

Canal Winchester

*City Hall
Council Chambers
45 East Waterloo Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

June 5, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Steve Buskirk

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

- A. Call To Order** *Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.*
- B. Pledge of Allegiance** Walker
- C. Roll Call** *Present 6 – Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*
A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amick to excuse Mrs. Amos from the City Council meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Shea, Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker
- D. Approval of Minutes**
- [MIN-23-021](#) May 15, 2023 Work Session Minutes
A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Shea to approve MIN-23-021. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Buskirk, Shea, Walker, Amick, Clark, Milliken
- [MIN-23-022](#) May 15, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Walker to approve MIN-23-022. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Buskirk, Walker, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea
- E. Communications & Petitions**
- F. Public Comments** - Three Minute Limit Per Person
- G. Reports of City Officials and Staff**
- Mayor's Report*
- [May 2023 Mayor's Court Report](#)
A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Buskirk to approve May 2023 Mayor's Court Report. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Shea, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick
- Fairfield County Sheriff*
 [Discussion started at 1:35:11 on YouTube Channel](#)
 Sgt. Walker – I provided you all with my written report. I don't have anything other than what's written in my report. I'd be happy to take questions.
- Shea – Since school is out, is there any nonsense or is everything good?*
- Sgt. Walker – Nothing more than usual. We really haven't dealt with juveniles recently since school's been out, so everyone is behaving themselves. Fingers crossed it stays that way.*
- Law Director*
 [Discussion started at 1:36:08 on YouTube Channel](#)
 Boggs – Nothing to report tonight other than the advisory opinion that's in the packet that we discussed at Work Session. I'm happy to answer any questions.
- Finance Director*
 [Discussion started at 1:36:25 on YouTube Channel](#)
 Jackson – I think I've touched on just about everything in my council report at some point this evening. I do

plan to provide the city council with some pool membership updates now that things have calmed down a little bit. The last couple weeks have been very hectic around here, getting ready for the pool opening. We have sold a ton of memberships, so I will put something together for your next meeting to kind of give you an idea of how many memberships we've sold, how many of those are resident versus non-resident, and if there's any other data you'd like to know, please let me know.

Public Service Director

Discussion started at 1:37:04 on YouTube Channel

Peoples – I have nothing to add to my written report. I just wanted to highlight an action of one of our employees, Chris Hartung from the water treatment plant, who was out jogging after work one evening. He heard someone yelling for help and went across the street and found an elderly neighbor laying on her porch and couldn't get up. He called 9-1-1 and stayed with her until help arrived. Her grandson came over, and they were very appreciative. I just wanted to let you know that's the type of employee that we have working here.

Amick – Well done. Please extend our thanks.

Development Director

Discussion started at 1:38:01 on YouTube Channel

Haire – One item that the mayor had asked me to report on is that he is working with the Columbus Metropolitan Library; they would like to host council on a bus tour to the Gahanna branch. It's very similar to what they would like to build here at the site they purchased on Groveport Road. They're working to organize that for June 16th. It would leave from here at 2:00 p.m. and then return around 4:30–5:00 p.m. If anyone is interested, please let me know if you're available that day and interested in joining that tour.

Clark – I wanted to ask about the comprehensive plan. I know in your report you talked about them running a little bit behind. Is it the consultants?

Haire – Yes.

Clark – So, we've provided all the data?

Haire – Correct. We're at the point now where the consultants are preparing a draft of the plan. They've just been delayed in doing that. They've had some issues with their staff. I think they're probably just under-resourced at this point. They've had health issues with their staff, so we're trying to get them to the point where we can get that information and get it back to the steering committee and get it back on track.

Clark – It could be as late as this fall?

Haire – I'd say, at the rate we're looking at now, yes. We've got to get it to the steering committee; the steering committee needs time to review the plan, and that probably won't be until July. They're going to have time to look at the plan, provide comments back, and we'll have edits on that draft plan, which would then go to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then to City Council.

Clark – So, that might not be till next year.

Haire – It's realistic that it's going to be in the fall.

Amick – Is there anything in our contractual language that penalizes them for late delivery?

Haire – I don't believe that there is, but I'd have Mr. Boggs look at it.

Amick – I think they said 10 months, but I think we're going to far exceed that, so if you could, Mr. Boggs, maybe just take a peek and see if there's anything noteworthy.

