



## City Council Meeting Highlights Monday, December 6, 2021

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### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

- Following Mr. Haire's request during the last meeting, Council discussed who would serve on the committee to review the RFPs.
- The selected committee is as follows: Mr. Pat Lynch, Mr. Doug Snyder and Ms. Angela Halstead from the public; Mr. Joe Donohue from Planning & Zoning Commission; Mr. Bill Sims, Mr. Andrew Moore, and Mr. Matt Peoples from CW Staff; Mr. Chuck Milliken and a newly elected Council member, to be determined after they are sworn in.
- This committee will be reviewing the proposals that are submitted and selecting the company to facilitate the comprehensive plan. Additional opportunities for community involvement will be available during future stages of the plan development.

### **POLICE STUDY**

- The committee spearheading the police study will meet on December 7 with the Ohio Police Chiefs Association to review their proposal for a study. This is the second group the committee will have met with.
- Some Council and City staff members met with Madison Township to discuss assigning an officer to patrol CW during the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift. This officer would primarily focus on CW and serve as backup on Madison Township calls. The parties are still working out the details and memorandum of agreement, but it is a possibility.

### **BIXBY RD/RAGER RD REZONING ORDINANCE**

- Council heard the third reading of an ordinance to rezone 70.625 acres of property on Bixby Road and Rager Road from R – Rural in Madison Township to LM – Limited Manufacturing. This ordinance was tabled until the annexation can be accepted in January 2022.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mr. Ricketts, counsel for the Weiser Development Group, shared that their contact at OPUS is no longer employed there. Mr. Ricketts and the Weisers are looking to better understand OPUS's plans for the space, and therefore wishes to keep the ordinance tabled until they have a new contact at OPUS that can provide clarification and appear before City Council.
- Several residents spoke out against industrial development in Canal Winchester. Some residents cited concerns including traffic and pollution. A handful encouraged Council to consider options other than industrial development, such as hotels and small business, that would diversify the development within Canal Winchester.

### **NEW LEGISLATION DISCUSSED/ADOPTED**

- An ordinance passed allowing the City to continue to use Frost, Brown, Todd LLC for legal services.
- The 2022 appropriations ordinance was adopted.
- Council waived the third reading and adopted the ordinance for the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office contract.
- Council heard the first reading of an ordinance permitting the City to contribute to certain employee's OPERS.
- Council heard the first reading of an ordinance to amend the employee handbook for City employees.