

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 15, 2023 – 7:30 PM**

For the full detail of this evening's Council Meeting, please visit www.watchreadingohio.com

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, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to amend the August 1 Council Meeting Minutes (page 4, paragraph 2, line 4) to read, "Mr. Powell to request a Traffic Study" and strike "we request stop signs," made by Mr. Thamann, seconded by Mr. Boehner. Motion approved by voice vote. Motion to approve the August 1 Council Minutes made by Mr. Thamann, seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: NONE

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

(1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF READING TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION(OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT(SCIP) AND OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT(LTIP) PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bishop to adopt the ordinance.
Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-28R

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S DIRECTOR'S FINAL ORDERS AND FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMER DOW/ROHM AND HAAS SITE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bronner to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading.
Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mrs. Kroeger, seconded by Mr. Bronner to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-29

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(1) Mr. Bemmes

- Reading Football games at Veterans Stadium: the property next to the stadium for the pool & Haffey Field House is owned by the Port Authority of Greater Cincinnati (use to be owned by Dow Chemical) and they have now put up a fence surrounding their property. This will cause some parking headaches but we've been in contact with our Superintendent of Schools and our Athletic Director to iron out the best possible scenario. The School is helping to put out information as to where people can park.
- The first day of school for our Reading Community Schools is on Thursday, August 17; MND's first day for all students is on Monday, August 21; SPPA starts on Wednesday, August 23 and Cincinnati Classical Academy starts Wednesday, August 30. We beg that everyone please slow down as you drive and keep an eye out for these young children.
- Please call our Police when you see any suspicious or illegal activity and report any vandalism immediately.

(2) Mr. Boehner

- Service Committee will meet September 12 in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. where we will discuss adding a couple people to the Service Department and possibly replacing one. Hopefully we'll know by that night if the one gentleman is going to retire.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mr. Boehner and seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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Carla Kacher
Clerk of Council

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Dwight Daum
President of Council