

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
JULY 16, 2024 – 7:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council, Mr. Mattscheck called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President of Council, Mr. Mattscheck 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, Mrs. Kroeger, Mr. Thamann, & Mrs. Eadicicco.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes & Auditor Sabrina Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve June 18, 2024 (Legislative) and July 2, 2024 (Regular) Council Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Boehner seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by voice vote.

*****2nd PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2025 BUDGET***

President of Council, Kevin Mattscheck begin the 2nd the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget at 7:31 p.m. No one in the audience had any comments. President of Council, Kevin Mattscheck closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: None

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND EQUIP SAME. (3rd Reading)

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll

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call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

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(2) AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 863 TO THE CITY OF READING’S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE HOOKAH BARS. (2nd Reading)

Ordinance was declared a 2nd reading only.

(3) THE FOLLOWING BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AND IS HEREBY SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION. (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mr. Thamann to suspend the rule that requires a third reading. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Bronner to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-24

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS *(Brief discussion of any other information)*

Mr. Bishop: tree canopy on Reading Rd. will be updated. The current trees will be coming down in July. New trees will be replanted in October. Worked with Rooted in Communities to receive a \$50,000 grant.

Mr. Boehner: invited Mr. Brooks to attend a meeting. Third Tuesday in August would be best.

Mayor Bemmes: National Night Out will be August 6 from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM at Koenig Park.

Mrs. Eadicicco: There will be a Holiday Walk planning meeting Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the Caucus Room. Looking for helpers for the event. Asked Mr. Bishop about some of the issues with the ESP links on Facebook. Mr. Bishop stated the meeting link can be found on the city’s website to watch live.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bronner moved to adjourn. Mrs. Kroeger seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Mattscheck
Clerk of Council, Pro-Tem

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council