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Minutes of

Dublin City Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peterson called the Monday, February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:15 p.m. at the Dublin Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Peterson, Vice Mayor Reiner, Ms. Alutto, Ms. Amorose Groomes, Mr. Keenan, and Mr. Lecklider. (Ms. Salay arrived later due to another commitment)

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Mumma, Ms. Readler, Ms. Crandall, Ms. O'Callaghan, Ms. Goss, Chief von Eckartsberg, Mr. Foegler, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Puskarcik, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Hammersmith, Ms. Gilger, Ms. Husak, Ms. Richison, Mr. Kridler and Mr. Gettman.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Mr. Lecklider seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Mayor Peterson, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Daniel Paraskos of Boy Scout Troop 117 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

- Ohio Poet Laureate - Dr. Amit Majmudar

Mayor Peterson read and presented a proclamation to Dublin resident Dr. Amit Majmudar, Ohio's first poet laureate, and congratulated him on this achievement.

Dr. Majmudar thanked Council for this special recognition. He noted that Dublin is a wonderful place to live and Council's support means a tremendous amount to him. He introduced his wife and three children who accompanied him. He thanked Council for the invitation to the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Dublin Branch Library Manager – Candy Princehorn

Candy Princehorn, new Manager of the Dublin Branch Library, part of the Columbus Metropolitan Library system introduced herself to Council and provided background on her education and experience. She has over 20 years of experience working in libraries, beginning with a staff position at the Karl Road branch up to her previous position as Branch Manager of the Northside Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. While at the Northside Branch, she had the opportunity to be an integral part of their design team for their building project. She looks forward to participating in the building project for the Dublin Branch as well. While at the Northside branch, she worked with an economically and ethnically diverse community – primarily an urban setting. She is very interested in experiencing library service in a suburban environment. She is very pleased so far with the engagement of the Dublin community that she has experienced – supporting literacy and library programming. She has lived

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in the northwest area of Franklin County for 20 years, and resides in the Worthington School District.

The Dublin Branch library's current location provides a front row seat to the dynamic changes that are underway in the area. But as these opportunities ahead are exciting, it is important not to forget that the library does have a longstanding tradition of supporting the Dublin community. She described the various programming offered – supporting young mind strategies -- from storytimes that teach early literacy skills to infants through preschool age. They have a reading buddies program where students in grades K through 3 have a chance to read with a partner to improve reading fluency and comprehension. They also have a homework help center, which is devoted to helping students in grades K through 12 with their assignments and basic tutoring needs.

They also support programming for adults – public computers are available, faxing and scanning capabilities. As a library, they have print materials and e-content options available. Any Dublin Branch library staff will help anyone download e-books on their personal device.

They are also collaborating with the Dublin Historical Society on the Dublin Memories Project. This is a natural pairing of the Library's interest in looking toward the future, focusing on connections and not just collections, but also supporting the traditional role of the libraries as an archive within the community.

She encouraged Council members and the public to reach out and visit the Dublin Branch library. They are here as a resource for all.

- Update from Dublin Convention and Visitors Bureau – Scott Dring, Exec. Director

Scott Dring, Executive Director noted that Frank Willson, City Council representative to the Bureau Board accompanies him tonight.

He noted the following:

- The USA National Archery team selected Dublin to host one of its qualifying events. The event in Dublin will be held in August at Darree Fields and will have \$1.5 million of economic impact to the community. There will be 300 of the top national archers in attendance. The archery competition in the Olympics will be held the week prior, and most of the national team participating in the Olympics will fly straight into Dublin to participate in this event. The event is free and open to the public.
- The Bureau is heading a contingent to travel to Carmel, Indiana tomorrow morning, including representatives from the City of Dublin, Dublin Arts Council and the Bureau. Carmel has a lot of synergies and innovations that they hope to learn about. They will share the results when they return to Dublin.
- During the year, travel packages are created to entice people to visit Dublin. They partner with other entities and hotels on these. They have packages in place for the St. Patrick's Day weekend and Blarney Bash, the Memorial Tournament, a summer package to the zoo and Zoombezi Bay, Dublin Irish Festival, etc.
- They enjoy a unique partnership with the Ohio High School Athletic Association. They hold 19 of their 23 state championships in Central Ohio, and this provides a great opportunity to house these visitors in Dublin. Boys and Girls state basketball championships will be held at the Schottenstein Center at OSU, and most of the teams are housed in the City of Dublin, together with family and friends.
- They are also involved on a detailed research project regarding the visitors to Dublin, what motivates them and from where they originate, in order to fine tune future marketing efforts.
- He shared a video annual report they have created, which summarizes what they accomplished this year and what is planned for next year.

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Mr. Reiner noted that the City hosted cyclocross competition in Darree Fields for a few years. Is there any plan to attract some of the tri-state or regional events for this sport in the future?

Mr. Dring responded that Darree Fields is a great facility and will accommodate other opportunities. There are conferences and competitions for every kind of group, and they compete to have these in Dublin.

Mr. Dring noted that the Bureau appreciates all of the support it receives from the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Proffitt, 9277 Muirkirk Drive, Dublin noted that he moved back to Dublin in mid-2014. He graduated from Dublin High School when there was just one high school. He works in Dublin in a small IT consulting firm and has attended some recent events hosted by Dublin's professional staff, and they were quite positive. He would like to request Council's help. A few months ago, on the online website "Nextdoor" the topic came up of municipal broadband and could Dublin be one of the cities around the country that has pursued a municipal broadband strategy to address residential and small business needs for broadband. This resulted in a lively discussion, and it was followed up by an informational presentation by Doug McCollough, Chief Information Officer for the City. This was an opportunity to provide feedback to the City. There was a surprising amount of interest in the topic. Many expressed disappointment with the current broadband offerings in the City.