Haire – We're at one year right now.

H. Resolutions

RES-23-015

Council

Sponsor: Shea

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

- Adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-23-015. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 2 – Amick, Buskirk

No 4 – Shea, Clark, Walker, Milliken

Discussion started at 1:41:36 on YouTube Channel

Amick – I had a moment to digest in my head the conversation that took place in the work session meeting, and the compensation for the incoming council members is still capped at three percent. Is that correct, Mr. Boggs?

Boggs – That is correct. Three percent in 2024, and then an additional three percent on that in 2025.

RES-23-021

Development

Sponsor: Buskirk

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ROAD MAINTANENCE AGREEMENT WITH DILEY RIDGE MEDICAL CENTER, LLC

- Adoption

A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Amick to adopt RES-23-021. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Buskirk, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker

RES-23-022

Development

Sponsor: Amick

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO ENTERING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY PRESENTLY WITHIN A RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Buskirk to adopt RES-23-022. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 5 – Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker

Abstain 1 – Shea

I. Ordinances

Third Reading - NONE

Second Reading - NONE**First Reading****ORD-23-021**

Finance

Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2024 TAX BUDGET

- First Reading Only

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Buskirk to waive the rules to require ORD-23-021 to be routed through Work Session and to be placed on the agenda for first reading. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Shea, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick

ORD-23-022

Finance

Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #22-041, AMENDMENT #4

*- First Reading Only***J. Council Reports***Public Hearing - Monday, June 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**JEDD**Work Session/Council - Monday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**COUNCIL RECESS - No meeting Monday, June 3, 2023**Work Session/Council - Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**CW Human Services - Walker***Discussion started at 1:48:42 on YouTube Channel**

Walker – For the month of May, we’ve served 506 people and provided 7,500 meals through the Community Food Pantry. May was the biggest month so far this year. We’re gearing up for the Brock Walk, so keep an eye on your porch for a bag on Thursday, June 8th. Bags will be collected on Friday, June 9th, in the morning. This is their biggest food drive of the year, and with increased numbers, this is very important to them. The senior transportation program provided 344 one-way trips and drove 2,513 miles. For the month of May, we had two drivers out for medical issues and two out on vacation. Aletha and Anna both assisted in driving clients to their appointments. Everyone has enjoyed planting in their garden beds, all made possible because of the bed tax fund and the Columbus Foundation.

*CWICC - Amick***Discussion started at 1:50:08 on YouTube Channel**

Amick – I have several quick updates for you. There’s a lot that is happening right now, which is all great news. First of all, the CWICC held their election of officers, and they were noted as follows: president is Joe Abbott, vice president is Matt Peoples, and secretary is Bob Clark. Again, these are all projects that you are familiar with, but because many of them are coming to fruition this summer, I thought I would just recap. Molto Properties is expected to complete their speculative buildings in late June, and those are located at Canal Pointe. Tenby Partners is completing their 210-square-foot speculation building at the corner of Busey and Diley. Walgreens is expected to complete tenant finishing at the end of this summer. Sheetz at Gender Road says June 19th; I would say just hang on, but it will happen as close to that date as I’m sure as possible. If you haven’t heard, there’s also going to be another Sheetz located at Busey and Diley that will be in the City of Pickerington. I actually saw on social media today that there were some questions about what car wash was going in beside Panera, and that is going to be a Turbo Wash. As far as new business

goes, the Canal Winchester Schools are proposing an addition to Indian Trials to accommodate 18 new classrooms for all-day kindergarten and future growth. That is expected to break ground in July and finish in the 2024–2025 school year. Finally, the planning commission will see an amendment to a rezoning request for the 244 multi-family apartments that are going to go in off of Diley Road at their next meeting. The last thing I want to highlight is that I asked about the library and wondered when they were going to break ground, and they're still in the planning phase. That's all I have for you. That meeting was held on May 31st at 11:30 a.m.

Clark – Mr. Haire, do you know the number of jobs going in at Walgreens? As well as the total value of that and then the square footage that they're taking of that building. People think that they're occupying all of that building.

Haire – Walgreens has leased half of the building. They're right around 75,000 square feet in that building. They'll employ more than 200 people; that's their minimum commitment to the State of Ohio for the incentive they receive there, but it's likely it'll be around 10% more than that. It's about a \$30 million investment that they're making in that building. There's significant infrastructure being built on the interior of the building, and a lot of automation is taking place on the inside. There's another tenant in the building now that has had their final occupancy inspection called JJ Haines, and they've leased 40,000 square feet in that building as well.

