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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Keenan called the Monday, March 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6 p.m. at the Dublin Municipal Building.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present were Mayor Keenan, Vice Mayor Gerber, Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, Mr. Lecklider, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Reiner and Ms. Salay.

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Readler, Mr. Smith, Mr. Foegler, Ms. Mumma, Chief von Eckartsberg, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Crandall, Ms. O'Callaghan, Mr. Hahn, Ms. Puskarcik, Mr. Earman, Mr. Langworthy, Mr. Hammersmith, Mr. Syler, Ms. LeRoy, Mr. Gracia and Mr. Kridler. Also present were Mr. Franzmann and Mr. Daniels of Squires Patton Boggs.

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Keenan moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes, conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, and personnel matters related to the appointment of a public official.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Lecklider, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, Mr. Peterson, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; and Ms. Salay, yes.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Ms. Salay, Chair of Public Services Committee clarified the action of Council on March 9 in regard to changes in the July 4<sup>th</sup> event admission, which was based on Committee recommendations. The goals of instituting a wristband system and limiting the tables to one per household were to enable more residents to participate in the event. Due to crowding in the past couple of years, some residents have not been able to access the stadium. The intent is to allow Dublin School District residents to participate as well as Dublin residents, but this was not clearly articulated. The \$5 stadium wristbands will be sold to Dublin residents only from June 1-14, and to both Dublin residents and Dublin School District residents from June 15-July 3. Any remaining wristbands on the day of the event will be available free of charge to anyone at the gate. Council values and respects the relationship the City enjoys with the School District and Council's goal has always been to work with and for our constituents and ensure everyone has a good holiday experience.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Wallace Maurer, 7451 Dublin Road, Dublin:

1. Issued the harshest "indictment" of this Council and City management that he has ever done. Two weeks ago, an Irish entertainment group performed a two-hour riveting performance at the Abbey Theater. The Council meeting should have been cancelled so that all could attend!
2. Noted that the Mayor visited Japan recently, and he is curious about whether any presentations were made in Tokyo and whether the Mayor met anyone in Japan who indicated they know someone in Dublin.

Mayor Keenan responded that he made many presentations in Tokyo, including at the U.S. Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, etc. He provided details of the many stops on his visit. He noted that he met someone who knew Dan Sullivan and another who gave the O-H-I-O chant and who played on the 1966 NCAA championship baseball team at Ohio State.

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Mr. Maurer stated that he was contacted by someone in Japan years ago who was involved in an import-export business. This gentleman was familiar with Mr. Maurer's university work and has been in correspondence with him to this day.

Mayor Keenan stated that he would be happy to write this gentleman a note.

Kevin Cooper, 5404 Tara Hill Drive, Dublin expressed his support for the Bridge Street project. He first heard of this project in 2010-2011 when he was employed with the City. Over the past few years and many presentations, he has looked at everything to determine how this fits into Dublin. He believes this project will be a great thing for Dublin based on three things:

- 1) The project is needed, specifically in that location. New development and/or redevelopment are needed in this area, given the Bridge Pointe Center and Dublin Village Center conditions. Dublin needs to lead in this area.
- 2) Not only is this project needed, it is needed now. It is timely from a financial standpoint, as Dublin is in a good financial state. The marketplace is beginning to respond and come out of the recession. There is still a need to manage a lot of the timing as the buildout continues over the next few years, but City staff is very capable of doing so.
- 3) Dublin is a community that has always been a leader. The residents are proud to support the City when they lead, and it is nice to see developers like Crawford Hoying take interest in Dublin. However, based on the presentations to date, the development does not quite align with Dublin's overall vision. He hears it will be a "mini-Easton" or similar to development that has occurred in Upper Arlington. To make this a mini-Easton is a "cut and paste" feel versus Dublin leading in that area. This is the perception of what is happening.

