CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peterson called the Monday, February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Dublin Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Peterson, Vice Mayor Reiner, Ms. Alutto, Ms. Amorose Groomes, Mr. Keenan, Mr. Lecklider and Ms. Salay.

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Mumma, Ms. Readler, Ms. Crandall, Ms. Goss, Chief von Eckartsberg, Mr. Earman, Mr. Foegler, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Puskarcik, Ms. Cox, Ms. Gilger, Ms. Richison, Ms. Husak, Mr. Gracia and Ms. Bishop.

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.
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; Ms. Salay, yes.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Amorose Groomes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- MORPC 2016 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Active Transportation Plan

Amelia Costanzo, Principal Planner, MORPC stated that packets have been provided to Council for later review and comments. She presented the following:

- MORPC is the voluntary association of 60 local governments and some non-government affiliates as well. They focus on issues such as state, federal and local advocacy for policy issues, different types of energy work regarding sustainability and air quality and home weatherization, planning for land use, economic development, various environmental things such as waterways, and transportation. She is present tonight to focus on transportation.
- The packet provided includes all of this information. The MTP is a long-range plan that looks 20 years ahead to make sure that the funding MORPC receives from the federal government for major infrastructure improvements is then allocated to communities such as Dublin for projects to be built. Only a certain amount of funding is provided by the federal government and it is important that the monies be used in the most equitable way possible. This plan is updated every four years.
- The planning area for the MTP is all of Franklin and Delaware counties and some surrounding communities as well.
- This planning is important for fiscal reasons, but also because there are already 2,000 miles of highway in Central Ohio. Many people also use transit systems and bikes, so it is important to spend the money wisely.
- MORPC has been working on this Plan for over 1-1/2 years and it is nearly complete. A draft list of strategies and projects is included, which will be of most interest to the City of Dublin.

- There are six goals for the MTP and they relate to the various work areas in which MORPC is involved.
- They reviewed all transportation plans throughout the region, including Dublin, Columbus, Powell, etc. They also coordinate with other entities such as COTA.
- They incorporated for the first time a separate Active Transportation Plan since biking and walking is becoming more prevalent in Central Ohio. This is meant to be a tool for Council and staff to make sure they are considering those who walk, bike and use transit for both recreation and commuting.
- The Active Transportation Plan has an interactive web map, which is very useful to cities.
- She shared the MTP website, which includes a map. A user can zoom into the map and review the various projects for major transportation improvements included in community plans for the next 20 years.
- A user can click on the project and learn about the anticipated timeline, what plan the project came from, and what the project entails.
- Transit projects are also included on the MTP map. These are major mass transit projects such as light rail and bus rapid transit.
- She invited Council members to review the information and provide feedback to MORPC.
- She also encouraged Council to visit MORPC's open house on Tuesday, March 15. There will be more detailed information provided at that time. The Plan is scheduled for adoption in May.
- Contact information is provided in the packet distributed to Council.
- She noted that on Thursday, February 25 from 4-7 p.m., there is an open house on the bike map update. The updates are being made to the printed and online bike map.

Mr. Reiner asked if there is any funding for the proposed Scioto River bike corridor.

Ms. Costanzo recalled that project was proposed for funding, but she is not sure of its status. In viewing the map, one can determine if there is funding for that item.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

- National Entrepreneurship Week

Mr. Gracia stated that each year, this is observed across the country and in Dublin. Tonight, the City is recognizing Purba Majumder, President of Cybervation. Mayor Peterson read and presented a proclamation to Ms. Majumder, who was joined by her husband.

Ms. Majumder thanked City Council and the City of Dublin for this proclamation. She is a proud resident of Dublin for the past nine years, and her business operation is also located in Dublin. She has enjoyed a long relationship with the City and the Dublin Entrepreneurial Center. Her business was located at the DEC for a couple of years before moving into office space in Dublin. She is fortunate to have the support of the City and the DEC in terms of building her business as an entrepreneur. She is also fortunate to have had the support of the City in starting Cool Tech Girls, which is an initiative to encourage girls between 4th and 12th grade to pursue STEM areas. All of this would not have been possible without the support of the City of Dublin. She is thankful for everything, and it has been a wonderful journey together!

Mr. Peterson thanked her for these positive comments.

Mr. McDaniel congratulated her on the success of her business, noting that the influence she has had at the DEC as a participant, teacher and mentor has been incredible. He thanked her for her ongoing partnership with the City.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Richards, 7250 Riverside Drive, Dublin distributed a letter to Council and read it into the record. He was born on October 17, 1929 in an historic home on South High Street and has lived in the Dublin community for 86 years. He has witnessed the growth from a village of 200 to a City of thousands. Through the years, many improvements have enhanced the City of Dublin. Many who helped shape this wonderful community are buried in the Dublin Cemetery, including members of his mother's family of Tuller and Shipman – pioneer families during the 1800 period.

He is present tonight to speak about the Dublin Cemetery, formally known as the International Order of Odd Fellows #104 Evening Star Lodge Cemetery. He was a member and Noble Grand of the Lodge.

He requests that Council consider improving the road surface in the Dublin Cemetery. For many years, residents of Dublin and surrounding areas who have walking disabilities have not been able to access the cemetery due to its gravel surface paths. They have not been able to pay their respects to loved ones and friends. His wife was confined to a wheelchair for the last two years of her life and could not visit family graves because of the gravel path. She was not able to attend the Memorial Service in May.

Another resident of Franklin Street, David Cassidy is totally disabled and confined to a motorized wheelchair. His mother died in 2015 and is buried in the Dublin Cemetery. He is not able to visit her grave because of the gravel path. With a better surface, he would enjoy having access to the Dublin Cemetery.

The current road surface in the Cemetery is limestone and it has leached upon the burial sites and memorial markers.

In his visits to five area cemeteries in February – Union Cemetery, Walnut Grove Cemetery, Wesley Chapel, Greenlawn Cemetery and Forest Grove Cemetery – he found that all five have blacktop roads.

Dublin has many miles of blacktopped bikepaths enjoyed by families.

The roadway in the Dublin Cemetery is approximately one mile in length. A new blacktop road would eliminate some of the problems due to rain and snow conditions.

He is thankful for the Dublin employees who handle the mowing, grave digging, snow removal and other maintenance.

He thanked Council for funding the restoration of the memorial stones in the Dublin Cemetery. His great grandfather, Jon Tuller served in the Civil War and his memorial stone was replaced with a new one, due to the deterioration. He thanked Council for considering his request.

