

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

September 21, 2020

7:00 PM

City Council

*Mike Walker - President
Mike Coolman - Vice President
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Patrick Lynch
Chuck Milliken*

A. Call To Order

Walker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Bennett**C. Roll Call**

Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

D. Approval of Minutes**MIN-20-39**

September 8, 2020 Work Session Minutes ([Work Session Minutes](#))

A motion was made by Bennett to approve MIN-20-39, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

***Yes 6 – Bennett, Coolman, Amos, Clark, Lynch, Walker
Abstained 1 – Milliken***

Amos: Like to request these be held; we are missing about four of five public comments that did not make it to the council minutes from last meeting; the ones that came in late that we acknowledged at the meeting are not in the council minutes; Jackson: We've never put them in there; Amos: We've never put public comment in there? We are addressing three of them in here; Jackson: Those are the three that are on the agenda. I didn't amend the agenda; we typically haven't for the comments that come in after the agenda has been prepared; that was a discussion we had; Amos: Will they ever be on the agenda now that they've come in; Jackson: If they came in prior to the preparation of the agenda, then yes; if they come in after, I thought the agreement was that I just send them out and we acknowledge them at the meeting; Coolman: Right; Walker: Yes; Amos: But we don't feel like we should at least put them in that we acknowledge them at the meeting; Coolman: We agreed in the previous meeting that we would acknowledge them by announcing them but we wouldn't put them on the agenda because they came in after the agenda was prepared; Amos: I guess I don't see the problem with adding them to the agenda; if everyone else is on board then ok;

MIN-20-40

September 8, 2020 City Council Minutes ([Council Minutes](#))

A motion was made by Clark to approve MIN-20-40, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

***Yes 5 – Clark, Coolman, Bennett, Milliken, Walker
No 2 – Amos, Lynch***

E. Communications & Petitions**20-199**

September 18, 2020 S. Nyahay Public Comment Submission ([Comment Form](#))

Jackson: On September 21, 2020 we received two additional public comments from a B. Ferguson and a J. Acklin; those were printed out and placed on your desk this evening.

Lynch: Can I address one of the public comments? I just want to clear something up real quick. Hollins: As long as it is just a short statement, that would be appropriate. Lynch: The inquiry was about my use of cellphone; hopefully I can clear something up; I do use my cellphone regularly; I use my cellphone to adjust

the sound of my hearing aids; I am hard of hearing; throughout the meeting, the sound in this building can be challenging; this thing helps me hear all the dialogue that's going on; other thing, I use my calculator during the meeting; if you have any more questions about my phone please feel free to contact me directly, I would love to meet with you.

- F. Public Comments** - *Due to COVID-19, City Council meetings will not be open to the public until further notice. Those wishing to address City Council are asked to submit written comments. Comments received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting will be acknowledged at that evening's meeting. Comments can be submitted using the form available on the City's website.*

G. RESOLUTIONS

RES-20-007

Development

A Resolution Approving The Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council For The Franklin County Tax Abatement Areas Within The City Of Canal Winchester ([Resolution, Exhibit](#))

- Adoption

A motion was made by Clark to adopt RES-20-007; seconded by Bennett. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 5 – Clark, Bennett, Amos, Milliken, Walker

Abstained – Coolman, Lynch

RES-20-008

Development

A Resolution Approving The Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council For The Fairfield County Tax Abatement Areas Within The City Of Canal Winchester ([Resolution, Exhibit](#))

- Adoption

A motion was made by Bennett to adopt RES-20-008, seconded by Coolman. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Coolman, Amos, Clark, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

H. ORDINANCES

Third Reading

ORD-20-036

Development

Sponsor: Bennett

An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Accept an Easement for Sanitary Sewer Lines from Three Fountains CW, LLC ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Adoption

A motion was made by Bennett to approve ORD-20-036, seconded by Milliken. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Milliken, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Lynch, Walker

Second Reading

[ORD-20-040](#)

Development
Sponsor: Clark

An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Tax Increment Financing Agreement With The Mountain Agency Columbus, LLC ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Request waiver of third reading and adoption

A motion was made by Clark to waive third reading of ORD-20-040 by Clark, seconded by Bennett. The motion moved with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Bennett, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