The Dublin seal motto – Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow – is a good mantra. Much of what is being shown still seems a lot about yesterday and not so much where Dublin can be – innovative and more about tomorrow. Dublin leads in many areas, including parks; the park portion of Bridge Street is great and will be embraced by the community. Dublin leads the way with roundabouts, policing, snow removal, events, and in economic development. Bridge Street must follow that same model of world-class leadership, and residents will then get behind it. The bottom line is that the City needs to hold developers accountable to the City's overall vision. The world-class tone that has already been set forth by City staff needs to be translated to the developers who want to develop in this community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Mayor Gerber moved approval of the seven items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Salay, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes.

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015
2. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of March 10, 2015
3. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of March 11, 2015
4. **Resolution 28-15 (Introduction/vote)**  
Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Dublin Spring Park Shelter Project.
5. **Resolution 29-15 (Introduction/vote)**  
Declaring Certain City-Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Said Property in Accordance with Section 37.08 of the Dublin Codified Ordinances.
6. **Resolution 30-15 (Introduction/vote)**  
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Letter of Agreement with Time Warner Cable to Bury Existing Time Warner Cable Overhead Facilities along the South Side of Post Road, between OCLC and Emerald Parkway, in conjunction with the I-270/US 33 Interchange Upgrade, Phase 1 Project.

**7. Resolution 31-15 (Introduction/vote)**

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Letter of Agreement with Ohio Power Company for the Design and Construction of an AEP Overhead to Underground Relocation Project, in Conjunction with the I-270/US 33 Interchange Upgrade, Phase 1 Project.

**POSTPONED ITEMS**

**Ordinance 04-15**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Development and Real Estate Exchange Agreement and the Necessary Conveyance Documentation to Acquire 1.20 Acres, More or Less, Fee Simple Interest from the Central Ohio Transit Authority ("COTA"), Located Adjacent to and North of Dale Drive, in Exchange for 3.326 Acres, More or Less, Fee Simple Interested Owned by the City, Located East of Emerald Parkway and North of Bright Road for the Replacement of a COTA Park and Ride, and Declaring an Emergency.**

Mr. McDaniel stated that staff continues to have dialogue with COTA about other options to consider related to the Park and Ride. Staff is committed to working with them to try to advance the potential project where the current Park and Ride is located. Staff is recommending that Council postpone Ordinance 04-15 and Ordinance 13-15 until April 27.

Mayor Keenan noted that several citizens have signed in to testify. The ordinances will be postponed by Council, but citizens are welcome to speak tonight if they desire.

Wallace Maurer, 7451 Dublin Road, Dublin state that there is a typo on page 2 of the memo, line 9. He asked that staff correct this.

Amy Kramb, 7511 Riverside Drive, Dublin stated that instead of postponing the ordinances, she prefers that Council vote to defeat the ordinances. Citizens would not have to keep attending scheduled hearings if the item is going to be postponed. Perhaps in the future, if Council knows they plan to postpone an item, it can be communicated to the residents in advance of the meeting. All of the residents who are interested in this issue are in attendance again and she asked that Council respect their time as well. She urged Council to vote "no" tonight on the ordinances and move on.

Mayor Keenan noted that Council appreciates the concerns and assured her the matters will be voted upon soon.

John Wreathhall, 4157 MacDuff Way, Dublin stated that he is a 30-year resident of Dublin. He is not able to attend the next Council meeting, and will therefore summarize his testimony tonight. The residents continue to believe this location is the wrong place and wrong use of that land. The more that Council can give consideration to alternatives, he and his wife believe that is the best option.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher moved to postpone Ordinance 04-15 to the April 27 Council meeting.

Mr. Reiner seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Lecklider, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes.

**Ordinance 13-15**

**Rezoning 3.3 +/- acres Located on the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of Emerald Parkway and Bright Road from R-1, Restricted Suburban Residential District to SO, Suburban Office and Institutional District. (Case 15-006Z/CU) (COTA Park and Ride)**

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher moved to postpone Ordinance 13-15 to the April 27 Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Gerber seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes.

**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 22-15**

**Authorizing the Provision of Certain Incentives to Healthspot, Inc. to Induce it to Retain an Office and Associated Operations and Workforce within the City, and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement.**

Mr. Gracia stated that there is no additional information to report at this time. Michele Kothe, Chief Financial Officer of Healthspot is present to comment.