Mr. McDaniel stated this is a reasonable request, and he was not aware of this concern. The City has always protected the historic nature of the cemetery, but this concern is certainly a valid one. The City will follow up on this matter with the various entities involved and will provide a recommendation to Council.

Mayor Peterson stated that in the interim, perhaps the City could provide some assistance for these individuals to access the gravesites.

Mr. McDaniel confirmed staff can address this as well.

Mr. Keenan stated that there are many options to explore to enable this access for everyone to the gravesites.

Ms. Salay recalled bringing this issue up in 2003-2004, after being contacted by Robin Lee Rose about mobility issues for seniors attending services or visiting graves. There were no improvements made in follow-up. She would support improvements to allow better access as requested.

Mr. McDaniel stated that staff will research this matter and provide some options to Council.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if staff could provide some alternative materials for this purpose to be sensitive to the historical nature while providing access to all.

Robin Lee Rose, 195 Stonefence Lane, Dublin stated that many years ago, after talking to several Dublin residents and Council Member Salay, she came to Council to speak about the problems with cemetery access for elderly and handicapped. There have been many fine improvements in Dublin over the past years, and she is very thankful. However, nothing has been done to improve the gravel path or the road situation in the Cemetery. She and her husband, Don Rose are lot owners at the cemetery and have been for 30 years. At age 77 and 65, respectively, they tend to family graves at the cemetery and have attended countless burials of family members and friends at the Dublin Cemetery. As they have aged, they realize the need for improvement and change to the pathways, as Mr. Richards has noted. She noted that Bill Headlee died June of 2007, and they attended his funeral. As they were leaving the grounds, an attendee turned her ankle on the gravel. Cheryl Headlee also attended Bill's service and she was confined to a wheelchair. Her husband took a photo of her and mailed it to her to share at a future date in regard to the improvements needed at the cemetery. (She shared the photo with Council, which depicts the difficulty in being transported over the gravel pathway.) Linda Varga Mascari died September of 2007, and her cousin was confined to a motorized wheelchair. Due to the gravel and path conditions, she had to stay in the van instead of being at the gravesite. Reverend Chuck Koch, former pastor of Dublin Community Church was using a walker that day across the gravel and had great difficulty in accessing the grave for the service. There are many more stories she has heard and observed over the years. The last story is about Lois Dixon. She was aware of the need for improvements to the pathways. She was determined not to fall while at the cemetery and attended many funerals of family and friends. To avoid falling, she walked barefoot from the church service to the gravesite – even at age 99.
She knows that Lois, the Rose and Headlee families – along with many others – would be very appreciative of Council considering this matter – to have a safer, handicapped friendly pavement surface for the future for the Dublin Cemetery. Her request comes out of love and remembrance for those who are deceased.

Mayor Peterson stated that staff and Council will follow up, as Mr. McDaniel has indicated tonight.

CONSENT AGENDA
Ms. Amorose Groomes noted that she has some questions about Resolution 08-16 related to the bid acceptance for John Shields Parkway Phase 2. She requested this item be removed from the Consent Agenda and heard under the regular agenda.
Mr. Keenan moved approval of the remaining five items on the Consent Agenda.
Mr. Reiner 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 2-8-16 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- **Ordinance 06-16 (Introduction/First Reading)**
  Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Necessary Conveyance Documents to Acquire a 0.023 Acre, More or Less, Permanent Easement; a 0.016 Acre, More or Less, Permanent Easement; and a 0.014 Acre, More or Less, Permanent Easement from the Muirfield Association from the Reserve Areas Located along Glick Road for the Construction of the Glick Road Shared-Use Path. (Second reading/public hearing March 7 Council meeting)
- **Resolution 09-16 (Introduction/Vote)**
  Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Dale Drive COTA Park & Ride Project. (No. 15-039.0-CIP)
- **Resolution 10-16 (Introduction/Vote)**

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Pipeline Relocation Agreement with Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for the Relocation of a Three-Inch Pipeline located along Rings Road and Churchman Road in Connection with the Construction of a Roundabout at the Intersection of Rings Road and Churchman Road.

- Approval of Final Plat – Coffman Reserve (14-044FDP/FP)

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 03-16

Rezoning Approximately 30 Acres, Located on the East Side of Perimeter Loop Drive, North of US US33/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)

Ms. Husak updated Council regarding issues discussed at first reading. The applicant's representatives, Brad Parrish and Jack Reynolds are present to respond to questions as well.

- She provided a quick overview of the site. The applicant is proposing to create a new subarea, Subarea C, to accommodate Land Rover and Jaguar as a franchise building/showroom/service area within the MAG PUD as well as accommodate display areas, stormwater management and parking for employees and customers.
- She shared a slide depicting the entire campus and described the various components.
- The applicant has provided a revised site plan that shows a more curvilinear entry drive into the service area. It also includes additional articulation with windows and landscaping along that portion of the building.
- She shared the remainder of all of the elevations.
- She shared pictures, as requested by Council, of the existing campus area. This includes the Audi building in the center of the site, the Mini portion of the combined BMW/Mini building, and just to the east off the screen is where the new Land Rover and Jaguar building would be located.
- Moving to the west, she shared a view of the Volvo showroom. Currently, Porsche is housed in this part of the building as well. The owners' penthouse suite is on the second level.
- Another question related to signage. The applicant has provided a sign inventory, which showcases all of the five sign types permitted within the development text today. These include Dealer Identification signs, Campus Identification signs, Directional signs, Brand signs and Wall signs. The location of the existing signs is marked in red on the drawing as well as the proposed signs included for this application.
- She provided a quick overview of the signs on the campus that exist today. As discussed at the last hearing, the applicant is proposing wall signs on the south elevation of the building for both Jaguar and Land Rover. Staff has found in the inventory a sign that does not meet the development text and has therefore recommended a condition that requires the sign to be removed or to meet the development text. There are directional sign standards within the text.

Staff recommends approval with the 11 conditions of P&Z and this additional 12th condition.

The applicant is present tonight to respond to questions.

Mr. Lecklider noted that he continues to have concerns regarding the need for a master sign plan. He believes the record reflects that sentiment was expressed by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2014. This new application presents an opportunity for an inventory of the signs and to make sure that, to the extent that Council is satisfied with the existing and the proposed signage, that this is memorialized going forward.

Ms. Salay agrees with having a master sign plan. She noted that on page three of the photos shared by staff, signs D10 and D11 appear to be temporary in nature as is the Volvo sign. Those should be added to the new condition. With US33 signs on the site and no one being certain if they were added over time, it is appropriate to review this as a master sign plan now that the campus is being completed. Whenever cases are brought to the Commission, the more photos that are provided of existing conditions the better. The Commission's discussion may have been different if these photos had been available.