A motion was made By Clark to adopt ORD-20-040 by Clark, seconded by Bennett. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Clark, Bennett, Amos, Coolman, Lynch, Milliken, Walker

[ORD-20-041](#)

Development
Sponsor: Amos

An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into A Sign Easement Agreement With Crossroads Christian Life Center, Inc. To Provide For A Sign Easement On Parcel 184-002666 ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Second Reading Only

[ORD-20-042](#)

Development
Sponsor: Lynch

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor Convey A Tract Of Land Consisting Of Approximately +-0.26 Acres On West Waterloo Street To The Canal Winchester Industry And Commerce Corporation To Provide For Its Subsequent Conveyance To Jay Jala Hospitality, LLC ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- Second Reading Only

First Reading[ORD-20-043](#)

Council

An Ordinance To Amend The Rules Of The Canal Winchester City Council ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- First Reading Only

[ORD-20-044](#)

Finance

An Ordinance To Authorize The Mayor To Enter Into An Amendment To The Contract With The Fairfield County Sheriff For Police Protection ([Ordinance, Exhibit A](#))

- First Reading Only

Walker: I had brought up possibly extending the contract instead of having an RFP at the end of 2021; the contract would be up with Fairfield; and we are adding to deputies like council to consider just renewing the contract and extending it instead of letting it run out in 2021.

I. Reports

Mayor's Report- Mayor Ebert: I just had a couple things to add to written report; we will have another Music in the Park on October 2nd from 6-9 PM; there will be a duo called Super Friends; Trick or Treat will be Thursday October 29th from 5:30-7:30; I did my daily drive around town and I just look at different areas; just a reminder to wrap your mattress' and chairs; just keep that in mind.

20-198**Mayor's Report**

Fairfield County Sheriff - Sergeant Hendershot: I have nothing to add.

Law Director- Hollins: We do have a request for executive session; purposes of personnel.

Finance Director - Jackson: Thank you Mr. Walker; just one thing to add to my written report; the Charter Review Commission has started meeting again since the pandemic; they have three more meetings scheduled; one this week, one next week and one on the fourteenth of October; and that is all I had.

20-197**Finance Director's Report**

Public Service Director

Peoples: Rumpke had begun distributing trash cans today; as part of the communications, Rumpke is working on recycling program they have; the information and a magnet is at the bottom of your recycle cart; with transition, just reminder; Waste Management will not pick up trash from a Rumpke can; There last pick up is September 28th; and Waste Management will be collecting their carts; On Thursday October 1st is the first day of Rumpke pick up; hydrant flushing started today; they start at the plant and then work their way out; the Gender Road synchronization is still being tweaked; it is functional; it's based on traffic flow at the time; we started working on a five year CIP we typically don't put forth an ordinance or resolution unless we are doing an OPWC application.

Milliken: I have been getting positive feedback on the flashing 25 MPH signs; I was driving down Groveport Road and didn't see one; what is the possibility of getting one. Peoples: We have developed a program to evaluate the road instead of blanket installing them out; we work with the sheriffs on patrol; and 45 to 25 transition is some of our biggest spots for flashing signs; since the pandemic the traffic has been skewed so we have not done any traffic surveys.

20-196**Public Service Project Updates**

Development Director

Haire: Thank you Councilman Walker; a few items to report; we have been working on an annexation petition for the Evans Farm; 75 acres of property NE to US 33; from the county line and the industrial park; we should be getting the petition filed this week; also happy to report Opus has signed a lease for 200k square feet of their Winchester Logistics Park 2; taking about ¾ of the building; they will be providing services for Angle Care; mostly supplies baby related supplies; bottles, diaper genies, etc. they invented baby monitors; they expect to be operational by the end of the year.

Lynch: Are they doing light manufacturing? Haire: Warehousing and fulfillment; it will bring 32 jobs.

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Work Session/Council - Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Mr. Milliken: clients are definitely ready to get out and about; I think that's it; just continued interest in the emergency assistance program; and Aletha just wants to thank the city for their continued support and the priceless programs that we support and put on for Human Services; that's all I have for Human Services; thank you; Walker: thank you Mr. Milliken.