He contacted Ms. Amorose Groomes regarding how he could participate in a productive way. She suggested he speak up at a Council meeting and also volunteer. It was apparent from the turnout at the City-hosted event that there are many people who would like more options, who would like to have broadband addressed by the City at the residential and small business level. These residents are willing and able, and bring a lot of technological expertise and are interested in volunteering in this effort. His understanding is that in the past, Council has created volunteer advisory boards. Perhaps this would be a topic worth investigating at the volunteer advisory board level. This would allow citizens the opportunity to participate, volunteering their time, to review this issue and whether it would be economically viable and valuable for the City to pursue. He is aware that the City's professional staff is willing to participate in some fashion in this effort. He recalls that the City in the past initiated Dublink, a fiber project that is now very successful. The Bridge Street project looks like another venture that will be successful. This broadband venture could revitalize the entire City, would be invaluable for economic development and would meet the desires of the residents. He is seeking any support that Council can offer.

Mayor Peterson stated that Council appreciates his being present tonight and does welcome citizen participation on these kind of issues.

Mr. McDaniel thanked the residents for bringing this issue forward in order to have a dialogue. He provided some history of the Dublink initiative. Cities in Ohio had authority for cable franchising in the past, and were able to have a proactive role in providing these services. Those authorities were later given to the State Department of Commerce as part of The Telecommunications Act. At the staff level, there has been discussion about whether the residents are being served to the level they believe is appropriate. In the citizen surveys, staff tried to gauge this, but there was not much input. However, with social media tools, it is possible to quickly get a sense of how residents feel about the issue. He thanked Mr. McCollough and staff for hosting sessions on this topic. Continuing this dialogue with residents is critically important. The City has invested in broadband as it is a critical infrastructure for global competitiveness. The key is the City does not know if the lack of service is at the neighborhood level or more broad. Working with the residents to understand this is warranted. Having a dialogue with the industry is also needed. There is a group

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called "Connect Ohio" involved in this issue, although there have been recent funding issues related to this entity. The Intelligent Community Institute was recently launched in Dublin, and the level of service for broadband for residents is an appropriate topic to discuss. There are a number of ways to engage the residents – perhaps through the Community Services Advisory Commission, or by scheduling dialogue with the industry and residents. Another option is that Council could establish a task force, if they believe this is warranted.
(Ms. Salay arrived at this time.)

Mayor Peterson asked if staff could provide an overview memo regarding this topic. Mr. McDaniel agreed to do so. He added that some neighborhoods in Dublin have as many as three choices of broadband providers; some neighborhoods have only one. Having some dialogue with the Ohio Department of Commerce to understand what they know is also critical, as well as input from the industry. These would be the first steps needed.

Ms. Amorose Groomes noted that she and Mr. Proffitt graduated from high school together. She believes this is an exciting idea, and a task force on this topic is very appropriate. Dublin residents are very knowledgeable on various given subjects, and the expertise of those who attended the sessions with Mr. McCollough was impressive, and they are willing to volunteer. Versus assigning this topic to another existing board or commission, she would support forming a task force that would have a narrow focus on these issues. The knowledge of those participating in the sessions brought a lot to the table in terms of gaps that the City could likely not fill on its own. She advocates establishing a task force to study this matter.

Mayor Peterson asked that staff provide a report within 30-45 days to define the general issues. Council can then determine how to proceed. Mr. McDaniel stated that staff can provide information about what has been discussed, what the City is aware of to date, some research with agencies involved, and work with the residents to propose a way forward for this dialogue. It would be important to leverage the expertise that exists in the community. Staff appreciates their willingness to invest their time.

Mr. Keenan noted that there are cities that require access to that type of fiber at the time subdivisions are platted, similar to any other utility. Perhaps this could be considered in this discussion.

Mr. McDaniel responded there are several cities that have deployed these municipal systems. This is certainly an option, and there are some communities that could be benchmarked against.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that some great ideas were generated in the sessions, but she does not know if they are feasible. Perhaps updating the building code to provide necessary infrastructure to wire these neighborhoods in the future should be considered. She would like these ideas fully vetted by a task force in order to provide recommendations to Council.

Mr. Lecklider stated that prior to moving forward, he would like to understand the legal considerations and the City's authority in these matters. This would be desirable to know at the outset before pursuing potential avenues that may be foreclosed to the City.

Dan Sullivan, The Memorial Tournament stated that he wants to address an event hosted previous to the Tournament – the Four-Miler run held on Thursday prior to the Tournament. They plan to announce the race on Wednesday. It was extremely successful last year with over 2,300 runners and \$40,000 donated to Nationwide

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Children's Hospital. They are aware of the logistical issues that occurred with last year's event – traffic coming into the event and general communication. They assessed their overall execution of the event and are working to ensure that the event is continued and can be grown, but in a way that is manageable for all Dublin residents. They have a new traffic plan that involves starting the race ½ hour later that will allow people to get home prior to the race traffic. They will work with City staff to ensure that this event on Thursday, May 26 works well. Communication efforts with residents will begin on Wednesday. All residents as well as City employees will be offered a \$5 discount for registration. They hope to have a very successful event once again and to raise more monies for Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Mr. Reiner asked if the race route will be similar to that of last year.

Mr. Sullivan responded the route will be exactly the same.

Mr. Keenan asked what kind of City services were provided for this race last year.

Mr. McDaniel responded that he recalls Police and Events staff were involved. After last year's race, staff had a meeting and discussed potential improvements for this year.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the biggest issue was the parking lot access with one point of entry. This year, there will be six points of entry into the parking lots and that will facilitate the traffic flow.

Mr. Sullivan noted that he will be back in May to provide information about The Memorial Tournament for this year.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Keenan noted a slight correction to page 7 of the January 25, 2016 meeting minutes. His reference was to any potential request for funding for Phase 2, not for Phase 1.

Mr. Reiner asked that his comments on page 24 include the name of Narcan, the heroin antidote that the Police Department has available.

Vice Mayor Reiner moved approval of the five items on the Consent Agenda, with these changes to the 1-25-16 Council minutes.

Mr. Keenan seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Salay, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mayor Peterson, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes.

- Approval of 1-25-16 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Notice to Legislative Authority of Transfer of D5 and D6 permits from Mr. Sushi, Inc., 3 N. High Street to KOK Enterprises LLC, 3 N. High Street, Dublin
- Notice to Legislative Authority of New D1 permit for Tamarkin Co., dba Giant Eagle 6520, 6700 Perimeter Loop Road, Dublin
- **Ordinance 04-16 (Introduction/first reading)**
Authorizing the Appropriation of a 0.066 Acre, More or Less, Fee Simple Right-of-way; a 0.004 Acre, More or Less, Permanent Drainage Easement; and a 0.550 Acre, More or Less, Temporary Construction Easement from Columbus Industrial Owner I, LLC from the Property Located at 4353 Tuller Ridge Drive for the Public Purpose of Constructing a New Roadway and Related Public Improvements. (Second reading/public hearing February 22 Council meeting)
- **Resolution 07-16 (Introduction/Vote)**
Declaring Certain City-Owned Property as Surplus and Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Said Property in Accordance with Section 37.07 of the Dublin Codified Ordinances.