Mr. Lecklider stated that his suggestion for a master sign plan review includes the internal signs that are visible from the right of way, as discussed at the first reading. Perhaps there was more detail about the height of internal signs. He knows that there are internal signs that are lighted and are visible at night from westbound US33. His suggestion is to include that in the larger master sign proposal.
Ms. Salay responded that at this time, those internal signs are not regulated under the City's Code. Any business could have these. She proposes that the City needs to regulate these, as they are signage and as such should be regulated throughout the community.

Mr. Reiner thanked the applicant for addressing the problems with the elevation. In terms of the signage, he agrees that any consolidation would be great. Most of the signs are directional and are beneficial in terms of visitors finding their way through the campus. He understands why they have added signs over time, but agrees that the City does limit signs for purposes of aesthetics.

Mr. Keenan stated that his own experience in visiting this campus is that it is difficult to navigate through it. He is not suggesting anything the City would not impose on itself, such as the wayfinding for Historic Dublin, but an overall comprehensive sign study would lend itself well to the entire project.

Ms. Alutto agreed. They also are customers and visit this campus. The only issue she sees is with the variety of the signs, and that they do not appear to be contiguous across areas. Renderings are needed where photos are not available for review. Dublin's high sign standards are an identifier for the City, and it is important to stay consistent.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if staff has a calculation of the square footage of signage on the campus. That would be an important number to have for this discussion.
Ms. Husak stated that she does not have this information available.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that she is a proponent of having a master sign plan for this campus, and would like to have the total square footage of signage for the property for future review.

Mayor Peterson asked if the applicant wants to respond to the signage issues at this point. There is obviously unanimous concern about the signage.

Brad Parrish, Architectural Alliance, representative of MAG noted the following:

1. He, too, reviewed the signage on the campus and found three signs that are non-conforming – D2, D11 and D10. He has addressed that with the owner and they have intentions to remove them and somehow incorporate them into the blade signage on the site.
2. He emphasized that MAG campus is an automotive shopping mall representing 16 brands. Every brand needs to be represented in the internal workings of the campus. Over the time he has worked with this client and the City, they started a categorization of directional, brand and campus signs. He did speak with the owner about signage in totality. They would like to bring back a master sign plan. However, that will require some period of time to complete for this unique campus. He does not want that to hold up the approval of these last five acres and the wall signs that are associated with the Jaguar and Land Rover facilities. If that can be addressed through a condition, he will submit a master sign plan for the entire site at a later date.

Mayor Peterson asked staff about the best way to accomplish this.
Ms. Readler responded that a condition can be added that requires the applicant to return for a master sign plan approval, which can be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation to Council.
Mayor Peterson responded that seems consistent with the City's standard procedures. He asked if all would be satisfied with this condition related to the signage issues.
It was the consensus of Council to proceed in this manner.

Mayor Peterson asked Mr. Lecklider about any remaining issues he would like to discuss about signage.

Mr. Lecklider stated that he wants to clarify, with the consent of Council, that this master sign plan would include the interior signs as well.
Mayor Peterson responded that the applicant seems to be cooperative about all of the signage issues, and it can certainly be discussed.
Mr. Lecklider stated he would like to have this discussion, including whether it should be grandfathered or not. He would like to ask staff, apart from the MAG application, to review regulations citywide going forward for that particular issue.
Mayor Peterson stated that he notes that the dealership turns on the car flashers in the showroom. It seems this would not be allowed for any other business. Perhaps that should be discussed as well.

Mayor Peterson stated that the additional condition would include submission of a master sign plan, and working with staff and Planning Commission on a recommendation for Council.

Ms. Amorose Groomes commented:

1. The last time the campus was finished, mounding was installed related to the setback along US33. In this iteration, they want to remove a section of the mounding in order to provide a greater vista into the facility from the US33 frontage. There are a series of car dealerships in the community that began as one dealership and changed to another dealership. Examples are the Cadillac dealership on Sawmill that is now Honda; the Hummer dealership on SR161 that is now a Cadillac dealership; the Porsche dealership on Post Road that is now used cars. The City does not have future control over what type of cars will be sold at this facility. She wants to ensure the maintenance of the aesthetics along the US33 corridor. The City indicated it did not want it to be full of car dealerships, yet that is what has occurred. The City wanted consistent mounding along that area so that the view would not be a "sea" of cars for sale. Each time areas of the mounding are removed, the vistas into the car dealerships are opened. She has concerns, not with the cars being sold

today and the high quality of the buildings, but with removing some of the mounding and making this a pond. It seems the size of the pond nearby could be extended, the "fingers" could be moved, and the mounding could be continued that has been in place previously. She would like to hear input about this.

2. She is aware that the City asked the applicant to hold the hedge plantings five feet off the back of the curb. Are these hedge plantings being held five feet off the back of the curb for this portion as well?

Mr. Parrish responded that the landscaping along the new "finger" replicates what was done in the BMW portion.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that some of the older hedge plantings are growing close to the cars and the hedges are being pruned very hard and are not as attractive.

Mr. Lecklider agreed with these concerns. From the beginning, he was not able to reconcile these raised "fingers" as compared to Crown and the City's requirement for Crown to mound and thereby screen their cars. Everywhere else in the community, the cars would be screened. In this case, the attraction for MAG is obviously the visibility along US33. This is achieved to a large degree with the buildings and their distinctive architecture.
Ms. Amorose Groomes added MAG was permitted to have signs at a height much higher than anywhere else in the community.
Mr. Lecklider stated that with respect to the water basins, if there were an option of combining the two, that should be considered. He is not a big supporter of the water features that were included in the last expansion – he does not believe they are substantial enough. He understands there is a practical need for these as well, and he does not have engineering expertise.