CWICC - Mr. Clark: the next CWICC meeting will be September 30th at 11:30 at the Interurban building; the McDorman building we have not had a meeting since last council meeting that I've attended; obviously the staff has been working feverishly; I'm sure daily getting all kinds of information; and they're looking at quotes from the HVAC to the furniture; stuff that we're using in there and in between; so that's pretty much it; Walker: thank you Mr. Clark.

CWJRD - Mr. Bennett/Mrs. Amos; Bennett: our next executive board meeting will be Thursday October 15th at 7:00 p.m.; just last Thursday we had our September board meeting; working on all aspects of the transition of our fiscal agent from an outside contract vendor to the school serving as that representative; so, I'm sort of working on that transition plan and then putting all those things in place with the schools; Walker: okay thank you.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Mr. Walker: tomorrow 6:00 o'clock meeting virtual; invitations have been sent out; there will be a zoom meeting; also, this is the last farmer's market this Saturday; it will be the last farmer's market of the year; October 14th is a one day as of now small Fall festival; if you have anything to add to that Mr. Coolman about that Fall festival; Coolman: it's just in the planning stages; we had the date selected I believe October 24th; we selected the date and then cleared it with the city; and we've got to get out protocol together with the COVID-19 spacing and all that stuff; it's pretty much in order the same way we've been handling farmer's market and then it was announced that Big 10 football was going to start the same day; so we're still planning it; more detail will come as we get further along; but yes we're planning it; there will be food truck, vendors; it will be a one day event; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; so if the Buckeyes play at night we can all come and still see the game; Walker: thank you Mr. Coolman.

K. Old/New Business

Bennett: I guess I would like to under new business; so it does appear to me that maybe we do have a potential bit of a gap in our process for how we record our minutes with comments that may be submitted after the formal agenda is completed; I know that the current process is what we've agreed to but I think what we're seeing is there may be an opportunity for us to maybe revise what we've been doing; because I think it would be important for those comments that are submitted on Monday to still be officially recorded for the record; and I appreciate the fact that they're brought forward; Mrs. Jackson mentions that comments have been submitted; I think if comments are submitted they should maybe still be treated as a comment that's submitted on time;

Amos: I think it's our due diligence to our residents; we've had a lot of questions; I mean the two that we got today are questioning the integrity of what's going on here; they're questioning our transparency; by not acknowledging and I completely understand, yes, you're right; we did say that at one point in time; but as Will said earlier this is unprecedented and I absolutely hate that word and after 2020 I plan to never use it again; but it is unprecedented times; our residents can't approach us and by not at least