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SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 01-16

Amending Section 150 (Building Regulations) of the Dublin Codified Ordinances to include Adoption of the 2014 National Electric Code and the 2012 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

Mr. Tyler stated that this is an update to the Building Code section of the City's Zoning Code, which will reflect changes in the State law, changes in construction practices and a general clean up of in-house practices, as well.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Salay, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Mayor Peterson, yes.

Ordinance 02-16

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Real Estate Purchase Agreement and Necessary Conveyance Documents to Acquire a 23.75 Acres, More or Less, Fee Simple Interest Located North of Rings Road, South and East of Paul Blazer Parkway and West of Frantz Road for Economic Development, and Declaring an Emergency.

Ms. Goss stated that:

- This ordinance will provide authorization to proceed with acquisition of a property located within the Frantz Road corridor for the purpose of economic development. The undeveloped parcel is bounded by Frantz Road, Rings Road and Blazer Parkway and adjacent to property on the west that includes a 400,000-square-foot, seven-story building and supporting surface parking.
- Frantz Road establishes an important north-south connection within the heart of Dublin and serves as a major utility artery to the many businesses and corporate offices located on Metro Place and Blazer Memorial Parkway. Due to its strategic location, the site provides the unique development opportunity to revitalize the Parkway Professional Plaza and Frantz Road corridor and will be an area of focus within the framework of the forthcoming Office Competitiveness Study.
- Consistent with the appraised valuation, Nationwide Mutual Insurance has accepted the conditions of a real estate purchase agreement in the amount of \$2,000,000 or approximately \$83,000 per acre.
- Staff recommends that Council approve this ordinance, which authorizes the City Manager to proceed with the acquisition of the 23.75 acres for the purpose of retaining and attracting businesses to the City.

Mayor Peterson invited Council discussion.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that she is concerned about the request for emergency action. This land has been for sale for 12-15 years. This action would restrict the rights of the citizens by providing immunity from referendum. The City Charter states that the reason for emergency action must be for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety or welfare, and shall clearly specify the nature of the emergency. She does not believe that condition has been met in this case.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the reason for the emergency is the welfare of the City relative to economic development. There is the potential opportunity for two projects that may be attracted to this particular site. Should either of those not come to fruition, he believes there could be other future projects. It is important that the City have access to this land to leverage that building for economic development. Nationwide will be vacating the building and moving to Grandview Yard. The adjacent land is needed to leverage along with the building for future economic development. The welfare of the City is impacted by economic development, as the revenues fund City programs and services.

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Ms. Salay stated that Council does need to consider the passage of legislation by emergency very carefully, but the City does not use abatement as an economic development tool. What the City does use as an incentive in some cases is land that the City owns, which is acquired at different times. An example is the land initially acquired for approximately \$20,000/acre for a proposed soccer stadium. Later, the City was able to leverage that land for a tremendous opportunity. That is one of the City's tools – having land that it can leverage in economic development deals. This makes the City competitive without using abatements or other economic development tools. This will give the City a tool, which has proven in the past to be very important.

Ms. Amorose Groomes responded that she understands and appreciates that, but when the City is in the business of purchase options, as for this property, the best service to the residents is to have longer purchase options, to avoid limiting the residents' right of referendum. She has verified that the purchase of this property is anticipated to be a cash sale, so it would not require much additional time after the expiration of the normal 30-day effective period for legislation and the closing on the property. This is a difference of only 20-30 days. She would like Council's practice to be that it does not minimize citizens' rights for the sake of speed.

Mr. McDaniel stated that Council does not typically pass this type of legislation by emergency. However, in this particular case, it is important to send a message to pending "suitors" of the building -- which may or may not come to fruition – that the City is sensitive to their timeframes. Council would be sending a message that the purchase of this land is to leverage it for a potential deal or two associated with that building. For the Shier-Rings Road land purchase, to be considered later on tonight's agenda, emergency action is not requested.

Mr. Keenan stated that, in his opinion, the potential for economic development deals drives the emergency passage.

Vice Mayor Reiner stated that Council was apprised in executive session of the ramifications and importance of this particular land acquisition. He believes it is important to signal to the parties that Council is interested in attracting them to Dublin. This will replace the jobs that will leave Dublin with the departure of Nationwide.

Mayor Peterson stated that the point Ms. Amorose Groomes makes is a valid one. The process and the Charter provisions do matter.

Ms. Amorose Groomes responded that "why we do it" is as important as "what we do." Mayor Peterson concurred. Pausing each time to ensure that the City is taking the correct action for the right reasons is legitimate.

Mr. Lecklider stated that he appreciates both the Mayor and Ms. Amorose Groomes' comments. However, he pointed out that the City of Hilliard will have an issue on an upcoming ballot to amend their Charter with respect to referendums. He believes the result of this amendment will make Hilliard less competitive. This would also put Dublin at a greater advantage. There is a need to be careful with respect to these matters in terms of what it means to the City's competitiveness. Certainly, there is a need to be cautious, but Council has not received feedback from the public that Council has not acted in the community's best interests in these types of matters.

Mayor Peterson requested a motion for emergency action.

Vice Mayor Reiner moved for passage by emergency.

Mr. Lecklider seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, no; Mayor Peterson, yes; Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes.

