

CITY OF READING, OHIO15
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 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, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Albrinck

Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Bronner, to amend the agenda to include the Dog Park Design ordinance in tonight's agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve February 4, 2025 (Regular) Council Minutes Meeting made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried by voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKERS: NONE

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Executive Session began at 7:32 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to come back from Executive Session at 8:06 pm. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

(1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., THE COMMUNITY'S ENERGY AGGREGATION CONSULTANT AND TO ENTER INTO SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THIS PROGRAM TO STABILIZE AND TO REDUCE COSTS AS NEEDED.

Resolution was declared a first reading only

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF READING PARKS, PROGRAMS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco, to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading. Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mrs. Kroeger, Mr. Thamann & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “Yes,” and Mr. Boehner voting “No.”). Motion made by Mrs. Kroeger, seconded by Mr. Thamann to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mrs. Kroeger, Mr. Thamann & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “Yes,” and Mr. Boehner voting “No.”).

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-08

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Bob Boehner – In the Fall of 2027 the Metro bus system wants to begin “Metro Rapid,” which is a bus-only lane. Their plan is to have this run through Reading. They are claiming that this will allow buses to run more frequently. Mr. Boehner pointed out that this would eliminate one lane on Reading Road. Mr. Boehner doesn’t believe this is necessary and wants to see the City fight against this.

Scott Thamann - Congratulated the Blue Devil wrestling program.

Mr. Boehner - commented on the recent protestors that stopped traffic in Reading and commended our police officers for their response.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn came from Mrs. Kroeger, and was seconded by Mr. Thamann. Motion carried by voice vote. There being no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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Carla Albrinck
Clerk of Council

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Kevin Mattscheck
President of Council