Mr. Reiner noted that he understands the desire to tie together the water features. If mounding can be installed and the secondary area still work for retention and detention, that would be fine. However, trying to engineer this tonight is problematic. He agrees with Ms. Amorose Groomes about the future auto dealers that could come to the site, and wondered if that is addressed in the contracts that Council is not privy to. Can amendments be made at this point?
Mr. Parrish responded that he would need to study this further. He knows that sliding the "fingers" to the west would begin to cut down on the building area just by the nature of the finger design. Are there other supplemental underground systems that could be used in lieu of the ponding? He would have to explore that further with staff and the engineers.
Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if there is a possibility of enlarging the existing pond along SR33, making it deeper. It does not seem to have the volume of water to be a functional ecosystem.
Ms. Husak stated it is not a stormwater management pond, just a feature.
Mr. Parrish stated that this is located on the highest point on the site so it could not serve as a stormwater detention pond. Both ponds along SR161/US33 are fed by an underwater well that keeps the water level high at all times. The ponds are used to filter the water that is then used for sprinkler water on site.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the new pond along SR161/US33 is therefore a decorative pond.
Mr. Parrish responded that is correct, adding that the pond furthest to the east near Children's Hospital is a detention pond.
Ms. Salay stated that mounding could therefore be added if this is a decorative pond.
Mr. Parrish responded that the owner of MAG desired to create vistas and a rhythm along the US33 corridor.
Ms. Husak stated that when Subarea B was brought forward in 2012, at the time BMW and Mini were moving from Post Road, the staff recommendation was to increase the

mounding in that area because it was such a concern with the existing main building. However, Council believed it would be appropriate to continue the view, feel and look of the design along SR/161/US33. With Subarea C coming online, staff did not make the recommendation for mounding. Additionally, the Zoning Code does allow for a lowered screening along display areas for vehicles.
Mr. Lecklider thanked her for pointing out the staff recommendation for Subarea B. He does recall the staff recommendation, but also recalls the applicant was not in agreement with that and Council accepted that, albeit not unanimously.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if Council could add a condition to remove the second aesthetic pond and to continue the mounding that is consistent with the balance of the development.
Ms. Readler stated Council can do so. She suggested that the condition include Engineering review and staff consultation to determine if it is feasible.
Ms. Husak added that some clarification would be needed about the extent of the mounding – is it for the entire length of the southern boundary of Subarea C?
Mr. Parrish stated that they are allowed a display window of 25 percent along that frontage. Is this mound for the entire length?
Ms. Amorose Groomes asked about the height of the mound at this point.
Mr. Parrish responded that at the pond it is three feet in height and it increases to six feet.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that some undulations might be appropriate in that mounding.

Ms. Salay asked about the 25 percent display window mentioned. What percentage of that frontage? Is that the 25 percent?
Ms. Husak responded that in the Zoning Code, the vehicle display areas are allowed to have a lowered screening of two feet for 25 percent of the frontage that is used for vehicle display. It relieves the applicant of the vehicle use area screening requirements that are in place for parking lots and drive aisles, etc. What MAG has been permitted to do on Subarea A and Subarea B is to have a lowered screening along the entire length – they were not held at the 25 percent.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated this is similar to what happened at the Lexus dealership on Dublin-Granville Road. The stonewall was very low in front of the cars to achieve that 25 percent.

Vice Mayor Reiner stated that, currently, there are plantings in the previous parcel that will grow to four feet in height. By the landscape code, there must be 3.5 feet of mounding. If they build the mound, they will need to remove the planting screen. He is trying to determine the best benefit aesthetically while helping the client accomplish his mission.
Mr. Parrish stated that is what was done in front of the BMW building. Along the drive, there is landscaping. They have continued that and added some larger trees on this application. They do not have a vehicular display in that area. The display is 50, 60, 70 feet deep from that point, just in front of the showroom. They are not really displaying the cars, but the building.
Vice Mayor Reiner stated that the issue is with putting mounds in and whether it is a gain aesthetically.
Mr. Parrish stated that his assumption is that if the mound is to be done, there would just be a grove of trees across there and not the additional three to four foot hedge that lines the drive at this time.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that there has been a decline in the hedging material on the original section over time. It will occur in this case as well over time. With the mound, there is something attainable.

Mr. Parrish responded that the hedges were on the first "fingers" on the development, back in 1997. The 25 percent is only junipers in front at the tips of the fingers. With BMW, they did not have a vehicular use display.
Mr. Lecklider agreed with Mr. Reiner's analysis of the net/net gain. With respect to the westernmost new pond or water feature, the objective was to create a view shed to the building, correct?
Mr. Parrish confirmed this.
Mr. Lecklider stated that the landscaping on the perimeter of the lot there should achieve some screening of the parking or display.
Mr. Parrish stated that it is for the most part the drive aisle. They are screening the drive aisle adjacent to it. He pointed out the areas on the slide.
Mayor Peterson asked if all of this was reviewed at the Planning and Zoning Commission.
Ms. Salay responded that she was not present at the first Commission meeting where this was discussed. She was present for another hearing where the architecture of the building was the focus, the sign height and the need for articulation on the back piece. The Commission did not spend a lot of time discussing the mounding. They felt staff had thoroughly discussed that aspect with the applicant. The Commission likes this campus – the architecture, its feel, and the fact it is a dynamic, "cool" car campus unlike any other. There was discussion of a pond repeating the other, and the water element and view shed, screening the drive aisle, and having landscaping on the fingers. The mounding versus the pond was not discussed at the Commission.
Ms. Husak stated that staff did not raise this issue. From a staff perspective, they viewed it as a continuation of the existing character of the campus. It had been approved by Planning Commission and Council in the two prior iterations.
Mayor Peterson stated that he believes the general sense is it is a great project on balance. There are issues identified now related to the pond, screening and signs. Council added a condition related to signage. Is the applicant willing to accept a condition about revisiting the pond and mound in order to move forward?
Mr. Parrish responded he would be willing to look at this from an engineering perspective and from the view aspect from US33.
Mayor Peterson asked staff if another condition could be added to address this issue.

Ms. Readler asked if Council wants the applicant to work with staff or work with staff and return to Council for final approval related to exploration of removal of that pond.
Mr. Reiner acknowledged that this is somewhat a subjective matter.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the pond in place has not lived up to the expectations. This new pond is quite a bit smaller and will be less dramatic than the existing one.

Ms. Husak shared a condition she has drafted to address the comments:
Condition 12 – that the applicant revise sign D2 to meet the development text requirements.
Condition 13 is proposed - that the applicant return to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for a comprehensive review and approval of a master sign plan prior to the issuance of sign permits for Subarea C.
Condition 14 is proposed – that the applicant work with staff to eliminate the aesthetic pond along the west side of the southern boundary of Subarea C and provide undulated mounding in its place.

Mayor Peterson asked for clarification about whether the pond and mounding issue would come back to Council for review.
Ms. Husak stated that the Commission would review that as part of their Final Development Plan approval and would have the record of this Council meeting in hand.