acknowledging their concerns and saying we have you on public record we're not doing them a service; and I feel like we do need to start including all of our comments; it's just important for us to acknowledge our residents; they are the reason we are sitting here in these chairs today; and I do realize they come in after the deadline that we have set; that's fine; they should at least be on the next one if that's what we're saying; it's just my thoughts; Lynch: if we weren't in this particular time these comments that we get here people would typically come in; be it last minute or whatever; they don't have to sign up the Friday before; they would come in to actually publicly speak and everything they say will be recorded for posterity or whatever; this is kind of the same thing; these are yes these are last minute notes that come in but nonetheless it's in lieu of someone physically coming in here to speak; so I agree with Mrs. Amos and Mr. Bennett that they should be in some way included; I can't remember when we said not to include them; I don't recall that at all; but if we can't have people come in here and be heard personally the very least we can do is include these last minute letters or correspondence whatever they may be into our minutes; that's all; Walker: as far as I'm concerned if they can be added; I take it, it was us that decide that's why we move forward with it and continue now; anything can change; the question is Mrs. Jackson may I ask you if that does happen we would just add them to the next; Jackson: I guess we'll do whatever council directs us to do; Walker: okay what's council's desire here; how do you want to proceed; continue with what council had decided or to add these to the next council packet; Clark: are you asking them to be added to the next meeting minutes; so it wouldn't be the meeting that we saw them like tonight; these would be added later the following week or two weeks minutes; Amos: I apologize; I think my understanding of the original conversation is that if they came in late they would not be on our current agenda which I was fine with but they would be added to our minutes at the next one; if I misunderstood that's completely my fault; but yes my recommendation is if they come in after the deadline which the council rules state by noon on Friday which is not approved yet but that's the ones we're looking at would be that they go on to the next agendas minutes so that our residents at least know that they were acknowledged in the meeting and people can see what would have been said had they been standing here in front of us; Walker: seems like a question I'd like to also defer to Mr. Hollins; how if they're included in the packet for one date sir how would you add it to the next date if you can answer that; Hollins: you know process wise from a procedural standpoint there is a procedural device you can just move to amend the minutes to add the later received public comments and then we can take a vote on that at that evening; or if council's in agreement we can change the policy; it isn't a legal issue is what I'm saying; if you just want to change the policy that even if they miss the deadline it came in right before the meeting or to be added to that meetings minutes; you wouldn't have to do a motion to amend; but there is procedural device to take care of that; Walker: this is my point I just want to get to doing it by procedure and not just doing it to be doing it; that's why I wanted to ask Mr. Hollins; Bennett: I agree with you Mr. Walker; there should be sort of a way we want to systematically proceed; I think like tonight Mrs. Jackson mentioned the minutes; she mentioned in the public comments section two minutes that were received tonight but then when we get to our next meetings minutes those comments actually won't show; it will reflect that Mrs. Jackson mentioned them but then you wouldn't actually have the official comment to reference; so I think that's where it would need to just be I guess that's where I would be looking to potentially alter our current path to just say yes; if we're going to mention them it should just appear in the record of that minutes what those comments were that we received; Milliken: if I could just clear something up too; I'm looking at some of our older minutes and we're distinguishing between what was received on time and late even the ones that were received on time; it's just like in the packet; there's a link there that you'd click and it will take you down to the comment but you can't click it; or you see in the minutes for the ones that were

submitted are just the title as it says on the agenda; Mr. John's public comment; you don't actually get to see what he said there; so, I guess just to kind of frame the conversation in a manner of consistency if we're going to talk about adding the later submitted minutes I would also want to include the minutes that were submitted on time and have that be on record as well; does that make sense; Amos: when the official minutes are published on the web page because Mr. Milliken I understand what he's saying; when we click on the minutes we can't see the attachment for what was submitted; but when they're officially published do those letters they don't get reattached back to the original; Jackson: no because I'm essentially making a second packet; Amos: okay so the final minutes that get published do not contain the actual residents comments; Jackson: yes and it's been that way for many, many years; as long as I've been involved in this position; Amos: I understand that; I think my only concern is just right now; normally a resident could listen in and hear exactly what Mr. Milliken comes to the plate to tell us; today they can't; and so I just want to make sure that we're acknowledging them and letting the public voice be heard still; so my request is yes; I think we need to go back and add the letters that we've received during this time and then after COVID when things return to normal and we're allowed to have our public come in we readdress it at that time; Walker: Mr. Hollins do you have something to add; Hollins: just in case you need it or need me as a resource; Walker: if we're going to change it hopefully for a short term because of what's going on; what is council's desire here; Milliken: I think what Mr. Hollins said would be perfect I guess just retroactively add them to the minutes when we vote on the minutes; Hollins: we can amend to add them if you'd like or like I said during COVID usually if I'm a member of the public I'm standing right here and I'm talking into this microphone and it's recorded and it becomes part of the minutes; I think that's Mrs. Amos' point; right now we can't do that so our alternative is send them in; Amos: right I still want their voice to be heard; Hollins: and during the pandemic and until we can have the public back here if I hear council right you're just saying yeah go ahead and include them in the minutes as the alternative whether they're received on time or not; if that's what I'm hearing; Milliken: that's what I'm okay with; going back to my initial comments with regards to the residents that submitted their comments on time are we amending the minutes there too or are we going to start including those; I guess I just want to be fair to everybody; Hollins: do you want us to retroactively go back and do this at this point; I think what we're looking for is direction going forward; Amos: I think my request would include since I questioned the ones from last meeting not being on there I think my request would be to go back to the last meeting; Hollins: number one they are public record; they're probably available on the website cause our packet is always available on the website; procedurally or process wise the problem with that is they're already approved minutes; you've already approved those; including the ones you approve tonight so it's a little hard to go back and amend approved minutes; usually you make a motion to amend before you pass; Amos: could I request that those comments be placed in the next minutes; Hollins: for how far back; Amos: just the last meeting; I mean I want these two to be added to the minutes at the next meeting that they're publicly like so that we're showing our transparency; but the last one of the residents that wrote in last week contacted me and was concerned because they did not see it on the public comment which is why I'm bringing it up tonight; I just want to make sure that those comments are acknowledged from the last meeting; so can I make a request for those to be added; Hollins: we'll just resubmit them to you at the next meeting; Amos: that's fine; I'm totally fine with that; I will read them again; sometimes you pick up new information; as far as any additional new stuff real quick I did want to address Ms. Acklin and her notice did talk about the racism as a public health crisis; I just wanted to give her or give the community a little notice that Mr. Milliken reached out to me; we did have some additional conversations on some pieces that we want to try and put through; he started a phenomenal portion; and so, we're going to work off