Ms. Kothe stated that the Healthspot station is a fully enclosed medical kiosk that connects a patient with a provider and includes real time medical devices. In the fourth quarter of 2014, Healthspot announced a deal with Rite Aid. They will roll out the Healthspot stations into these pharmacies throughout Ohio. They are looking to expand their corporate headquarters space and number of employees. The headcount increases will occur across the company, as this is now at full launch. From installation of the stations, to support of the stations, to marketing and account management of those stations, they are looking to change healthcare delivery.

Mr. Reiner asked when this company was founded.

Ms. Kothe responded that Healthspot was founded in February of 2010. They have spent the past four years building partnerships with the provider network. They have stations at Cleveland Clinic, Kaiser, Mayo Clinic and other major health providers. They are now moving forward into the retail market.

Vote on the Ordinance: Mr. Lecklider, Yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes.

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**Ordinance 26-15**

**Adopting and Enacting a Supplement (S-37) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, Ohio. (Request to dispense with public hearing)**

Vice Mayor Gerber introduced the ordinance.

Ms. Readler stated this is the standard Code update provided by the codification service.

Vice Mayor Gerber moved to dispense with the public hearing.

Ms. Salay seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Salay, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes.

Vote on the Ordinance: Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes.

**INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE - RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 32-15**

**Appointing Members to the Various Boards and Commissions of the City of Dublin.**

Vice Mayor Gerber introduced the resolution and announced the following appointments for terms beginning April 1, 2015:

- Steve Stidhem appointed to a four-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission, term expiring March 31, 2019.
- Jamie Zitesman reappointed to a three-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, term expiring March 31, 2018.
- Martha Cooper appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, term expiring March 31, 2018.
- Melinda Carr reappointed to a three-year term on the Community Services Advisory Commission, term expiring March 31, 2018.
- Jason McGarvey appointed to a three-year term on the Community Services Advisory Commission, term expiring March 31, 2018.
- Mark Stemm appointed to a three-year term on the Personnel Board of Review, term expiring March 31, 2018.
- David Reed appointed to a three-year term on the COTA Advisory Commission, term expiring March 31, 2018.

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- Frank Willson appointed to a three-year term on the Dublin Convention and Visitors Bureau Board, term expiring March 31, 2018.

Vice Mayor Gerber also announced the appointments to the Bridge Park New Community Authority as included in the resolution:

- Rich Schwieterman, one-year term as Citizen Member
- Lynn Readey, one-year term as Citizen Member
- Sheri Tackett, two-year term as Citizen Member
- A.C. Strip, two-year term as Local Government Representative.

Vote on the Resolution: Ms. Salay, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes.

**OTHER**

- Informational Presentation re. Tax Increment Financing

Ms. Mumma stated that she presented an overview to Council on February 9 regarding various economic development tools available to municipalities and which will likely be contemplated as part of the Bridge Street District development and redevelopment. The February 9 presentation focused on New Community Authorities. In the past, the City has utilized Community Reinvestment Areas as well as performance-based payroll incentives and grants in order to help facilitate economic development. Tonight, she will focus on tax increment financing (TIFs).

