

CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
November 19, 2024 – 7:30 PM

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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, Law Director Dave Stevenson & Auditor Sabrina Smith.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve November 5, 2024 (Regular) Meeting Minutes made by Mr. Boehner seconded by Mr. Bronner.
Motion carried by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

Bob Ashbrock: Lead in pipes, check the federal requirements or do an audit and see if the information was submitted by Patrick to the EPA. The Public Health and Safety Committee or Utilities Committee should look into this.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. *(to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance that are directly related to a request for economic development assistance or that may involve public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services related to the project)* made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Motion to come back from Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. was made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bronner.
Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

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READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PAY READING COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT \$42,950.00 AS PART OF A PAVING PROJECT OF BOLSER DRIVE BETWEEN BOLSER AND SANBORN DRIVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Second Reading)

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to suspend the rule requiring a third reading. Motion not carried by a roll call of 4-2 vote. Yes votes were Mr. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mrs. Kroeger and Mrs. Eadicicco. No votes were Mr. Powell and Mr. Boehner. Mr. Thamann recused himself from the vote.

Ordinance was declared a 2nd reading only.

(2) AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AT THE EAST END OF ELIZABETH STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (First Reading)

Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Bronner to suspend the rule requiring a second and third reading. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion to adopt by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-40

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

Mayor Bemmes: Reading Fire Department Turkey Raffle reminder November 22 - 23 at Haffey Fieldhouse. Tree lighting and crib dedication followed by Holiday Walk December 7 from 6-9pm. Reminder that Benson Street will be closed during this time.

Mrs. Kroeger: Public Health and Safety Committee will be meeting on November 26 at 7pm at Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Boehner moved to adjourn. Mrs. Kroeger seconded. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Mattscheck
Clerk of Council, Pro Tem

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council