

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 01, 2024 – 7:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

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

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Albrinck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve September 3, 2024 (Regular) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mrs. Kroeger, seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried by voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letters from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control asking if the City of Reading requests a hearing on the advisability of issuing a Liquor permit for “Condori Management LLC” (1st FL BSMT & PATIO, 419 W Benson St) and “Winey Bride LLC.”

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

MAYOR: Robert “Bo” Bemmes:

Please get to know your neighbors and look out for them and call 911 immediately if you see any suspicious or illegal activity.

Our Safety and Services Director Patrick Ross and our Fire Chief Todd Owens met with reps from the Council on Aging to discuss community wellness programs. We are hoping that they will host some senior citizen programs in our community in the not too distant future. More details to come.

Thermo Fisher hosted an event to show us their \$10 million dollars in facility improvements.

Our University of Cincinnati Reading Campus hosted our Business Roundtable meeting with most of our businesses reporting hiring additional employees and the others remaining steady.

We were chosen along with 7 other communities in our State to receive State funding to complete a study and make improvements on State routes to improve safety. Patrick Ross and I are working with ODOT to identify and complete

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improvements on Reading Road between Galbraith and North Street. \$2 million dollars have been allocated for this project.

Major improvements, approximately \$1.3 million dollars including \$650,000 in Grant dollars, have begun on Maple Drive. A new 8 inch in diameter water main, replacing an old 3 inch in diameter pipe, along with curb repairs, new aprons, one or two speed humps and new paving are all a part of this project.

We had a preconstruction meeting for the Koehler Avenue and Landy Lane road reconstruction projects that 50% of the total costs will be paid for using SORTA grant dollars. The contractor is hoping to complete the projects this year, but they may not be done until 2025

Saints Peter and Paul Academy will have their 17th annual Amazing Grace/Runnin Scared 5k run on October 19. The race starts at 6pm next to our Veterans Memorial Stadium on West Street and goes thru the cemetery to Columbia to Jefferson turning around at Benson Street (Benson will not be closed) back thru the cemetery to West to Bernard to Riesenberg turning around at Columbia then to the walking trail and back thru the Stadium. For more information call Bonnie at 513-673-7225

Please sign up for emergency alerts and warnings from Hamilton County Alert and Smart 911 at AlertHC.org

Please contact me anytime with any questions, comments, complaints or concerns at rbemmes@readingohio.org or 513-509-8619

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross *(No Report, Absent)*

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson: *(No Report)*

TREASURER: Brenda Owens *(No Report, Absent)*

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

- Suggested moving the Tuesday, December 17th meeting to Thursday, December 19th in order for her and Patrick to get the final appropriations together. This would eliminate the need for calling a special meeting during Christmas time in order to pass legislation.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner *(No Report)*

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop *(No Report)*

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- I have spent some time researching in the ORC community reinvestment areas. I have also looked at one in Reading that had been previously established that covers generally every parcel that touches Reading Road from the north to the south corporation. It has been suggested to me that it might be a good idea to look at a CRA along Benson Street in the Bridal District. I will continuing to look into this matter.

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco *(No Report)*

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger

Police Department run count for September 2024

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| • Calls for service | 1,118 |
| • Auto Accidents | 30 |
| • Booking Original Charges | 117 |
| • Total Criminal Charges | 159 |

Citations Issued

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| • Hamilton County | 6 |
| • Arlington Heights | 37 |
| • Juvenile | 1 |
| • Reading Mayor's | 144 |

Total Citations **190**

Fire Departments run count for September 2024

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| • EMS Responses | 204 |
| • Fire Responses | 69 |

Total Responses **273**

Police Department

- Theft from Circle K and UDF
- Domestic Violence
- Dog bite
- Attempted theft of auto
- Disorderly conduct
- Shots fired
- Damage to mailbox
- Arrest for meth
- Assault charges

Fire Department

- Members attended the Fall Festival event at Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Convent.
- CPR and AED training completed for Reading Pre-School and Serendipity staff.
- Provided EMS coverage at multiple Reading HS football games.
- Members grilled for Arlington Heights' annual car show.
- Crew attended Touch-a-Truck event at Sts. Peter & Paul Academy.

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SERVICE: Bob Boehner

Reading Public Works Council Report October 1, 202

City crews have been out patching potholes in the streets

City crews have been out collecting branches

The street sweeper has been out cleaning streets

City crews have been laying out and painting soccer fields and the football fields throughout the city

City crews assisted the Fire Department with their Fire training center

City crew repainted all the Pickel ball courts

City crews put a new roof on the pool building

City crews have repaired water leaks on Waxwing near Cooper Rd, East Crest Dr and Pearl and Market

City crews picked up debris from the storm

City crews have done some touch up painting at the Haffey Field House

City crews checked all the catch basin drains before the windstorm and rain on the Hilltop and Valley to make sure they were open with no debris covering the tops so water could flow

Traffic changes have occurred on Reading & Columbia W/B on East Columbia at Reading Rd right turn only from curb lane, Strait through from the inside traffic lane or left turn

Reading & Benson the Left turn lane was removed E/B on West Benson at Reading, now only one traffic lane to go straight, right turn or left turn due to the high accidents striking the corner building

RECREATION: Scott Thamann *(No Report)*

OTHER BUSINESS:

Katie Eadicicco suggested putting black tar over the old lines that have been covered up.
Suggested putting signs on the light saying "Right Turn Only"

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

(1) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Resolution was declared a first reading only.

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ENVIROMENTAL COVENANTS WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT. (Third Reading)

Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-36

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Shelley Kroeger: Has spoken to Chief Edens and is currently reading through a past ordinance regarding the Trucks coming down Benson St.

Mark Bishop: Dean Ferrier has been following up regarding the list of hits and misses. The problem seems to be getting better but there are a few that they're still working on. If your trash/recycling gets missed, please call Rumpke so it will be reported as an incident and they can continue to work on it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Bronner moved to adjourn. Mrs. Kroeger seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Carla Albrinck
Clerk of Council

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council