of that and try to continue working; Mr. Peoples reached out to our city council members; they're trying for October; hopefully the first one but probably the second one to have the board of health attend the meeting; but in the interim I wanted to make sure they knew that Mr. Milliken and I have started addressing some of the things in that to try and present something that is very good for the council to review; and then Sergeant Hendershot while I'm on it I'm going to wrap up my threesome here a resident a.k.a. also known as my husband wants you to know that Dietz is a thoroughfare of fun traffic driving when the high school gets out at 50 m.p.h. past the golf course; we just would like you to when you have time hang out over there; its right when the high school gets out and he said it was probably about 50 m.p.h. and the golf carts were swerving; so he's concerned; thank you;

Walker: I'd like to bring up for a moment and discuss the town hall meeting; I believe the next one was scheduled for October 13th; we're almost at a year of this and I just wanted to know where we are with this; are we continuing; what is the council's desire here; Amos: I really like the town halls; I feel like it gives us, this group the opportunity to talk with our residents in a more informal setting; When Mr. Clark said hey this is a good idea I totally agree that it's been a good service to our community; we've seen faces that we've never seen before at those meetings so; it's been very nice I think; but I'm one of seven so all the rest of you; Lynch: I'm all for open communication so I would say certainly let's move forward; whether we do it in the beginning of October or later in October; I don't know if they're looking for any of these COVID rules to loosen up over the next couple months; has there been any projection on that; I don't follow it a lot; Amos: they are slowly opening up public facilities; we have a meeting on ours as we speak so; they are starting to make some changes on that; so maybe it gets moved to the end of October or November; maybe things will be a little easier logistics wise; maybe I don't know; Walker: my thinking too; right now the topics are also up in the air as far as some of the topics; as far as the community center and the McDorman City building; and some of the things have already been asked; also I know originally it was said that the reason we started the town hall meeting or we were going to do this or even at the coffee meeting that the people seem to be at least the way I remember it as a fear of the microphone and so far I haven't seen that at the town hall meetings; it seems like no one seems to be that I can see afraid of the microphone; they step right up to it; so this microphone is probably not a whole lot different than the microphone over there and the podium is not a whole lot different; that was my understanding on it as well; is people just were kind of afraid to come up and talk in public; that's what I remember; so its council's desire if you want to continue the later October or November or are we going to continue do them at all; or till next year; I just wanted to bring it up because there was one on the schedule for October 13th; Mayor: I think the October 13th is pushing it based on everything that is going on; every time we come up on a holiday or they talk about football games or sporting events or anything like that they come up with brand new rules it seems like; so I would imagine; they came out with trick or treats rules Friday I guess it was of all the guidelines you have to follow for that; and that's basically an outdoor event as you know; and I imagine as we get closer to the holidays; Thanksgiving; Christmas; they're going to come out with some new guidelines for parties and gatherings; so I don't know if the rest of this year is a good time to be doing the meeting or not; it's up to you guys; but I hate to plan one and the week of we have to cancel because of something new that comes out; so that's my two cents; Walker: thank you Mayor Ebert; Amos: correct me if I'm wrong but we already did one town hall correct through the zoom or off site; Clark: yes; Amos: and we're dealing with better technology now which thankfully you guys did a phenomenal job on that; Clark: I don't think it would hurt to cancel one in October and readdress in January when our next one would be up and just; with COVID and I know our technology is a little better but still hard to hear; sometimes people with them hearing us; and I didn't get a whole lot out of the last one; and I will also say that I'm kind of disheartened in where the town