Mr. Reiner suggested that they should investigate both solutions and determine the optimal solution.
Mr. Lecklider agreed. He appreciates Ms. Amorose Groomes' point with respect to the newer pond being less substantial than the one in Subarea B. That is a concern to him. He acknowledged that each member's views are probably subjective. He agrees that the best option is to have the applicant explore the undulated mounding in good faith and present those options. The better proposal would then prevail.
Ms. Salay stated she would appreciate renderings of the view from US33, and how that will appear. It is a matter of details and execution. The plant material in the first fingers installed did not result in something attractive. Perhaps that needs to be reworked. It is not meeting expectations.
Ms. Amorose Groomes added that she is confident that Mr. Parrish will do a great job. The campus is beautiful. There are some details to review more closely prior to moving forward. He has done a very nice job with these plans.

Mayor Peterson asked the applicant if he accepts the conditions as amended.
Mr. Parrish asked about Condition 13 related to the master sign plan. What does that do in terms of the proposed signage in the package for the Jaguar/Land Rover franchise – at least for the wall signs? They are unique to this brand, and he would like to move forward with that portion.
The consensus of Council was that the wall signs for this new application are acceptable; the goal of the condition is to have an inventory of all signage on the entire site.
Ms. Salay noted an addition to Condition 12: signs D10 and D11 need to be added.
Mr. Parrish agreed.

Mayor Peterson asked if there are any other concerns not addressed by the additional conditions.

Mr. Lecklider thanked Mr. Parrish and noted he concurs with Ms. Amorose Groomes regarding his efforts and his patience.

Ms. Salay stated that when the master sign plan is reviewed, it should include the internally illuminated signs as discussed.
Mr. Parrish clarified that none of those are internally lit. There is a spotlight on them, but they are not internally lit.

Mayor Peterson asked the Clerk to call the vote on the Ordinance with the conditions as amended tonight.

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

Ordinance 04-16
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.
Mr. McDaniel stated that the new roadway is John Shields Parkway and related improvements between Dale Drive, formerly known as Tuller Ridge Drive and Village Parkway. Staff has been in discussions with the owner and remains hopeful that an amicable agreement can be reached. This is also in reference to using quick take procedures in accordance with Chapter 163 of the Ohio Revised Code, should those

negotiations with the owner be unsuccessful. The fair market value of the land was determined to be $37,158. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance 05-16 (Amended)
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.
Mayor Peterson stated that the ordinance has been amended, and another copy was distributed to Council tonight.
Mr. McDaniel noted that the amended version was also e-mailed to Council.
Ms. Amorose Groomes asked that staff address the changes in the documents.

Ms. Goss responded that the changes relate to details negotiated in the Real Estate Purchase Agreement. They relate to the conditions surrounding the $1 million gift and the financing of the $5.9 million purchase price. She will speak to these in her presentation.
She noted that staff is seeking authorization to proceed with the real estate transaction in the amount of $5.9 million to acquire property located at 6600 Shier Rings Road for purposes of economic development.

- The property is located in Dublin's West Innovation District and is comprised of two parcels consisting of 73.65 acres. It represents one of the largest remaining undeveloped properties with established road frontage on Shier Rings Road and significant views from US US33. It is serviced completely with appropriate water, sewer, accessible roadways and Broadband.
- Given the proximity to Dublin Methodist Hospital and Ohio University, the site presents numerous development and collaboration opportunities. Similar to the City's efforts in the past, the City will have the ability to leverage this job ready site as an economic development incentive and minimize the amount of time spent by a company searching for a potential development site.
- Regarding the financial structure, the $5.9 million purchase price will be paid by the City to the Robert W. Rings Charitable Remainder Unitrust beginning with an initial payment of $1,180,000 at time of closing and four annual installment payments of $1,285,025. In this transaction, the City is fortunate that the seller has agreed to donate $1 million to the City of Dublin within seven years after the execution of the Real Estate Purchase Agreement. The donation will be made to the City to benefit underprivileged and/or handicapped youth within the community through cultural arts and educational opportunities, which may include the construction of related facilities in support of that programming and outreach.
- The details that have been clarified in the final negotiations of the REPA since the first reading include language on how the $1 million donation to the City may be used as well as the payment structure of the purchase price.

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance as amended. She acknowledged Mr. Jon Riegle, Trustee of the Robert W. Rings Trust who is present tonight in the audience.

Mayor Peterson welcomed Mr. Riegle.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked about the change in the language with respect to the cultural arts offerings for underprivileged and/or handicapped youth within the community. There are no definitions included. She would not want to "tie the hands" of those who would want to use these funds for the cultural arts and things that would

be accessible to those groups if this is too narrowly defined. Is the community defined as the School district within the City borders? Or is it contemplated as the community at large? She would like further discussion.

Mr. Keenan agreed that clarity is needed.
Mayor Peterson asked Mr. Riegle to comment.
Mr. Riegle stated that the trust set up by Mr. Rings was established to help children who are handicapped or underprivileged economically, physically or mentally. The community is actually Franklin and Delaware counties so the monies would stay in these communities. The intent was to be ambiguous enough to give leeway, but the use must still abide by the language in the trust. He believes this is a great opportunity for the City. He is hopeful that others will follow suit and donate monies to the City for this purpose. He is hopeful that the City can leverage this gift to entice other entities to donate more monies.
Mr. Keenan stated that, clearly, something like The Miracle League Field would fall within the scope of this intent.
Mr. Riegle stated that the monies must be given to a 501C3 for their operational use.
Mr. Keenan asked Mr. Riegle how, in his view, the cultural arts center would meet this intent.
Mr. Riegle responded that an option is to have programming to bring in underprivileged children so that they can experience the cultural arts, perhaps having handicapped accessibility to the facility, etc.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked for clarification. Mr. Keenan views The Miracle League Field as meeting those criteria, but to her, it is an athletic field and athletics is not cultural arts.
Mr. Keenan stated that The Miracle League serves handicapped youth, however. What he is hearing is that programming for these groups would comply with the requirements of the trust.
Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if athletics would fall into the category of cultural arts.
Mr. Riegle responded that the programming would be used to benefit these groups and that would meet the intent. The intent is for the City to have discretion in disbursing the funds.
Mr. Keenan asked about the process in which the uses for the funds are approved.
Mr. Riegle responded that the requirement is that the City abide by the agreement – brick and mortar type of things, not salaries – for the benefit of these groups.

