



## City Council Meeting Highlights Monday, March 1, 2021

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### **A RESOLUTION TO OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUITY**

- Mrs. Amos discussed the resolution with the Board of Health, and the board would like to speak with Council at the Committee of the Whole at the end of the month. They have some language suggestions and additional goals that they would like to go over, including a local board of health and annual diversity report.
- Discussion resumed over the language in Section 1, requiring a council member to attend the CHAT meetings. Council acknowledged there was a 4-3 divide in favor of revising the language to instead encourage, not require, a council member to attend those meetings.
- The resolution was once again tabled to allow for further clarification on the CHAT group's flexibility for meeting times, as well as the option to have a liaison attend the meeting on behalf of a council member.

### **MCGILL PARK TRAIL CONNECTOR PROJECT UPDATE**

- We have received clearance from ODNR to move forward with the McGill Park Trail Connector Project. This new trail will connect the existing trail at Dietz/Ashbrook Rd. (covered bridge) to McGill Park, approximately 0.75 miles long. It will be 10-feet wide, paved, and have benches throughout. It will also feature two weathering steel bridges, similar to the bridges that go over Rt. 33 near Hamilton Rd.

### **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Mr. Coolman reminded the group that in order to have the revisions up for a vote at the upcoming election, the group needs to come to a decision by May.
- The review was tabled for further discussion at Committee of the Whole.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE**

- Sgt. Cassel has temporarily returned to Canal Winchester to fill in the open sergeant position. They are expecting a full time replacement by April.

### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

- Mr. Bennet asked the Mayor if, given the new 25% capacity for sporting events, there had been discussion about reopening the Community Center. The Mayor clarified that the Community Center has to follow different guidelines than what is written in this new order. There is hope for the center to open next month.

### **GENDER ROAD PHASE V UPDATE**

- The City's contract with Shelly & Sands, Inc. was passed, allowing work to begin on the Gender Rd Phase 5 improvements. This will include traffic signal upgrades and turn lane improvements at the Canal St. intersection, an additional turn lane at Winchester Blvd., additional street lighting, and bike path improvements.