hall meetings have kind of gone; I really think they're getting to be more personal character assassinations than talking about true legislation and ordinance issues that come before council; as what I thought the purpose would be to hear their thoughts on if they wanted us to buy the McDorman building or not or things like that; but it seems to be a lot of personal things that have nothing to do with council; it's kind of made me not as excited about the ideas I once had; and I'll disagree with you Mrs. Amos; I think we see the same people come into these time after time after time and I don't see the new blood that these are bringing in; I'm kind of just disheartened by it; but that's just one person; one amongst seven; Coolman: I'm glad Mr. Clark brought up the social media aspect of it lightly; I'll bring it up more heavily; quite frankly I'm becoming quite disheartened with the town hall meeting as well because when you host those meeting they become attacks on individuals by the public that feels that we have more information than we have; they feel justified in attacking us; we know that everybody has a right to their freedom of speech; we allow that; however this whole entire year that I've been vice president of this council and the few months that I acted as acting president every one of the meeting I hosted whether it was a town hall meeting being a moderator or a work session or a council session I had asked for anybody that has questions to access the city government; they have an open door policy and all of us have open door policies; we're all sitting here talking about being transparent; we all talk about being approachable; we come to these meetings and we say so and so resident approached us on this and that; however; there's folks out there that seem to think that it's okay to attack an individual personally; I know earlier in the year a resident attacked Mr. Lynch according to him on social media; it wasn't appreciated by Mr. Lynch; and tonight the two comments we got they do include me in those comments and I just want to say to both of those folks as Mr. Clark pointed out these topic do not relate to city council business; if you want more detail then I'll suggest that Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Acklin you're welcome to contact me directly; you have my email address; you know my office address although our building is not open; I welcome your call or your emails; if you have questions come forth and ask; we have no problem sharing information; but to sit on the sidelines and throw accusations at folks; to throw accusations at our finance director because she has to fill in for our clerk of council because we don't have one and then not understand what the clerk of council's duties fully are; I think this has gone too far; and quite frankly if it's not related to any city business the town hall meeting; the agenda we don't create; it's supposed to be one that the folks come in and ask us questions; what is there to report that's different from the last town hall meeting; we have a lot of construction and I think it's rather early and I think I'd rather like to see the topics maintain itself on city business and not an accusatory tone toward any individual; Walker: the whole purpose of this is about city business and that was my understanding as well; and with that we brought staff; Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Peoples and some of the other; I don't know how many are at the last one; I don't know that there were any questions and we had staff there; Am I correct Mrs. Jackson; were there any questions directed towards you while you were there and who else was there, Mr. Peoples; Jackson: no, Mr. Haire was there as well; Walker: I wasn't at the last one that's why I didn't know or remember so thank you; were there any questions for you Mr. Haire; Haire: no; Walker: Mr. Peoples were there any questions for you; Peoples: no; Walker: so we had three staff members from the city that were there; about city business is what the town hall is about; the meeting is about city business not personal agendas or something directly towards an individual; so it may be something we want to consider moving to January and to discuss a little bit more in January; with the busy season and with the flu season upon us and we don't know where the COVID thing is going to go; give us some time to think about it and what we might want to do in January and just leave it open for discussion; that's my two cents; Milliken: I'm okay with that moving forward; my only advice is that we should plan on having that discussion well in advance of whenever we would like