- Crawford Hoying is working with staff on the development of Bridge Park. Based on the ongoing discussions with the developer and with Council approval/consideration in upcoming meetings, staff anticipates the components of the development would include the establishment of TIF districts; the establishment of a Community Reinvestment Area or CRA; as well as the establishment of a New Community Authority (NCA), which Council authorized on March 19, 2015.
- Overarching will be a development agreement that will define the business terms of this public and private partnership and the utilization of each of those components as part of the development.
- There is no action requested of Council tonight; this is purely an informational presentation regarding the TIF component.
- She noted that TIFs are used to generate revenue to fund public and private infrastructure improvements. TIFs are created under Ohio Revised Code Sections 5709.40 to 5709.43, which are also referred to as the TIF statutes. Those statutes provide that the legal authority can declare the improvements to certain parcels of real property within the municipal corporation to be a public purpose and therefore tax exempt. The existing taxes at the time the TIF is implemented continue to be collected and distributed to the taxing entities as are any other property taxes. However, it does require that the owners of each parcel make service payments in lieu of the incremental taxes – also referred to as PILOT payments or service payments based on that increased assessed valuation of the improvements. These PILOT payments can be distributed in a number of manners.
- The TIF statutes provide that the City would establish a fund for the deposit of those service payments. Service payments can serve as a source of revenue to pay debt service on the improvements, reimburse upfront development costs, or fund projects on a pay-as-you-go basis.
- The City currently has 24 active commercial TIFs; 21 of these are non-school, which means that the Schools Districts are made whole – both Dublin City School District as well as the Tolles JVS. In 21 of the 24 TIFs, the School Districts receive the amount that they would have received had the TIF not been in place.
- With the School District approval, three TIFs have been created that are considered straight TIFs. In these cases, the City receives 100 percent of the applicable real estate taxes on the improvements. Those approved TIFs are for Perimeter West (1994), Bridge and High (2008) and Historic Dublin Parking (2001).
- Most recently, there have been four new TIFs created. Two were created under a non-school structure – Innovation and West Innovation TIFs; and two TIFs have

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been created under the cooperative agreement with Dublin City Schools – Vrable and Tuller.

- Since TIFs have been in place in Dublin, over \$620 million in private improvements have been made within those TIF areas. In 2015 alone, those private improvements are expected to generate \$10 million in revenue to the Dublin City School District and \$7.1 million in revenue to the City of Dublin.
- With those TIF dollars received – those to date or those that will be received in the future – the City has made over \$124 million of public infrastructure improvements in and around those TIF areas. It is important to note that in many TIF areas with large commercial development, it is highly likely that those developments would not have located to the City without some type of assistance in the form of public infrastructure improvements.
- Two TIFs have been created under the structure permitted through the cooperative agreement with Dublin City Schools, which was approved by City Council and the School Board on April 14, 2014. That cooperative agreement permits the City to create various tax incentive districts. With each district created, in years 1 through 15, the School District has agreed to forgo 100 percent of the applicable real estate taxes in respect of the improvements made to any particular parcel. In years 16 through 30, the School District will receive 10 percent of what they would have received if the exemption had not been in place.
- In exchange for that TIF structure, the City will remit \$50 million between 2014 and 2046 to the Dublin City School District. That payment will consist of \$1.5 million paid annually, beginning in 2014 through 2045 and a \$2 million payment in 2046.
- She noted there are various types of TIFs that can be created under the TIF statutes. Applicable to commercial property and the most common utilized in Dublin are those created under ORC Section 5709.40, whereby the PILOT payments are used to finance public infrastructure improvements such as roadways.
- Also applicable to commercial property is a TIF created under ORC Section 5709.41, which allows the service payments to be used for public improvements as well as private improvements with three stipulations:
  - The municipal corporation has been in the chain of title, i.e. had ownership of that particular parcel.
  - Must be in a redevelopment area.
  - Must be in an urban area.

This type of TIF was established as one of the two Tuller TIFs approved in January of 2015 on the Byers site. The City is currently an owner of that parcel.

- For residential property, a TIF can be created under ORC Section 5709.40(C). This is the only TIF that can be used to capture the incremental value from owner-occupied housing – condominiums or homes. Improvements to a parcel are considered a public purpose and can be considered exempt from taxation. The service payments in place of the property taxes can be used to finance public improvements. This is a more complex process, as it involves the county. The TIF ordinance must identify one or more specific projects within the district that place additional demand on the public infrastructure improvements that are outlined within the ordinance. The City has one existing Incentive District created in 2004 under this provision – Tartan West, approved March 14, 2004.
- Currently, Crawford Hoying is proposing approximately 111 condominiums or owner-occupied units, townhouses, condos within the Bridge Park development. Forty-one are contemplated on the west side of the river and 70 units on the east side of the river.
- In order to establish an Incentive District, notices must be provided to the property owners. In anticipation of bringing forward TIF legislation in the future, notices were sent to COTA, Crawford Hoying and the City of Dublin – the owners of the parcels included in the proposed TIF district – on March 12, 2015. This notice included a time and date of a public hearing, which must be conducted at least 30 days after that mailing. A public hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13.