Ms. Readler added that the stipulation is that the City must abide by the parameters of the Trust; it has to benefit underprivileged or handicapped children. Staff has provided an illustration of how this could be done – perhaps through cultural arts opportunities. That was the City's clarification to the documents. There is a naming provision in the agreement should the monies be used for construction of facilities. If the City did not use the monies for the purposes specified in the Trust, the City would be in a breach of contract situation. Given the broad level of discretion, there are many uses for these funds.
Mr. Riegle stated that as a fiduciary and trustee, he ensures that the funds that are given out are in accordance with the Trust.

Mr. Keenan stated that the City is very grateful for this generous gift, and wants to understand how the monies can be used.

Mayor Peterson asked for clarification about the naming rights.
Mr. Riegle responded that the naming would be "The Robert W. Rings Foundation, Jon P. Riegle Trustee" – which has been used for many other buildings. The City would select where the naming plaque would be in the facility.

Ms. Amorose Groomes added that she was seeking clarity, and appreciates the generosity of the Trust. She was not aware that the City had proposed this additional language in the agreement.

Mr. Lecklider agreed, noting that Council did not have the benefit of the dialogue that took place between City staff and Mr. Riegle.
Ms. Amorose Groomes suggested that the intent of the trust rather than the language in these documents should be used.
Ms. Readler responded that it is clearer to have this spelled out in the agreement in case the documents from the Trust are not available. Staff could obtain the actual language incorporating the Trust and include that.
Ms. Amorose Groomes agreed.
Responding to Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Readler stated that Legal staff will include as an exhibit to the Real Estate Purchase limitations and purpose of the Trust.
Mr. Riegle stated this is acceptable.
Mr. McDaniel stated that the language staff added was intended to focus on the balance between programmatic use and bricks and mortar.

Ms. Salay suggested that perhaps the language should indicate "youth with disabilities."
Ms. Readler responded that the language incorporated reflects what is in the Trust documents.
Mayor Peterson asked if Council needs to amend the ordinance in any way to reflect the exhibit being added.
Ms. Readler responded that staff will attach the limitations and purpose of the Trust as an exhibit and that would not require any amendment to the ordinance.

Vote on the Ordinance 05-16 (Amended): Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Salay, yes; Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Mayor Peterson, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes.

Mayor Peterson thanked Mr. Riegle for his time.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 07-16

Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016. (Second reading/public hearing March 7 Council meeting)

Ms. Salay introduced the ordinance.
Ms. Mumma stated that this ordinance is a routine item brought forward at multiple points throughout the year. It amends the annual 2016 Appropriations to take into account different expenditures.

- The majority of these relate to appropriating funds within the TIF funds that are used to pay the debt service on debt the City has issued. This comprises the majority of this document.
- Because TIF dollars are not appropriated at the beginning of the year, as construction contracts come through during the year, staff follows up with an appropriation amendment to appropriate those funds in those accounts. A couple of these are simply clean-up accounts, where funds were carried over from prior years and contracts were higher than expected.

She offered to respond to questions. Staff is requesting that Council vote at the second reading on March 7.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if more background information could be provided for the benefit of the new Council members. She is not familiar with this process and would like to understand it better. More information about subsequent steps would be helpful, especially the status of TIFs.

Ms. Mumma responded that the projects related to TIFs have been reviewed with Council as part of the Capital Improvement Program. When the 2016 appropriations are brought forward, the TIF funds are not included for accounting reasons. They will be looking at this in the future. She can follow up and provide information from the CIP about the projects and their funding.
Ms. Amorose Groomes asked about the reforestation funds and where this is taking place. Is it throughout the City, or for one or many projects?
Ms. Mumma stated that staff will provide additional information for the second reading.

There will be a second reading/public hearing at the March 7 Council meeting.

Ordinance 08-16
Authorizing the Provision of Certain Incentives to Smiths Medical ASD, Inc. to Induce it to Retain an Office and Its Associated Operations and Workforce within the City, and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement. (Second reading/public hearing March 7 Council meeting)
Mr. Keenan introduced the ordinance.
Mr. Gracia stated that Smiths Medical ASD, Inc. is located at 5200 Upper Metro Place. The economic development retention grant provides for a one-time $30,000 retention grant payment to the company for its retention of 131 jobs and approximately $154,000 in annual payment withholdings. The company is required to execute a lease through at least 2021 for the incentive to be executed. The City estimates it will net approximately $771,000 in withholdings over the term of the agreement.
He offered to respond to any questions.

There will be a second reading/public hearing at the March 7 Council meeting.

Ms. Salay stated that the staff report mentions some additional lease space outside of Dublin. Is the City working to bring those jobs to Dublin as well?
Mr. Gracia clarified that Smiths Medical was considering leasing additional space outside of Dublin in the negotiation process. They also have a manufacturing facility on Shier Rings Road.

Ordinance 09-16
Adopting and Enacting a Supplement (S-39) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, Ohio. (Request to dispense with public hearing)
Mr. Lecklider introduced the ordinance.
Ms. Readler stated that American Legal Publishing has completed the current Supplement to the Dublin Codified Ordinances. This includes all ordinances enacted subsequent to the adoption of the prior supplement. American Legal has recommended revisions to the Code, which are tied to Ohio Revised Code references as well. Staff requests that Council dispense with the public hearing so that this update is effective immediately. Under Charter Section 4.04(a)(5), recodification legislation is effective upon passage. She offered to respond to questions.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked for clarification of the changes, given they will be effective immediately.
Ms. Readler responded that the supplement includes Ohio Revised Code changes that are already effective, technical revisions to the Code that have been approved by Council. This codifies all of the legislation already approved by Council.
Mr. Keenan noted that the tax changes approved by the State legislature are now included in the Dublin Code.

Mr. Lecklider moved to dispense with the public hearing.

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

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTIONS
Resolution 08-16
Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the John Shields Parkway – Phase 2 Project (No. 15-015.0-CIP)
Mr. Keenan introduced the resolution.
Mr. McDaniel state that this bid is related to next phase of John Shields Parkway – Phase 2. The underground work is significantly completed. This new roadway will be built to the specifications of the Bridge Street District streetscape study, which Council approved in 2014. The staff report provides additional background, and the map depicts the location of the roadway. The successful bid from Savko & Sons was for $7.7 million. The engineer's estimate was $8.6 million.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked the following questions:

1. How does the cost per linear foot in Phase 2 compare to the cost per linear feet of Phase 1? Have there been significant changes in Phase 2? The topography is different. The Site Conditions are listed as a separate line item, and the Roadway Construction is listed as a different line item. Are the costs close to what had been projected? Now that one of the projects has been completed, she would like to know if the costs are close to those that were projected.