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Discussion started at 1:54:20 on YouTube Channel

Shea – We've got all kinds of good stuff going on over at the CWJRD. We're gearing up for fall sports. Current open registrations include fall baseball, fall softball, youth fall soccer, adult summer soccer, and summer yoga in the park. Make sure you stretch before you go, folks. Those are currently available from CWJRD, and other than that, thank you.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Discussion started at 1:54:47 on YouTube Channel

Milliken – The farmer's market is going strong every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Historical Society. Be sure to follow the Farmer's Market Facebook page. Check it out on Fridays for a list of the vendors that will be in attendance. The June Thirsty Thursday will be on June 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Stradley Park. They'll have a band playing as well as the Grilled Cheese Gangster Food Truck and Weldon's Ice Cream. Planning for the 2023 Blues and Ribfest is well underway, and the music lineup is listed on the website. They're always looking for volunteers to help with the information booth in the green room. Neither of those jobs is very physical, so if you'd like to sit and interact with people, contact Karen Stiles via the phone number on the website.

CW Chamber of Commerce - Buskirk

Discussion started at 1:55:57 on YouTube Channel

Buskirk – Upcoming events: we have the community networking and hiring night on Thursday, June 15th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. here at the community center. The next event we have is "How to Market Your Business Digitally" on June 21st from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the community center. The next meeting is June 8th at 9:00 a.m.

K. Old/New Business

OTH-23-008 Deliberation and Vote on 109 Park St Appeal

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Buskirk to adopt the findings and affirm the action of

Landmark's Commission. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 5 – Shea, Buskirk, Milliken, Walker, Amick

Abstain 1 - Clark

Discussion started at 1:56:48 on YouTube Channel

Boggs – I would just note that the testimony was given at the public hearing originally scheduled for earlier in May. Under the terms of the Landmark's Commission appeals section, there are 60 days to issue a decision on the appeal after it has been received. That timeline would expire tomorrow unless the council voted to supersede that deadline. It's a council-established deadline, so it's something the council could vote to countermand.

Milliken – So our options at this point are to either hold a vote for appeal or just punt.

Boggs – Essentially yes. I believe it's in the packet this evening, and if not, it would have been in the packet for the last meeting. The May 15th packet would have the minutes of the public hearing that was held. You would essentially be looking at the testimony that was given at that hearing to determine whether under your Landmark Commission ordinance whether the appellant the residents have met their burden to overcome the decision of the Landmarks Commission.

Milliken – Is it the desire of council to hold a vote on this?

Shea – I'll vote.

Milliken – If I could just clarify with you, Mr. Boggs, so everybody's clear on how their votes go, So a yes for the appeal and a no for the appeal—what would that mean?

Boggs – I don't know if this is something you can pull up, Miss. Pearce, but can you pull up the May 1st public hearing packet? There's a draft findings of fact and conclusions of law in that.

Shea – I assume we're going to move to vote on this. If we vote yes are we allowing it to happen or are we upholding Landmark's decision?

Boggs – The motion I would suggest would be a motion to adopt the findings and affirm the action of Landmark's Commission, so a yes vote on that would affirm Landmark's Commission and prevent the certificate of appropriateness from moving forward. A no vote would allow the resident to move forward with what she has proposed.

Amick – I believe that the Ohio Revised Code allows me to just make one statement. I think this is an extremely unfortunate situation, and I continue to commend the homeowner for trying to do the right thing in this case, but we're held accountable for upholding the laws that have been passed, so therefore my vote is yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion started at 2:03:38 on YouTube Channel

Walker – I am just curious if there is anything yet at all on the speaker system. If there isn't anything, instead of me continuing to bring it up, I just wonder if we could keep that on possibly old business.

Peoples – We did get pricing on that, and I forgot to bring it this evening. Rick Brown did have that from our previous discussion, so I apologize for not having that. I can email that out to all of the council tomorrow.

Walker – No apology is needed. I just wanted to keep it alive. I know you mentioned the Hometown Hero’s, is there an update on that?

Peoples – Hannah is working on the application right now and is working with the VFW on that.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 7:35 p.m.

*A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Buskirk to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:
Yes 6 – Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*