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Vote on the Ordinance: Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Mayor Peterson, yes.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING - ORDINANCES

Ordinance 03-16

Rezoning Approximately 30 Acres, Located on the East Side of Perimeter Loop Drive, North of US 33/SR 161, South of Perimeter Drive and Venture Drive from PUD, Planned Unit Development District (Existing MAG plan) and PCD, Planned Commerce District (Perimeter Center, Subarea D) to PUD (Midwestern Auto Group PUD) to Incorporate Approximately 5.4 Acres into the MAG PUD to Expand the Automobile Dealership Campus to Accommodate the Construction of a Combined Showroom for the Jaguar and Land Rover Brands, the Future Demolition of the Existing Land Rover Showroom, a New Showroom for the Porsche Brand, and the Addition of an Elevated Showroom Addition to the Main Building for the Lamborghini Brand. (Case 15-113Z/PDP)

Mr. Keenan introduced the ordinance.

Ms. Husak stated that this is a request to incorporate an additional, vacant 5.4 acres on U.S. 33 into the MAG PUD. Nationwide Children's Hospital is to the east of the site.

- The main MAG building, encompassing 122,000 square feet, includes the majority of the franchise brands.
- Later, a 7,800 square foot building for Land Rover was added to the site.
- In 2010, the City approved a Volvo, Porsche and penthouse addition to the eastern side of the building.
- In 2012, City Council approved an expansion of the campus to incorporate eight acres for the addition of the BMW and Mini franchises to the MAG campus. Also approved was a freestanding show room for Audi within this Subarea.
- The Community Plan Future Land Use map designates the western portion of the site as General Commercial. The central portion and the vacant parcel to the east are designated as Standard Office and Institutional District. This includes many of the sites with frontage along US33 and is intended to be an area where medical, dental, professional, and large scale offices are to be located. Much of the land within Perimeter Center is designated by the Future Land Use map as Standard Office and Institutional, including WD Partners, which is more of an industrial use.
- Council has previously expressed concerns regarding numerous car dealerships fronting along US33, due to the view presented to those entering Dublin. As a landowner, MAG has a history of working with Planning to achieve a high quality campus appearance with appropriate mounding, landscaping and site layout. Planning believes this is an appropriate expansion of the campus. The permitted uses within the proposed development text include office and retail uses, which would fit within the Standard Office category.
- The applicant is proposing to create a Subarea C, which would be a continuation of the campus. The development text is provided in the packet. The applicant has ensured that Subarea C standards are aligned with the standards of existing Subareas A and B. Also included, is some "clean up" on Subareas A and B to better reflect what is existing as opposed to what was contemplated at the time they were rezoned.
- Staff has requested that the applicant rezone the entire 30 acres as opposed to just the five-acre Subarea C. From an administrative standpoint, it is desirable to have one MAG PUD with all of the uses, standards, and regulations aligned. The applicant has agreed to do so.
- In the future, the applicant is also contemplating to demolish the existing Land Rover building and creating a new building for the Porsche brand within that area, as well as an elevated showroom for Lamborghini. This could be approved by PZC as part of a Final Development Plan.

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- For Subarea C, the proposal is for a building for a combined showroom for Land Rover and Jaguar. This is a new concept on which those franchises are working – the first in the country.
- Subarea C includes a main access point off Venture Drive through a shared access with the Nationwide Children’s Hospital site to the east. This shared access was provided for in the approval of the development of that site. Many of the MAG patrons currently access the site through Perimeter Loop.
- Two stormwater management ponds are shown -- one along the US33/SR161 frontage and the other in the northeast portion of the site.
- The proposed building includes the two showrooms for Jaguar and Land Rover, office space, a service reception area, and the potential for a non-retail car wash.
- The site plan includes the unique finger-like vehicle display areas on US33 and a plaza vehicle display in front of the proposed building. Extensive landscaping and screening will be incorporated along all vehicular use areas.
- Architecture and Building Materials. The proposed development text requires “contemporary and innovative architecture.” The applicant is extensively using glass and metal, and providing angles and recesses to give the building depth, shadows, and interest. PZC required the addition of more articulation on the east side of the southern elevation.
- Wall signs were approved by PZC for BMW, Mini and Audi, which is a continuation of the current theme. The allowance is 100 square feet for both signs. The total combined sign size of 100 square feet will potentially permit a single sign to exceed 50 square feet (the Land Rover sign is shown at 53 square feet). PZC requested that the development text require that a sign could not exceed 55 square feet, with the total square feet for both signs not to exceed 100 feet. The permitted height of the signs is 25 feet.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Rezoning/Preliminary Development Plan to City Council on January 7, 2016 with the conditions listed below.

- 1) That the applicant work with staff to ensure replacement trees are not counted to fulfill other requirements;
- 2) That the applicant work with staff to relocate as many newly planted trees as possible and to find appropriate locations for replacement trees on site;
- 3) That the Traffic Impact Study be updated to address Engineering comments, subject to approval by Engineering, prior to introduction of this rezoning Ordinance at City Council;
- 4) That the applicant update the proposed plans to accurately indicate the required setbacks along the southern property line;
- 5) That the proposed development text be revised to address the sign allowances in Subarea A to more accurately reflect the sign needs for the single brand building anticipated;
- 6) That any site modifications to Subarea A include the analysis and any necessary modifications to the current stormwater management plan to ensure stormwater requirements as defined in Chapter 53 are satisfied;
- 7) That the applicant work with staff prior to the Final Development Plan stage to identify and incorporate appropriate safety measures along the south side of the proposed western retention basin to protect vehicles traveling on westbound US33/SR161;
- 8) That all technical comments associated with stormwater management and civil plans are addressed prior to filing a Final Development Plan application;
- 9) That the applicant submit additional information and details for the proposed retaining wall along the eastern retention basin as part of the Final Development Plan;

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- 10) That the applicant work with staff to provide either additional articulation, landscaping or layout changes for the service drive for the southern elevation of the service area at the final development plan stage, and;
- 11) That the text be revised to limit the sign size of a single wall sign in Subarea C to 55 square feet.

Brad Parrish, Architectural Alliance, 165 North Fifth Street, Columbus, stated that he has been the architect for MAG since the Volvo addition. Mr. Brentlinger is excited to bring the Jaguar franchise to Dublin. Following approval, the Jaguar brand will be brought here prior to the construction of the building. There will be two years to complete that for the brand. The expansion of Audi and BMW prompted rapid growth within this business. The other brands – Porsche, Jaguar, Land Rover and Lamborghini began to take notice that this market wants to expand the volume of sales to the community. The expansion of these 5.4 acres is pivotal to the continued growth of MAG in Dublin.