Ms. Bishop responded that on John Shields Parkway, Phase 1, the costs are actually below the estimates. The cost is approximately $3,800 per linear foot for the 350-foot long roadway – a small project. Moving into Riverside Drive and John Shields Parkway Phase 2, they are seeing estimates below the City's CIP estimates per linear foot. She has not calculated the per linear foot cost, but it could be quickly calculated by dividing $7.7 million by 3,100 linear foot. It is definitely below what was projected.

2. When Phase One was under construction, she traveled through that area and viewed the tree pits that were being installed. She discussed the issue with Mr. Reiner on April 20, 2015. The most critical component of the Bridge Street character is the streetscape. It did not appear that the tree pits were being constructed in such a fashion that a tree could reach ultimate maturity. These particular tree wells were to have sycamores or London plane trees. It did not appear that there was sufficient substantive materials for the tree pits to produce the desired, long-term canopy for that area. Have those changed in Phase 2, or is the construction consistent with that in Phase 1?

Ms. Bishop responded that they are consistent with Phase 1. What has been revised is how we inspect the tree pits. The details are the same. She recalls the issue, which related to the pedestal on which the tree is set. The excavation is down from that point. Greater attention is made during inspections to ensure the pedestal is set and that the tree depth or pit depth is excavated to the appropriate depth.

Ms. Amorose Groomes inquired if there is not any structural soil continuing under the adjacent asphalt or sidewalks.
Ms. Bishop responded that there will be structural soil between and under the planters that is 30 inches in depth in the John Shields Parkway Phase 2 design.
Ms. Amorose Groomes inquired if it is only contained within the planter.
Ms. Bishop responded that is outside the planters. Planting soil is within the planters, and structural soil under the adjacent hard surface between the planters to facilitate the tree root growth.

Ms. Amorose Groomes noted she is talking of a linear fashion, consistent with the width of the planters. The length would run planter to planter.
Ms. Bishop responded that is correct.

Vice Mayor Reiner stated that Council discussed that issue in the early phases of the Parkway, and the City Manager and staff were directed to address that issue.
Mr. McDaniel responded that he recalls that dialogue last spring, which was followed up on by staff.
Mr. Reiner noted that the issue is important. OSU has conducted a study on this subject, and an 8-foot by 8-foot planter is needed, or a linear design to ensure that the trees can grow to their fullest extent.
Ms. Salay stated that as has been alluded to – the mature streetscape is where the "magic" happens. She had a long conversation with staff landscape architect Joanne Shelly about this, after the issue was raised earlier. Was there a follow-up memo on the issue?
Ms. Bishop responded that there was a follow-up memo.
Ms. Salay inquired if a copy of that memo could be provided to the new Council members. If Vice Mayor Reiner and Ms. Amorose Groomes, who have expertise in this line of business, could review that, it would be helpful.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that she would be interested in the inspection process for that, as well, as she did not observe that at the site. The City is paying $3,800 per linear foot to construct that road, and if we do not achieve the tree canopy covering for it, the City will have missed the mark.

Mr. McDaniel stated that when this issue was brought to staff's attention, there was an inspection issue. As a result, staff has reviewed the structural soil mix, how it is laid out, and the inspection process itself.
Ms. Bishop stated that is correct. The structural soil is not installed in John Shields Parkway Phase 1 between the planter beds, as Ms. Groomes has alluded.
Ms. Groomes stated that is correct. She was on site and observed that it was not included. It is essential to address this, because $3,800 per linear foot for streets that will not have a tree canopy is not what was desired.
Mr. McDaniel responded that one positive is that Phase 1 was a short section, so "lesson learned" before moving on to much longer stretches of this roadway. The issue was brought to their attention, and the process has been improved, going forward. With their expertise, any other issues noted also would be welcomed, and adaptations made accordingly.

Mr. Keenan added that the cost of $3,800 per linear foot includes special finishes, such as granite curbs.
Mr. Bishop responded that it includes granite curbing for the planters and brick pavers.
Mr. Keenan stated that he does not want to leave the residents with the impression that the City is paying $3,800 per linear foot for asphalt streets.
Mr. McDaniel stated that it is important to remember the maintenance cost on the back end. An analysis was conducted, which indicated an anticipated return on the investment, due to that maintenance.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that was not her issue. It was only related to the trees.
Mr. Keenan stated that he understands, but he wanted to avoid other misinterpretations of the $3,800 cost per linear feet.

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

Resolution 11-16
Intent to Appropriate a 0.736 Acre, More or Less, Fee Simple Right-of-Way (of which 0.420 Acres is Within Present Road Occupied); a 0.135 Acre, More

or Less, Permanent Utility Easement; and a 0.034 Acre, More or Less, Temporary Construction Easement from Alexis L. Gosetto, from the Property Located at 6789 Rings Road, for the Public Purpose of Roadway Construction.

Mr. Lecklider introduced the resolution.

Ms. Readler stated that these appropriations are necessary for the construction of the roundabout intersection at Rings and Church roads and relocation of a Columbia Gas main line along Rings Road. Legal hopes to reach an amicable agreement with the owner, but this resolution authorizes them to begin the appropriation process. The appraised value is $14,250.

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

Resolution 12-16

Supporting House Bill 277 to Eliminate Double Taxation in the Delaware and Union County Portions of the City of Dublin.

Mr. Lecklider introduced the resolution.

Mr. McDaniel stated that it is not often that a resolution is brought forward in support of legislation at the State level, but it is something Council may see more frequently as a result of the Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association reactivated and their recent focus on legislative matters. He also recognized Washington Township Trustee Denise King, who brought this item to the City's attention, and resident Bob Fathman, who is actively involved in the effort. Essentially, the Delaware County Auditor had not been applying the 9-1-1 levy to portions of the City that lie within Delaware County. As the statute is currently written, they are required to do so. The Delaware County Auditor has taken this matter to the State level, with the support of State Representative Brenner to change the application of these levies within counties. If the law were changed, it would enable counties to charge only charge for the 9-1-1 levy in the areas in which it applies. In the case of Dublin residents who live in Union County, that tax is being applied even though the costs for the system are paid through City funds. Council's support is requested for this matter, which Rep. Brenner has taken to the House of Representative. The bill has passed the Local Government Committee in the House by a vote of 11-0. It will now move on to the Senate. All indications are that the Senate will approve the legislation. Barring any unforeseen obstacles, the bill is anticipated to pass as early as June 2016. After passage, the Governor would sign it in approximately 90 days. While the State statute may change to reflect that action, the decision to apply it remains with the county. If passed, follow-up action by the City would be necessary to ensure the double taxation does not occur with Union and Delaware counties. Jay Somerville, the City's Bureau Commander has been active in communications with the State.