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- After that public hearing, at a future Council meeting, staff anticipates bringing forward the TIF legislation for consideration. That is expected to occur in May 2015.
- Notices also must be provided to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners of the City's intent to adopt legislation creating an Incentive District. Once filed, the Franklin County Commissioners may object to the TIF ordinance by a resolution – in order to preserve opportunities for compensation payments in the future.
- If the Commissioners do not object within 30 days after receipt of the notice, the City can adopt the ordinance and no additional compensation shall be provided to the County. She added that there are some protected levies in place related to incentive district TIFs.
- If the Commissioners object, they may negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement between the county and the city.
- If the Commissioners object and the City and Commissioners fail to negotiate a mutually acceptable compensation agreement, the Ordinance that would ultimately be adopted by Council would provide some level of compensation to the Board of County Commissioners. That compensation could be related to the exemption period in which the compensation would be not more than 50 percent of the taxes that would have been payable to the county or, if based on the percentage, the compensation would be not more than 50 percent of the taxes that would have been paid to the county on the portion of the improvements in excess of 75 percent.
- Staff has been engaging county officials in order to work through some possible options in order to come to an agreement for compensation.
- Regardless of the county's approval or disapproval, there are some levies that are protected under Section 5709.40(C) including MRDD, Senior Services, ADAMH, Library, Children's Services and the Zoo. It applies for each of those agencies for any renewal or replacement levies that were approved on or after January 1, 2006. In those protected levies, those agencies would continue to receive their applicable share of service payments.
- Staff has initiated discussion with Franklin County officials regarding a compensation agreement. However, any compensation due to Franklin County would be paid from TIF revenues or NCA charges – not from the City's General Funds. As a result of this, the developer is running sensitivity analyses to determine the financial impact of various levels of county compensation. Clearly, this impacts the revenue stream available to pay debt service and other costs associated with the development.
- Within Bridge Park, the proposal as it stands now includes the layering of two different TIF districts over the development site. The entire project would have a 5709.41 TIF, based on commercial redevelopment as well as a 5709.40(C) TIF layered over it. The importance of having the two TIFs in place in conjunction with each other is it preserves the opportunity for a future point in time for the developer to convert what are now commercial residential facilities such as apartments to condominiums. The two TIFs in place allow this flexibility. Any conversion that might take place in the future would be subject to provisions that would be outlined within the development agreement.
- Upcoming steps are the public hearing to be held on Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.; continued negotiations with Franklin County Commissioners regarding any compensation agreement, which would also be brought to Council for consideration; and the TIF ordinances.

She noted that Greg Daniels, Squire Patton Boggs, the legal counsel representing the City on this development is present tonight. He is an expert on tax increment financing and other economic development tools. She offered to respond to any questions.

Mayor Keenan offered Council members the opportunity for questions.

Ms. Salay noted that her understanding of TIFs is as follows: there are property tax revenue streams going to the entities today; then there are improvements that generate

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more revenue. The entities that are impacted by the TIFs still receive the revenue they receive today, correct?

Ms. Mumma responded that is correct. When the TIF is implemented, the "base" is locked in; any increment created above that base is captured and a payment in lieu of taxes is distributed. The base value at the time the TIF is put in place continues to be distributed to all the taxing entities.

Ms. Salay stated that what the various entities receive now will not change going forward, regardless of what is done with TIFs in the future.

Ms. Mumma responded that a developer could demolish a building, of course, that might reduce the value of what exists today.

Mayor Keenan added that in any case, vacant land with no improvements generates little tax revenue.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher noted that one thing Council has been criticized for in regard to the Bridge Street District is that the Schools are losing millions of dollars that they otherwise would have had. Ms. Mumma has explained the agreement with the Schools and the amount of money being paid to the Schools. How does that compare with what the Schools are currently receiving on this property and what might have been the expectation for what they would receive?