Mr. Lecklider stated that in the past, he has voted against requests by this dealership. He agrees that it makes sense, under the circumstances, to do this comprehensively, as staff suggests. He does have several concerns.

- Signage - Signs of 25 feet in height exceed Code. What is the Code requirement?

Ms. Husak responded that a sign may not exceed 15 feet.

Mr. Lecklider stated that one of the things that has frustrated him is how many exceptions exist throughout this campus and have existed over the years. Council is told that it is required by these brands, but in virtually nowhere else in the community would that be acceptable. The proposed text provides for interior signage. Not only is there illuminated exterior signage, but signage that is at least 15-20 feet high and affixed to the interior glass wall, essentially achieving double the signage. This is for the Land Rover and Jaguar brands. He believes that the Code's sign height requirements have been exceeded elsewhere on this campus.

Ms. Husak responded that there is an allowance in the development text for Subarea A to have the existing Land Rover sign on a green panel at 25 feet, as well.

- Raised finger display that would be continued. As he recalls, the rationale is that potential buyers need to be able to see the wheels of the vehicles. Conversely, the City requires those to be screened. Typically, six feet of mounding would be required for an office building, but with a recent application, mounding was not required, opening up the viewshed in Subarea B.
- Fence row – There was a tree row that was mistakenly mowed down, which was apparently the fault of a contractor. Has that been remedied with the installation of landscaping?

Ms. Husak responded that occurred at the time that Subarea B was in the development plan stages, and those replacements were included in that Subarea. The applicant was required to replace them all.

- Elevated Lamborghini showroom - The City does not have Code that addresses that.

Ms. Husak responded that the Planning Commission actually approved the elevated showroom in 2014. At that time, it was elevated at the level of the existing building and sloped down to meet the proposed Jaguar and Land Rover building. However, the needs changed for the franchises. At this point, the proposal is eventually to have only this showroom cover the pond on support structures.

Mr. Lecklider stated that it would therefore remain elevated, but in a different manner. Ms. Husak stated that it will be elevated, but it won't meet the building to the north.

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Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the Planning Commission had requested that the applicant provide a complete sign package for the site, because, to date, the approach has been piecemeal. She has not seen a master sign plan for the entire facility. There was a request to have some signs on the building, and they were going to forgo ground signs. The net result is that now there are both.

Ms. Husak responded that when the Land Rover and Jaguar building was approved by PZC in 2014 in the northern portion of Subarea A, there was significant discussion concerning appropriate signage on that building. Ultimately, PZC approved signage on the building at the proposed height -- 20-25 feet -- with the request that the applicant remove any green metal material. There was not actually a request for a comprehensive sign plan, but the City does have that as part of the final development plan. The development text defines the five different sign types permitted on the campus. There was discussion about tabling the application, and addressing the sign issue later. However, the proposed signs were approved, minus the green panel.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that part of the difficulty with that condition is that it applied to parcels not under review, and PZC did not have the ability to place that condition on a neighboring parcel -- this parcel. The request was made that a master sign plan be provided that would encompass the entire campus.

Mr. Parrish stated that the current text provides five categories, and the current signs adhere to that text. There was never a discussion of quantity. It is defined in the development text that one wall sign or one ground sign is permitted for each brand. The ground sign that they are proposing falls within another category -- directional signage. Through the years, Planning has required specific classification of the requested sign. In that manner, the development text does quantify the amount of signs permitted, or at least which types are permitted.

Mr. Lecklider inquired how the interior signage issue could be addressed. Does the language on page 6 of the development text, "interior signs not being readily visible from rights-of-way that are adjacent to the site," apply to the example he described? When driving west on US33, looking into the building through the glass, the sign is very prominently displayed. Is that an oversight in the Dublin Code?

Mr. Keenan stated that this also came up in the discussion regarding the hotel on the previous Cooker restaurant site.

Ms. Husak responded that the City does not regulate anything that is three feet or more from the wall. The same situation existed with the Chevrolet dealership on Post Road. If a sign is a certain distance from the wall, it is not regulated by Code. It is neither a window nor an exterior sign addressed by Code.

Mr. Parrish stated that the sign they are speaking of is 15 feet away from the inside face of that glass.

Mr. Lecklider suggested that at some point, the City might want to consider addressing that issue, as it is signage. That is its purpose. He has to give credit to MAG for taking full advantage of the opportunity.

Ms. Salay stated that it would be helpful to have photos of the campus for the second reading. She recognizes it would be difficult to capture the view from US 33. It is easy to perceive a situation incorrectly without actual photos. What is the height of the Audi sign?

Ms. Husak responded that Audi, BMW and Mini signs are 15 feet high.

Ms. Salay noted that the proposed sign under review tonight is 25 feet in height.

Mr. Parrish stated the elevation is only 20 feet. The reason for that elevation is the design concept of the front -- the bottom and the top portions are equal. If the sign were to be lowered to 15 feet, the building itself would have to be reduced by nine

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feet. Within the context of the BMW and Audi site, this building will be significantly diminished on the site. The BMW and Audi buildings are 30 feet in height and this building would be 21 feet. There are six bands at the bottom and six bands above the glass. If the Land Rover – Jaguar sign is lowered, one band must be removed at the bottom and one band at the top, as well, to be proportional. That would result in a smaller building, which would be greatly diminished on the site.

Ms. Salay inquired if they could have a smaller sign without shrinking their building.

Mr. Parrish responded that a lower sign would have to fit within the 15 feet.

Ms. Salay stated that she was not present for the first PZC discussion on this application, and the second discussion was much shorter. There are many honey locust trees on this site. They had grown significantly, but now are not thriving. Will all those be replaced?

Mr. Parrish responded that as part of this process, they are evaluating some of the landscaping. The construction has damaged some of the front row of trees. They will address the issue of trees that did not survive.

Ms. Salay stated that on the eastern portion of the top elevation, the Commission suggested some changes to landscape that elevation, integrating it to reduce the appearance of a stark, blank wall.

Ms. Husak responded that what is depicted is the first attempt to give articulation to that wall. Previously, there were no windows or landscaping.

Mr. Parrish stated that the site plan before Council shows an original rendering for the service drive. Per PZC comments, the angle on that drive has been amended to make it a meandering drive. They will be able to heavily landscape the service wall and doors from a view from SR161.

