

**CITY OF READING, OHIO  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 19, 2022 – 7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Mr. Daum called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco.

**OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mayor Bo Bemmes & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

For the full detail of this evening's Council Meeting, please visit <http://www.icrctv.com/communities>, click on "Reading," and then click "Reading City Council 07-19-2022."

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve July 5 (Regular) Council Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Powell. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Daum called for the beginning of the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Bemmes provided specific fund projections and pointed out that 85% goes towards personnel.

**General fund revenue**

-Real estate taxes saw an increase in revenue in 2021 and projecting minimal increases for 2023 -local government funds are projected relatively even -charges for services decrease due to less BWC refunds -income tax transfers projected to increase from 2021, there is a balance in tax fund and projected to have one starting in 2023 -total revenue projected to increase by about 3% for 2023

**General Fund Expenses**

-largest general fund expense is on personnel and related fringes(insurance, pension, BWC, etc.). This accounts for about 85% of all expenditures .

Projecting approximately 2.6% increase per year in general fund. Takes into account spending increases on personnel and operations

**NON GENERAL FUND NOTES**

-Street maintenance fund revenue comes from the gas tax which has increased over the past two years. Expenditures include public works employees couple of items such as trucks public works operation expenses and part of the road salt -State highway is funded from taxes for Reading Road we use this to purchase a portion of road salt -Tax Fund projects small increase. This funds are transfers to the general fund, refunds and treasurers office expenses -Motor vehicle license revenue comes from vehicle licenses and is used primarily for engineering -streets and curbs fund revenue comes from the portion of the half percent tax increase. Expenditures are primarily repayment of 0% loans as part of road projects through OPWC.

-Capital fund- (340) Revenue comes from property taxes. Expenditures have included bond payments, loan payments and police vehicle purchases. Our final payment on the Reading Road streetscape will be in 2023. After that the only known expenditure will be on police cruisers for about 80 to 90,000/year -fire EMS fund revenue comes from EMS billing. Expenditures primarily are for purchase of firetrucks and ambulances and a small portion of EMS operations - Waterfund revenues come from water billing and are used for water operations water employees and paying greater Cincinnati waterworks for the purchase of wholesale water -sewer fund Revenue and expenditures are for MSD sewer billing -sewer service fee fund- Revenue comes from our fee for collecting MSD sewer bills. We do not have any set expenditures to come from this but in the past it's been used for a variety of things one such item being retirement payments

No audience members in attendance gave input or raised questions. Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget closed at 7:39 p.m.

### AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

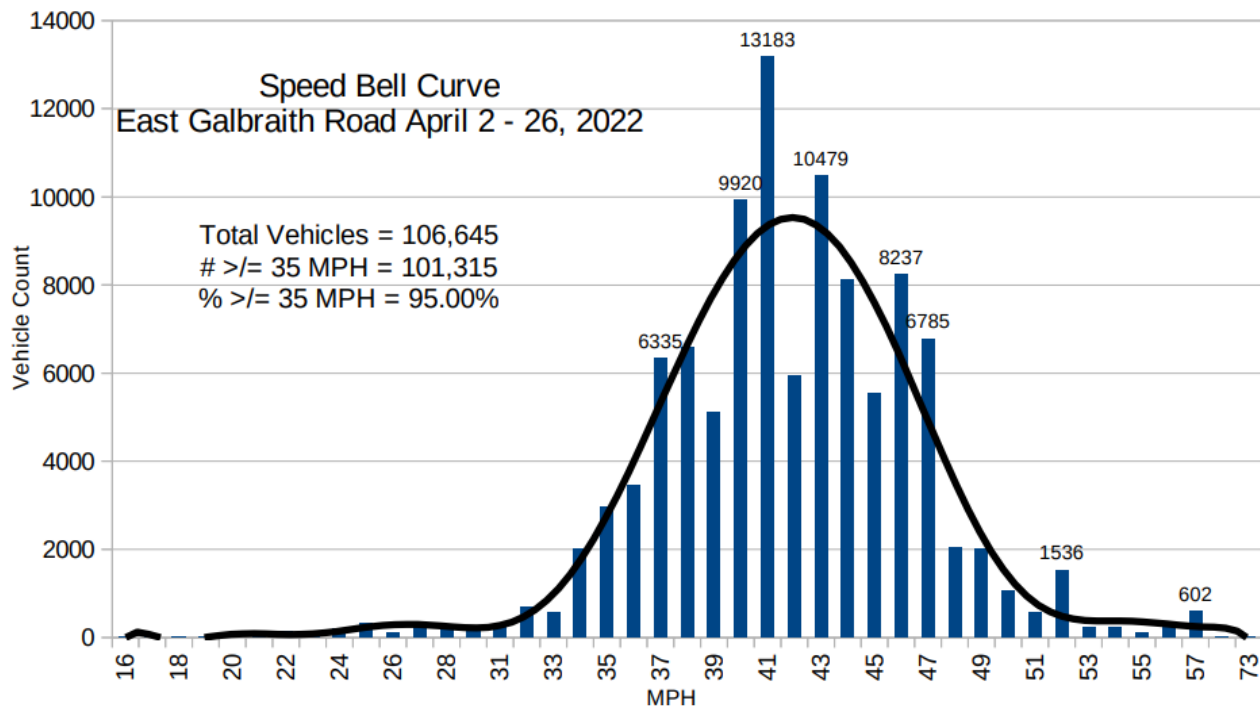
(1) Pat Ormond (2720 Mapletree Ct) – Thanked Reading Fire Department and Paramedics for helping him recently, Jeff Wright, Darrell Courtney & Mark Bishop for their efforts with Recycling around the City. Rumpke Recycling collection issues within the City. Dean Ferrier from Rumpke came out and participated in a “ride-along” of the Rumpke “Friday Route” and noticed a number of issues. One issue being that the route is quite difficult. Mr. Ormond raised the question of what the City (the customer of Rumpke) can do to help residents who have had their recycling missed week after week and problems with pick-up remains. Suggested that the City pause the \$4.00 collection fee until Rumpke correct the pick-up issues AND request a refund for the repetitive weeks of missed pick-ups that the residents of Reading are paying for. It was suggested that Rumpke come to an upcoming Council meeting to address this issue.