Ms. Mumma responded that the values of the properties in the Bridge Street District were reviewed at various points in the process. The negotiations with the Schools began nearly 2-1/2 years ago. In certain areas of the City, in particular where the Bridge Park development is, she believes the Schools receive approximately \$600,000 per year from those properties. This agreement provided the School District with a new revenue stream. In order to generate \$1.5 million per year for the School District, nearly \$66 million of new value must be created. In order to make that \$1.5 million per year of payment, a substantial amount of new value would be needed and has not been seen to date in this area.

Ms. Salay summarized that the School District is actually in a better position under this agreement.

Ms. Mumma agreed. This \$1.5 million per year is a predictable revenue stream for the Schools.

Mr. Lecklider stated that, if the present revenue stream is in the general area of \$600,000 – then the guaranteed revenue stream from the City to the School District is nearly twice what they are currently receiving from the property.

Ms. Mumma noted that this figure is strictly for the properties pertaining to the Crawford Hoying development.

Mr. Lecklider asked Ms. Mumma to provide information regarding the normal term of a TIF agreement.

Ms. Mumma responded that the TIF can run for 30 years maximum. Once that 30 years ends, there are properties developed that, had investment not been made -- development likely would not have happened. Development benefits all taxing jurisdictions.

Mayor Keenan added that the commercial development benefits the Schools. Many communities struggle because they have nothing but residential development occurring; Dublin has been fortunate to attract commercial development that generate tax revenues that benefit the Schools.

Mr. Lecklider stated that in reality, the properties identified tonight have existed in their current state for a couple of decades. There is not prospect for improvements without some level of incentive.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. McDaniel:

1. Congratulated Chief von Eckartsberg and the entire Division of Police on their reaccreditation from CALEA received recently. Since their first Accreditation – they

were the first in Central Ohio – the Division has had seven reaccreditations. Three of those were “Reaccreditation with Excellence” – including this one. Chief von Eckartsberg noted that staff has worked very hard to achieve this third consecutive reaccreditation with excellence. He offered kudos to Lynn Odenthal, Accreditation Manager who did an excellent job in preparing the division for this process.

2. Noted that several other departments in the City are accredited – Parks and Recreation is currently going through their reaccreditation. Later in the fall, the Public Works reaccreditation will occur.
3. Reminded Council about the Monday, April 6 work session at 6:30 p.m. The topics scheduled are the proposed Performing/Cultural Arts Center; an overview of the wayfinding study; and Bridge Park development updates.
4. Invited Ms. LeRoy forward to announce the July 4<sup>th</sup> entertainment.

Ms. LeRoy announced that John Fogerty will be the headliner for July 4<sup>th</sup>. He is the only music artist ever recognized by the Baseball Hall of Fame for a song. His performance will focus on old hits, such as those with Creedence Clearwater Revival. He also is in the Rock n’ Roll Hall of Fame. Staff has heard much positive feedback today about the selection!

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Beautify your Neighborhood Grant Recommendations

Mr. Reiner, Chair of Community Development Committee reported that the Committee met recently to review the grant applications. Four applications were received, but the Mews of Muirfield withdrew their application. The funding allocated for the grant program in 2015 is \$32,000. The three grants recommended total \$14,592 and last year only \$22,000 in grants were awarded. He thanked the citizens for their endeavors to improve the aesthetics of the community. Ms. Salay and Mr. Peterson are members of the Committee. Mr. Reiner moved approval of the recommendations of grants: Wyandotte Woods - \$5,000; Riverside Woods - \$5,000; and Wedgewood Glen - \$4,592. Details are outlined in the packet materials.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Keenan, yes; Mr. Peterson, yes; Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Vice Mayor Gerber, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes.

Ms. Salay, Council representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission reported that at the last Commission meeting, there were a number of applications approved, including the final development plan for Tuller Flats.

Vice Mayor Gerber, Chair, Administrative Committee reminded Council of the goal setting retreat scheduled on Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. and all day Friday beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the OCLC conference center.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, Chair, Finance Committee reported that the Committee will meet on Monday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m. for the quarterly financial update.

Ms. Salay, Chair, Public Services Committee reported that the Committee will meet in late April/early May to discuss the maintenance of City property by homeowner associations.