to have that meeting; talking about it tonight before October it kind of feels more of a sense of urgency behind it because if we're supposed to have the town hall meeting in October; so maybe if we discuss this in November or December it will give us a little bit more time just to kind of see where we're at I guess; Walker: something I did fail to add; it's my understanding this might be a Mr. Hollins question; again this would be something if it was going to continue possibly it would have been added to the rules or could be; I don't know; where am I at Mr. Hollins; am I correct in that thinking or not; Hollins: I'm not quite sure I follow; Clark: I think I can answer; I remember we talked about this and Mr. Hollins you said we could do this under special meetings; we always had the right to do that; have a town hall under our special meetings; Hollins: 24 hour notice; Clark: we have the rules in place to do it; Walker: I just want to clarify and make sure we're all on board with that; thank you Mr. Hollins and Mr. Clark; Bennett: I guess I will just add these town hall meetings were sort of born from community coffee; and they were desired for seven people to be present because we couldn't all be at those meetings; so there was a desire to create this style of meeting to be more engaging to the entire community; I think it was the first one we did Mr. Coolman that we had a huge crowd and the topics actually really varied; Coolman: the community has no problem coming into a council meeting and talking to us; but the need was a response back; they wanted some interactions, correct; and that's where the town hall was very beneficial; Bennett: correct, yes it was actually really engaging the first one we held because there were I don't know how many different topics; it felt like 17 or 20; widespread from drug addiction to how do we combat this and really some great topics; I think the zoom meetings format does; it's sort of disconnected; there's not that personal touch to that where we're all in the same room where we could have a conversation without having microphones and masks; COVID has made everything a little more challenging; if there's a desire to maybe push these meetings out; again I supported it when the majority of council wanted to try and have access to larger scale meetings; sort of blown out version of a community coffee; if this council decides if they want to sort of retract that at least for one quarter I can be supportive of that as well; Walker: so am I hearing that this would be a vote to wait till January or just decide for the council to talk about it again in January; that doesn't require a vote I wouldn't believe; Hollins: I'm trying to think of the actual rules about calling a special meeting can be done at the behest of the chairman; you want the official answer you'd have to look at the council rules here; Clark: I'd also ask what communication has been sent out that we were having it, nothing; I have it on my calendar; Jackson: it would be three weeks from tomorrow so we still have plenty of time for notification; nothing has officially been done; Walker: that's why I wanted to bring it up tonight; Clark: I think we need to make a decision tonight; Bennett: I agree to your point Mr. Clark I think we did schedule them toward the end of 19; Clark: Tuesday and I have every quarter; Bennett: yep and I think if we're going to postpone I think we can come to an agreement tonight whether or not we need to hold that meeting or postpone; Amos: if council just wants to postpone this one and then set a date like Mr. Milliken said sometime in October or November for the January one I think that's a reasonable expectation; reasonable request I should say; Clark: I think we're pretty unanimous;

Walker: okay we're good; I would just like to bring one thing up; I would just like to bring one thing up; as we move on transitioning into not having Mrs. Jackson as our clerk of council and hopefully having a new member with us; a new employee if that's council's desire I think it would be an advantage for all of us to look at our email a little quicker; to respond quicker; because the transition of a new clerk of council is going to be tough; so I'm asking that we do our due diligence to make if we can, not always, but if we can to get things in by Wednesday or answers that might be asked; and again I'm just throwing Wednesday out there; Mrs. Jackson is the Wednesday before council typically enough time; it's not Friday evening and last minute from us; would Wednesday be good as this transitions but not only with

the transition but to think about everything that has to go in this on a Friday or a Thursday; if we know I'm thinking it's just best to get it in by a particular time; Jackson: I don't know that a Wednesday deadline is absolutely necessary; I think that we've just experienced recently where it's been a couple of weeks before we're getting a response to anything and those responses come in right before a council meeting; literally within an hour or an hour and a half of the start of the meeting; which makes it very difficult for us to address those appropriately; it's more just about regularly checking your email and responding as frequent as you feel comfortable but not waiting until the next council meeting to check your email again; Walker: certainly and that's all I am asking is to just help out with the transition especially with a new person moving into this position; to help that person; obviously it's not always going to work out that way; you may have something on Friday and you have every right to; just something to consider; that's it; thank you.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session @8:10 P.M.

A motion was made by Bennett to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Lynch. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

M. Adjournment @ 8:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Lynch to adjourn; seconded by Bennett. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Lynch, Bennett, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Milliken, Walker