Ms. Husak stated that the view should have been replaced on the site plan shown tonight.

Ms. Amorose Groomes inquired if garage doors are necessary on three sides of the building.

Mr. Parrish stated that the service doors for customers to enter and depart are on the left and right sides of the building. On the west elevation is new car delivery, and on the back side is the service area. The building is planned to differentiate between the customer and service interactions, so the doors on three sides of the building are necessary.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that MAG had been requested previously to address the new car delivery problem of where the cars are unloaded. Presently, the cars are frequently unloaded on the street. This final phase does not appear to provide that solution.

Mr. Parrish stated that is addressed. The intent is to improve the shared drive with Nationwide Children's Hospital. Carrier vehicles would enter through that curbcut and park along the back road.

Ms. Salay stated that she would like to comment on the general signage issue, not just in relation to this proposal. PZC has had a number of discussions about signage and community standards. It is very important that Council discuss its expectations regarding signage for the benefit of staff and PZC. Many members recall a time when the signage standards in Dublin were inviolate. Over the years, different applicants have persuaded PZC and Council, for different reasons, that different standards could be applied. Sometimes there are valid arguments, but Council needs to have this discussion so that there are clear expectations, removing some pressure from the Planning staff and Planning Commission.

Mayor Peterson asked about the best way to accomplish that.

Mr. McDaniel suggested a joint work session between Council and PZC. Staff would be present and would then understand the parameters going forward. It could be scheduled for an upcoming work session topic.

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Mayor Peterson stated that some of these discussion topics can become larger than originally intended. He would like to restrict the scope to the five most important issues, such as Mr. Lecklider and Ms. Salay pointed out.

Mr. Reiner complimented the architecture of the site. It is unfortunate the Lamborghini building isn't more visible, because it is a very nice piece of architecture. There is a uniformity in the overall design. At what point did Architectural Alliance enter into the design process for this facility?

Mr. Parrish responded that his firm entered into the design process with the Volvo expansion. In 1997, Karlsberger designed the original diamond-shaped building. In 2007, with the desire to create a unique Volvo showroom for the main facility, his firm continued the "language" that was already there – the diamond shape. His firm subsequently designed the Audi and BMW facility.

Mr. Reiner inquired if the height and scale of the signage was determined by: (1) the architecture and (2) the necessity to be seen from US161.

Mr. Parrish responded affirmatively. The Jaguar and Land Rover brand prototype is to place the signage at the second band from the top. Because they recognize the importance of this dealership and the constraints of Dublin's sign code, they approved lowering the sign down to the second band from the glass. This plan deviates from their prototype to achieve this compromise.

Mr. Reiner stated that this has been a high quality product. He would not have wanted it changed to brick or another material on this site. This concludes the appearance of the entire parcel. This architecture has been integrated well into what was previously conceived, and it is attractive. It makes sense for MAG to conclude their design on this last parcel. He believes their firm has created attractive and interesting architecture. An earlier proposal for this site, which Mr. Lecklider alluded to, was not as attractive. He is proud of what MAG had created on this site.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that she has said on numerous occasions that Mr. Parrish is a tremendous architect. However, he probably would agree that in the past, the City has "pushed" him a bit, and the projects became even better. That is what she would like to see in this case, as well.

Mr. Reiner stated that in the wing to the right, they have indicated there would be some different articulation to the building. Is that to be accomplished through the landscaping?

Mr. Parrish responded that it would be accomplished more through the landscaping. There is a service area on one side of the building, which they want to camouflage from view. There will be windows at an elevation above where the work is being done. Mr. Reiner noted that the south elevation does not match the front elevation. Perhaps, they can remedy this with landscaping or an architectural feature. Mr. Parrish concurred.

Mayor Peterson thanked Mr. Parrish for the information. There will be a second reading/public hearing at the February 22 Council meeting.

Ordinance 05-16

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Real Estate Purchase Agreement and Necessary Conveyance Documentation to Acquire 73.650 Acres, More or Less, Fee Simple Interest Located at 6600 Shier Rings Road from Jon P. Riegle, Trustee of the Robert W. Rings Charitable Remainder Unitrust and RBG Properties, LLC, and Appropriating Funds Therefor.

Mr. Keenan introduced the ordinance.

Ms. Goss stated that this legislation provides authorization to proceed with a real estate purchase agreement in the amount of \$5.9 million to acquire property located at 6600 Shier Rings Road for the purpose of economic development. This site is

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located in Dublin's West Innovation District, and entirely titled to the Jon P. Riegle Trustee of Robert W. Rings Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The property is comprised of two parcels consisting of approximately 73.65 acres, which is unimproved and located on the north side of Shier Rings Road between Eiterman Road and Avery-Muirfield Drive. As depicted in the slide, the two parcels combined represent one of the largest remaining undeveloped properties with established road frontage on Shier Rings Road with significant views from US33. The property is bordered by US33 at its northeast corner and is minutes away from the highway interchange. Additionally, the property is in close proximity to Dublin Methodist Hospital and the Ohio University campus. As a future owner of this site, the City of Dublin will have the ability to leverage this property as an economic development incentive and minimize the time spent by a company or companies searching for a potential development site. This is similar to the City's past efforts to establish job-ready sites. The site is serviced completely with appropriate water, sewer, accessible roadways, and broadband. Located in Dublin's West Innovation District, the property is presently zoned Research Office District (ID-1); and, per the City of Dublin's future land use map, the area is targeted for Flex Office/Research and Development (R&D). This zoning is intended to provide a mix of predominantly non-residential employment uses that include Office, Research and components of Light Industrial uses. R&D uses can range from incubator facilities for start-ups and growing tech research companies to establish research corporations. Campus settings with coordinated buildings and pedestrian environments are also strongly encouraged. Given its proximity to Dublin Methodist Hospital and the Ohio University campus, this site offers numerous development opportunities and other opportunities for collaboration. As outlined in the purchase agreement, the City will pay \$5.9 million to the Rings Trust in equal installments of \$1,287,967. This is consistent with the appraised valuation range of \$5.6-\$6.3 million. However, in this transaction, the Robert W. Rings Charitable Remainder Unitrust and RBG Properties, LLC has agreed to donate \$1 million to the City of Dublin within seven years after the execution of the real estate purchase agreement. The terms and conditions of the donation are presently being negotiated and will be shared publicly, once the agreement is finalized.