Mr. Peterson, Council liaison to the Dublin Board of Education stated that, in follow-up to the meeting they had with Mr. McDaniel and Ms. Mumma, Dr. Hoadley has contacted the City regarding scheduling this meeting on a monthly basis. He is very encouraged about this and appreciates the School Board reaching out to the City.

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher, City representative to MORPC reported that:

1. A Board meeting was held last week. She highlighted that Sunbury was accepted as a new community joining MORPC. MORPC staff is working hard to encourage communities who are not members to join MORPC and explaining the benefits of membership to them.
2. Mayor Coleman put together a “Jet Task Force” which was charged with transportation issues confronted by companies in Columbus and the Central Ohio region. Steve Campbell, Special Assistant to the Mayor, gave a report to the MORPC Board indicating that as an outcome, the region will now have direct flights to San Francisco and Boston. They will continue to work on this initiative.

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Mr. Lecklider, Council representative to the U.S. 33 Corridor group reported that he, Mr. McDaniel and Ms. Willis attended a meeting today in Jerome Township. Discussions continue at this regular monthly meeting. Some of today's focus was on a draft of the map with the scope of focus of the group. It is hoped there will be a final iteration at the next meeting. The primary item of consideration on today's agenda was a draft memorandum of agreement among the jurisdictions. There are presently five jurisdiction involved: Jerome Township, Millcreek Township, the City of Dublin, the City of Marysville and Union County. Ultimately, it will require a resolution of Council to approve the memorandum of agreement. Good progress has been made, and there is a good spirit of cooperation among the members. The goal is for everyone to benefit from working together.

Mr. McDaniel stated that a copy of the draft agreement will be provided to Council.

**COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE**

Ms. Chinnici-Zuercher:

1. Noted she is pleased that Dublin is looking to host the Alliance for BIG Ideas conference in 2017.
2. Asked for clarification about the ADAMH mural project and the April meeting. What is the location of that mural to be in Dublin?

Ms. Crandall responded that she will provide additional information in the next packet. The ADAMH Board is working closely with the Dublin Arts Council on this project.

Mr. Lecklider:

1. Reported that he had the opportunity to join with staff on Friday, March 13 at the annual Dublin Business Appreciation Day. There were four teams that visited local businesses and expressed the City's appreciation for their presence in the community. Each team was accompanied by a group of Irish-themed entertainers. He thanked the local business sponsors who generously provided gift certificates for the event!

Mr. McDaniel echoed Mr. Lecklider's positive comments, and thanked the staff who worked on this event. He also thanked staff for their great work on the St. Patrick's Day events, which were very successful.

2. Mr. Lecklider added his thanks to staff and everyone who contributed to a successful St. Patrick's Day parade and weekend.

Mr. Reiner:

1. Noted that there has been a surplus of funds for community beautification projects, as evidenced in the grant awards for the past couple of years. Over the years, the City planned for screening and landscaping along the major roads and rights-of-way. The trees along portions of Avery-Muirfield have died out, and some of the trees have been trimmed to the point that the back yards of homes are visible. He suggested that Council consider replanting these areas along the rights-of-way, and recreate the screening. This would do a lot to enhance the City's aesthetics long term. Perhaps some of the Beautify Your Neighborhood grant monies could be utilized for these plantings along the roadways.
2. Commented that at the State of the City and with the passing of former Village Manager Sherm Sheldon, he noted the focus on the major events that influenced the growth and development of Dublin. However, the people in the 1980s approved revolutionary zoning laws and landscaping requirements that made a difference in Dublin. They fought to establish these high aesthetics throughout the years of development pressure. By 1985, the developers conceded to going along with the unique programs for development in Dublin. The planning in Dublin was well executed by staff, Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. This drove people to want to live in Dublin. High quality schools and amenities were created by the model city developed through land planning. Sherm Sheldon did not oppose this novel approach, but embraced it. There were many people who embraced what were considered to be radical ideas at the time. Many of the laws

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Dublin wrote were copied across the country. He suggested that when any historical retrospective presentation is done, the people should be the focus.

Vice Mayor Gerber noted that the Dublin Entrepreneurial Center will host an open house on Wednesday, March 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Mayor – Presiding Officer

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