(2) Jennifer Dick – Recycling has been missed 14 times on Harvest Lane. Pointed out that there are more blighted properties in Reading that should be addressed. Katie Eadicicco is working on this project.

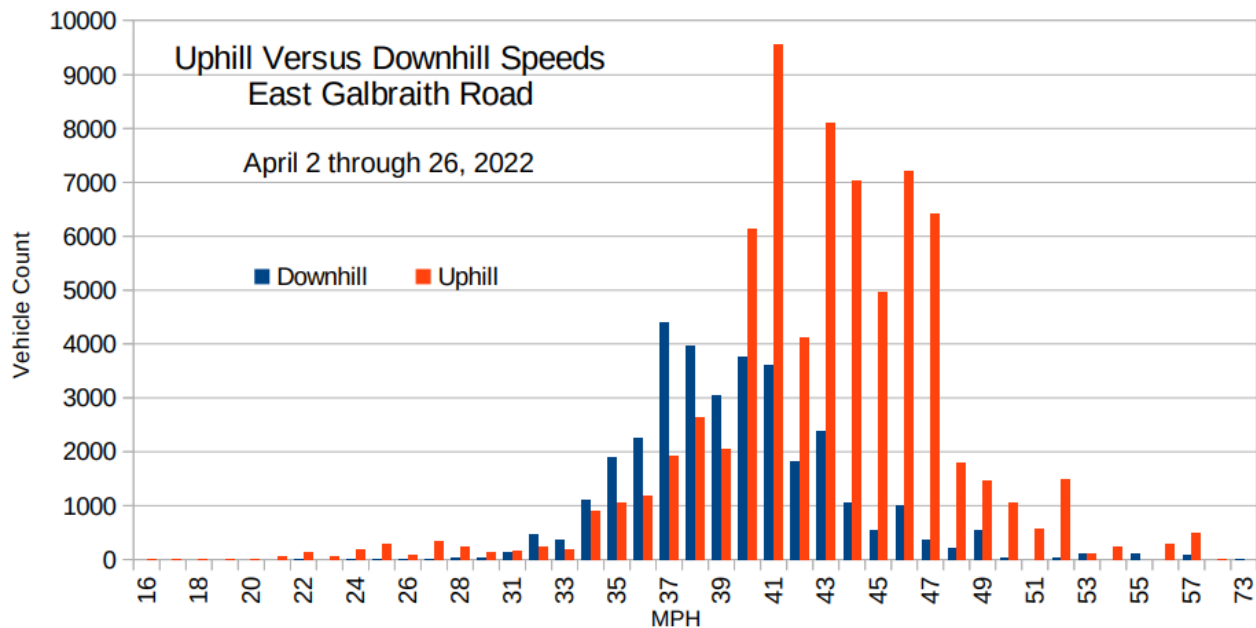
### READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

#### (1) Galbraith Road Speeding Sign Results:

The following chart shows “normal” traffic speeds on East Galbraith Road. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH, yet 95% of vehicles travel at least 10 MPH over the speed limit.