Mayor Peterson noted that he appreciated staff's memo. It is a two-page plus summary of some of the most forward-thinking financial planning that the City does.

There will be a second reading/public hearing at the February 22 Council meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McDaniel addressed several items in the Information Only packet:

1. The State of the City will be held on Thursday, March 3 at the Wendy's Conference Center, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m.
2. A draft Public Art Deaccessioning policy to address the need to formally remove public art from the City's public collection was provided. The proposed process differs from the process for disposal of public property. If Council approves the draft policy, it will be brought back as a proposed amendment to the Code.

Mr. Keenan inquired if there are federal regulations to follow with respect to that. There are rules regarding artists' rights.

Mr. McDaniel responded that there are state regulations in regard to disposal of public property. He is unaware of any federal regulations.

Mr. Gettman responded that their process would be in accordance with federal and state law. Some of the more unique components of the disposal of public property, such as sale to the original artist, is included in the industry's best practices. Staff has specifically looked at the public art disposal policies of the cities of Pittsburgh and Seattle.

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Mr. McDaniel responded that if Council wants to review the policy before directing staff to bring it back, that is fine.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the policy contains language that if the value of the piece is below \$10,000, it would be an administrative decision to proceed. What pieces of art in the community would that apply to? What percentage of the City's portfolio at the end of their useful life would meet that?

Mr. Gettman responded that there is not significant artwork in the collection at \$10,000 and less.

Mr. Reiner stated it would be helpful to include in Council packet the recent public art collection valuations that were done for the Dublin Arts Council. It would be very beneficial to see the current value of the art, whether it has depreciated or not.

Mr. Gettman responded that those values were calculated at the replacement cost, which is generally for insurance purposes, rather than fair market. However, he agrees it could be helpful for Council to review this information. The City's collection is valued at \$3.6 million, which is commendable for a city of Dublin's size.

Mr. Keenan stated that the Field of Corn has become an international icon. Is there a way to place a value on that? He understands the insurance issue versus the market value, but that art has become well known across the world.

Mr. Gettman responded that it has appreciated from the original cost. The value has varied depending on its condition, year to year. Three years ago, significant maintenance was performed on the Field of Corn, and it has experienced a spike in value since then.

Mr. Keenan inquired if a fair market value was placed on it, as well as the replacement cost.

Mr. Gettman responded that he had them identify only the replacement costs.

Mr. Keenan suggested that staff bring back the draft policy in a couple of weeks.

Mr. McDaniel agreed. He noted that the City takes great care and pride in the maintenance of its public art. Emotions can be involved with artwork, and deaccessioning of it is taken seriously.

Ms. Alutto requested that staff provide Council with an inventory along with the value and the current condition of the public art collection.

Mr. Gettman indicated it would be provided.

Mr. McDaniel suggested that it could be provided in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Amorose Groomes added that it would be helpful to know how the art's value is determined at the end of its useful life.

Mr. Gettman responded that there are licensed appraisers who make the determination.

Ms. Amorose Groomes requested that information regarding that process also be provided in the forthcoming report.

Mr. Gettman indicated it would be included.

Vice Mayor Reiner stated that at the last DAC Board meeting, it was shared that longevity of the public art is very important. Therefore, in the final selection of an artwork, maintenance time will be very important.

Mr. McDaniel continued:

3. A copy of a letter from Mr. Grabill was provided via email and in the Info Only packet. Staff is working with Mr. Grabill in regard to a potential consolidation of parking spaces in Historic Dublin, and as it relates to a Parking Authority, specifically. Staff has conducted research on this in the past, which will be compiled and provided to Council in the near future. Staff will review the information in the context of the new developments occurring that will have parking garages.

Ms. Amorose Groomes inquired if there is any assistance Council could provide to facilitate this effort. She has met with Mr. Grabill a couple of times, particularly in regard to the southeast quadrant, where he anticipates concentrating his efforts. She appreciates his willingness to approach his neighbors and obtain letters of intent.

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Mr. McDaniel responded that in his meeting with Mr. Grabill, he thanked him for his willingness to attempt this initiative and assured him of the City's support. The City has attempted several similar efforts in the past. There have been changes in ownership and tenants in that area, and therefore it might be a good time for another approach. If there is a relationship within the area that Council members can leverage, they are welcome to do so.

Ms. Amorose Groomes inquired if there are any public parking areas within the southeast quadrant other than on the street.

Mr. McDaniel responded that there are none within that portion. Previous attempts to provide public parking in that area have been unsuccessful.

Vice Mayor Reiner stated that in an earlier attempt, the City identified potentially 1,000 parking spaces. The City attempted potential agreements with the property owners, which included offers to pave, landscape and light the sites. Unfortunately, the property owners wanted the City to invest more than site improvements.

Ms. Amorose Groomes indicated that she is hopeful there is more interest at this time, and she is willing to help in any way to facilitate that.

Mr. McDaniel noted that the City has also worked with Mr. Grabill in conjunction with the developments he undertook in the southwest quadrant, and public parking was achieved behind La Chatelaine. Because of Mr. Grabill's previous experience, perhaps he will be successful now, as well.

Ms. Salay noted that she has encouraged Mr. Grabill to proceed as far as possible without the government, as he appears to be having much more success than the City did.

Ms. Amorose Groomes noted that it is helpful that Mr. Grabill owns several of the buildings.

Ms. Salay responded that there is a critical mass in place, as well as change of ownership, tenancy and circumstances. Historic Dublin is not what it was even three years ago.

4. A Legislative Update was included in the packet, which provides information on the different bills the City is tracking in the state legislature and at the federal level. That information is also cross-checked with MORPC and the OML's efforts. Each City Department head has compiled a list of any legislation in process relative to their areas of responsibility and professional associations.
5. He and Mayor Peterson attended the formational meeting of the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA). City Managers and Mayors of Westerville, Worthington, Upper Arlington, Grove City, Bexley, Gahanna and Hilliard met to discuss ways in which to collaborate as municipalities in monitoring legislation at the state and federal levels. The organization existed previously but dissipated; it has now been reactivated. At the organizational meeting last Friday, officers were appointed and bylaws adopted for the association.
6. Also included in the packet was the second issue of the Communications Outlook – relative to messages, methods, messengers, etc.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Keenan, Administrative Committee Chair reported:

1. Council action is needed to designate the Clerk of Council as the Council designee for Certified Public Records training.

