allocated the grant money to pave a portion of the street. I would like to look into paving Benson from Reading Road to the bridge and possibly redoing the sidewalks and other updates to the street. I've stressed the importance of this District many times. I received a copy of the District's Master plan from Linda Fitzgerald. We worked on this in 2019 with members of the District.

Some of the things I'd like to look into is working with the District on streetscaping, including new flower pots, trash cans, new lights in the trees, and new sidewalks. It's also mentioned in their Master Plan a desire to bury the utility poles and increase parking.

Other areas where the city and district can work together would be more policing, better and more noticeable crosswalks and possibly reworking the zoning code to implement building design standards. I'm not sure which Council Committee this should be referred but it is something that I would definitely like to help out with if I'm able.

As a side note, I'm wondering why we don't have a committee directly involved in economic development. I think this is something we should look at adding or combining with another committee. It makes sense to have council involved in or at least informed on what businesses are coming to the area, what projects are in the works, and what our Economic Developer is working on.

OTHER BUSINESS

READING OF RESOLUTIONS - NONE

READING OF ORDINANCES

- (1) 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. *(Third Reading)***

Ordinance was declared a third reading only.

- (2) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY AND ADULT TENANTS AND OCCUPANTS THEREOF *(Second Reading)***

Ordinance was declared a second reading only.

- (3) AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE & TAKE COMPETITIVE BIDS & TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE PAVING & ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO BENSON STREET, CITY OF READING.**

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

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Gertz, seconded by Mr. Powell to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-22

- (4) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE READING CODE OF ORDINANCES THAT ADDRESS COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

- (5) THE FOLLOWING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL, AND IS HEREBY SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION**

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:46 pm.

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CARLA KACHER
Clerk of Council

X _____
RANDY FISCHESSE
President of Council, Pro-Tem