



City Council Meeting Highlights Tuesday, February 16, 2021

In an effort to provide clear, factual information in a timely manner, the City will be sharing highlights from City Council Meetings the morning after a council session on the City website and social media. These highlights will include summaries from work session, full council, and any public hearings/meetings that take place. They will not replace formal minutes.

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A RESOLUTION TO OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY

- Several comments were made that the proposed resolution was difficult to find on the website, so Council will work with Ms. Voss, Communications Coordinator, to make this and other important documents more accessible.
- There were concerns about requiring a council member to attend CHAT meetings, noting it may be difficult for council members with full time jobs. It was suggested that the language is changed to “when possible/if possible” to allow for some wiggle-room.
- Councilman Milliken addressed the change of language, regarding “condemning” racism versus “discouraging” racism. He stated the change in language was done to make the document more positive. However, after further consideration, they realized it is best to leave “condemn”.
- Councilman Lynch shared that the CHAT group requested that this is tabled once more for Franklin County Public Health to review. Councilman Coolman agreed, sharing it would also be best to leave it tabled so we can better advertise it on the website and give the public more time to review.

DR. BENDER SCHOLARSHIP

- Several council members acknowledged that all scholarships have guidelines that limit applicant eligibility.
- Mr. Boggs, City Legal Counsel, shared that the current scholarship is funded through the Bed Tax dollars. Under Ohio Municipal Law, the funds should be used for a public purpose benefiting those that live within corporation limits. There was discussion about how other funds from the Bed Tax Grants have been awarded to organizations that service more than just Canal Winchester, and that the same flexibility should be given to the scholarship.
- Ultimately, the group decided to continue with the scholarship as is, with Councilman Coolman chairing a committee to create a new scholarship that would be available to all students within Canal Winchester Local School District.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- Council voted to table this discussion due to time limitations.

PUBLIC HEARING SET

- A public hearing was set for April 5 at 6:45 PM to discuss the rezoning of 10.73 acres of property from General Commercial to Limited Manufacturing for property located on the south side of Winchester Blvd. The Community Center will be open for residents to share comments.

TAXES

- Mrs. Jackson, Finance Director, reminded residents to file a return with the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). This is required for all Canal Winchester residents.

PARKING LIMITATIONS

There was a first reading of an ordinance to prohibit the parking of trailers and other non-motor vehicles from parking on public streets or public rights-of-way.