Ms. Salay moved that the Clerk of Council be the Council designee for Certified Public Records training.

Mr. Lecklider seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Keenan, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Mayor Peterson, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Salay, yes.

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2. Asked that the Clerk advertise for candidates for open positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Services Advisory Commission and City representative to the Dublin Arts Council. Also asked that the Clerk poll for potential interview dates for the new candidates and for re-interview of those board and commission members eligible for reappointment.

The following meetings were confirmed:

- Finance Committee of the Whole on Monday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. for hotel-motel tax policy discussion
- Council work session on Monday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. for discussion of the Competitive Office Report

Mr. Reiner, Community Development Committee Chair reported that a committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. for review of the Neighborhood Beautification Grant applications. Following brief discussion about alternate dates, the consensus was to reschedule the committee meeting to Monday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m., preceding the tentative Council workshop.

Mr. Lecklider, US33 Innovation Corridor Group Representative reported that the executive committee met this morning, and a meeting of the larger group is scheduled for Friday, March 12 at Jerome Township Hall.

Mr. Reiner, Dublin Arts Council (DAC) Representative reported that the DAC staff/Dublin staff quarterly meeting was held recently. He provided the following updates:

- The Kosciuszko Park public art commission jury has met and selected the three artist applicants for the \$150,000 art commission. On Monday, February 29 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the public may view the artists' presentations at the Dublin Community Recreation Center.
- A new series of Riverboxes public art is in process, which will add three new riverboxes to the current collection of 12. An art exhibit will be scheduled this fall to give the community the opportunity to meet the artists.
- The first of an anticipated annual BREAD Festival will be held on Saturday, October 15 from noon to 10 p.m. in Historic Dublin. Examples of breads from 8-10 different ethnic cultures will be featured, including an opportunity for public tasting.
- A showing from the Ireland National Film Festival will be held at the Community Recreation Center later in the season.
- Dublin Arts Council grants have been issued in the total amount of \$29,600 for primarily dance or singing groups, and one tile project at a Dublin school.
- Sundays at Scioto concerts will be held for 10 weeks this year, which will feature all new bands.
- Mr. Gettman provided a report on City public art maintenance. A report on the City public art inventory and valuation is forthcoming to Council.
- The DAC Garden Party this year will be at OCLC on Friday, April 26 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Currently, 13 restaurants have confirmed participation.
- The first of an annual 5K, the D'Art Dash, is scheduled for Saturday, July 9.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if the Silver Band will be returning for Sundays at Scioto. Mr. Reiner responded that DAC decided that, instead of having the same groups repeat each year, they would offer a new assortment of groups this year.

Dublin Board of Education Liaisons – Ms. Amorose Groomes and Ms. Alutto:

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the group met on Wednesday, February 3. A review of some interesting upcoming school events was covered. Council members recently

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received an invitation to one of those, The Dublin Difference displays to be held on Tuesday, March 1.

Ms. Salay asked if a date has been set for the State of the Schools presentation. She asked that staff include this on Council's calendar.

Ms. Alutto noted that because she and Ms. Amorose Groomes are new Council liaisons this year, Mr. Hoadley has offered to take them on a half-day tour. That will be scheduled within the next few weeks. That invitation would likely be inclusive of all Council members, should they want to participate.

Mayor Peterson, Washington Township Liaison reported that he attended the Trustees meeting several days ago. There a couple items of state legislation on which the township and the City have a common interest, and they will be monitoring those closely.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Amorose Groomes reported that she had an opportunity to participate in the recent visit to a wellness facility in Denver, Colorado along with the City Manager, Ms. Crandall and Mr. Kridler. This consideration is in an incubation stage and more information will follow.

Mr. Keenan reminded Council members that:

1. Their performance evaluations for the City Manager are due by the end of the week. A meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Whole needs to be scheduled for discussion of the review.
2. Council's goal-setting retreat is scheduled on Thursday evening, March 10 and all day on Friday, March 11.

Mr. Lecklider reported that:

1. On Wednesday, February 3, he, Mayor Peterson and Ms. Alutto attended the Bridge Park Topping Out Ceremony. The City Manager and many City staff members attended, as well. The beam signed by Council members and staff was on display.
2. A Sunday, January 24 *Columbus Dispatch* article, in the "Home" section, provided a prediction on 2016 home buying trends. Citing Zillow, the forecast is that young homebuyers will begin heading to the suburbs. "The real estate website predicts that rising urban home prices, especially in high-priced areas, will force young buyers back to suburbs this year. Buyers will especially be drawn to dense, walkable suburbs with urban amenities." The article cited Zillow chief economist, who stated that "when they get there, they will be looking for amenity-rich suburbs --- cities with walkable cores and urban feel." This is the underlying philosophy of the Bridge Street effort, and this is one more confirmation from a relatively respected source of the trends for this year.

Mayor Peterson stated that the following important public meetings are scheduled:

1. Public meeting on sewer extensions on Wednesday, March 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Dublin Recreation Center. It is important that the citizens stay informed on these matters.
2. Public meetings are scheduled regarding the proposed Community Entertainment District -- one on Thursday, February 11 from 7-8:00 p.m., and another on Tuesday, February 16 from 9-10:00 a.m. -- both at City Hall
3. Reported that he and Mr. McDaniel attended the City Manager-Mayor meeting last Friday. The organization of these people will be critical with respect to upcoming legislation. They mentioned that the township trustee associations are very well organized in terms of tracking legislation and influencing state legislators. The cities need to do so as well.

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4. Anecdotally reported that a partner in his law firm mentioned that he recently attended a Bar Association presentation on real property law. He stated that two individuals from the City were present, including an attorney, who were both quite knowledgeable. They spoke about the Bridge Street project. His partner found the information very interesting and stated that he and his wife would be considering a move to Dublin.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Mayor – Presiding Officer

Clerk of Council