Most people would think that downhill speeds would be faster than uphill speeds. While logical, it is incorrect. As shown below, uphill speeds are significantly higher than downhill speeds. There is only one explanation for these uphill speeds - it is intentional. Uphill speeders outnumber downhill speeders by roughly 2.24 to 1.



In the uphill direction, there is a much longer and straighter segment of road for acceleration, thus explaining the dichotomy. This means that the drivers of the 4 vehicles clocked at 73 MPH downhill were really working at it.

Galbraith Road needs stop signs both directions at Knollcrest and Marycrest, and one uphill at Harvest, and one downhill at Ridgepoint. This should keep traffic below 45 MPH in this 25 MPH zone.

Motion made by Mrs. Powell, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger marking the communication received/filed. Motion carried by voice vote.

Shelley Kroeger mentioned that the Police Department is aware of this problem. Mrs. Kroeger asked if this road was a County road and if we can actually put stop signs in? Mr. Powell suggested that the City hire someone to do a traffic study.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** None Scheduled

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None Requested

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

**READING OF RESOLUTIONS:** None

Motion made by Mr. Bochner, seconded by Mr. Thamann to add 2 ordinances to the agenda tonight. Motion carried by voice vote.

**READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**(1) THE FOLLOWING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND IS HEREBY SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION (Second Reading)**

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bronner to suspend the rule that requires a third reading.

Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mr. Kroeger to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-21**

Motion made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Bronner to table the ordinance for further discussion and possible revision.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**(2) An ordinance authorizing the City Administration to purchase a used chipper for the Service Department at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00.**

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Powell to amend the ordinance to read “\$90,000.00” instead of “\$60,000.00.” Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

**(3) An ordinance authorizing the City Administration to purchase a Valve Exerciser for the Water Department at a cost not to exceed \$85,000.00.**

Ordinance was declared a first reading only.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**(1) Mrs. Eadiciccio:** We had a great committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. I’ll give a report on both during our August 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting.

**(2) Mrs. Kroeger:** National Night Out: Tuesday, August 2 at Koenig Park from 5 – 8 pm. Hosted by Our Police Dept. An excellent opportunity for our residents to meet some of our Police Officers and learn about the resources that are available. There will be complimentary food and beverages, as well as educational public safety information and more.

**(3) Mr. Bemmes:**

- Ladies Night at our pool is Thursday, July 21.; 6:30 - 9:30 pm.
- Farmer’s Market is every Friday; 4 -7 pm. Corner of Vine and Reading Rd.
- Reading Community Schools: First Day is August 17 for grades 7-12 (day starts: 7:20 am; ends at 2:10 pm M-F) August 18 for grades 1-6 (day starts at 8:10 am; ends at 2:30). The first day for pre K and K is August 22.
- MND 1st day is August 22 starting at 7:45 am.
- SPPA 1st day is August 24
- Cincinnati Classical School 1<sup>st</sup> day is August 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 a.m.
- Taste of Reading hosted by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary is August 27 at Koenig Park, 12 noon to 11 pm. Great food, drinks, entertainment and crafts!
- Antique Car Show is September 11 at Reading Community Schools parking lot from 10 am – 3 pm.
- RBD Fall in Love is September 21, 6 – 9 pm. on Benson Street.
- PLEASE SLOW DOWN AS YOU DRIVE AND KEEP YOUR EYES ALERT FOR PEDESTRIANS, ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG STUDENTS AS THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL!

**COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE:**

**Mr. Boehner –**

Will have a number of ordinances on the agenda in 2 weeks:

- (1) Water Valve Exercise Machine – will be able to tell which homes have connections of lead based pipes.
- (2) Wood Chipper for the Service Department will be \$86,000.00 come out of the 340 account.
- (3) \$380,000 out of the CIC account (money they got from the Nivison property) and put it into the 340 account for Service & Police department 2023 needs.

Mr. Boehner also gave brief descriptions of various City accounts.

**Mr. Powell –**

Demolition of condemned properties. Mr. Powell found an ordinance from another community that we may be able to replicate and use for our City in relation to condemned properties.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn came from Mrs. Kroeger and was seconded by Mrs. Bronner. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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**Carla Kacher**  
Clerk of Council

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**Dwight Daum**  
President of Council