Mayor Peterson stated that at the recent Washington Township Trustees meeting, Ms. King brought this matter to his attention. He asked that Washington Township Administrator Sarah Ott, who is present this evening, pass along Council's appreciation for raising the issue. He believes this bill is an effort to fix something, not a novel proposal.

Vice Mayor Reiner thanked Mr. Fathman and team for their efforts to remedy a taxation without services issue.

Mr. Keenan recognized Jay Somerville for his work as well. He also spoke recently at the Ohio Collaborative Policy-Community Advisory Board on Police issues within that area. His leadership is appreciated.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the City has notified the Union and Delaware County Commissioners and Auditors of the City's position on the matter.

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

Resolution 13-16
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Rev1 Ventures (formerly known as TechColumbus).

Mr. Lecklider introduced the resolution.

Ms. Gilger stated that this is a proposed agreement with Rev1 Ventures, formerly TechColumbus. This agreement would authorize a continuation of services focused on new company, technology and job creation in exchange for the City providing matching funds for the Third Frontier grant funding program. The proposed agreement for 2016 is consistent with previous agreements, including:

- providing one experienced staff member with a significant focus on Dublin;
- maintaining an office/presence at the Dublin Entrepreneurial Center;
- facilitating and promoting networks among entrepreneurial/technology start-ups;
- marketing and communicating to promote their services;
- providing access to "entrepreneurs in residence";
- providing access to entrepreneurial training.

Tom Walker, Rev1 Venture CEO and President, stated that Council's continued support of Rev1 would allow them to support the start-up of new entrepreneurial ventures within the region. The company serves a 15-county region, but 90-95% of their deal flow comes from the City of Dublin and City of Columbus area. Dublin is a true leader in start-ups. Their company focuses on the amount of capital that is attracted by these start-ups to the region. They do not have significant organized venture in central Ohio. Their companies have attracted nearly $63 million in venture capital, at this point. The leverage on the Dublin investment is 39:1 on the capital alone. Those companies have nearly $50 million in revenue today. Adding just those two capital pieces indicates a 62:1 leverage, which is very significant. When comparing these stats to other communities in the region – Dublin is a true leader.

Mr. Keenan inquired if there are other suburban neighbors participating in this venture, as well.

Mr. Walker responded that they have seven community partners, including Franklin County and the cities of Columbus, Dublin, New Albany, Grove City, Westerville and Upper Arlington.

Mr. Keenan inquired if the City of Marysville is participating with the same group, or is it a separate group.

Mr. Walker responded that they are not. Their company provides outreach into those communities, which includes the City of Delaware, but they are not cash participants, at this point.

Mr. Lecklider inquired if they could reveal the identity of the angel investor, who contributed $5.8 million.

Mr. Walker responded that is not a single angel investor. It should read "individual angels." They track the difference between angel groups, because in central Ohio, they have one of the largest and best angel groups in the country – the Rev1 program, the Ohio Tech Angel Fund. They also track individual angel investments into companies, so the $5 million figure would include 75 plus individual angels.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McDaniel reported the following:

1. The End of Snow Season Celebration will be held on Tuesday, March 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Service Center. This is an appreciation luncheon for employees of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Fleet.
2. Mid Century Neighborhood street and sidewalk improvement project update will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 6:30-8 p.m., at Thomas Elementary School on Tuttle Road.
3. Retaining wall construction is scheduled on North High Street and there will be a restriction to one lane between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for several weeks.
4. He is proud to announce the Full Re-accreditation of the Public Works Department. The City is fortunate that Council supported the re-accreditation of the Parks and Recreation as well as Police Departments this past year. These are a great validation of how the City does business, and several of the standards and operations/procedures used by Dublin are now being held as a national model as a result of this last inspection.
5. Announced that Megan O'Callaghan and her husband, Tim, are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Jack, born today!
6. Noted that Mr. Keenan, Administrative Chair has been working with staff on retreat planning.

Mr. Keenan noted that the proposed agenda has been provided to Council for input. He noted that Ms. Amorose Groomes was interested in having some time on the agenda for a miscellaneous topic, perhaps that could be accommodated late morning. Ms. Salay suggested that perhaps the Open Meetings/Public Records topic has been addressed for the new members through City onboarding. Perhaps this topic could be eliminated from the agenda.
Mr. McDaniel stated that he will work with the Committee and Ms. Novak to finalize the agenda this week.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked about the North High Street widening and how much wider it will be.
Ms. Cox responded that the widening project will take place just north of North Street and will construct a left-hand turn lane from southbound High Street into Building Z of Bridge Park West.
Mr. Keenan asked if there is a future road that will be adjacent to Indian Run.
Ms. Cox responded that is the North Riverview Street connection.
Mr. McDaniel stated that the issues of intersections and full movements are still under design and discussion. An update will be provided to Council at the retreat or at an upcoming work session. There are a lot of sequencing issues involved.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the widening is to accommodate a turn lane into the development, correct? Is that part of the economic development agreement with the developer?
Ms. Cox responded that is correct.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that the City is therefore paying for the costs of this left turn lane. This economic development agreement was approved several months ago by Council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Salay, Planning and Zoning Commission representative stated that they reviewed the Final Development Plan and approved Block A of Bridge Park East on Thursday evening. They also reviewed a master sign plan for Bridge Park East.

Mr. Keenan, Administrative Committee Chair stated that:

1. The retreat is planned for Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11. Council members are to provide any further input regarding the agenda.
2. The board and commission candidate interview date is confirmed as Wednesday, March 2. Because of the timing of some of the board and commission meetings in early April, Council may need to consider the reappointments at the March 7 meeting – if the March 21 Council meeting is cancelled. He understands there may not be a quorum available for March 21 due to spring break.
3. A date is needed for reviews of the City Manager and Clerk of Council. Council members are to respond to the Clerk regarding the proposed dates.
4. Staff has requested that Council adjust their August meeting date from Monday, August 8 to Wednesday, August 10 due to the parking lot not being available the Monday following the Irish Festival.

Mr. Keenan moved to adjust the Monday, August 8 Regular meeting to Wednesday, August 10.
Ms. Salay seconded the motion.
Vote on the motion: Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mayor Peterson, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Lecklider, yes; Vice Mayor Reiner, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Ms. Salay, yes.

Mr. Reiner, Community Development Committee Chair reminded everyone that a meeting is scheduled on Monday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers to review the Beautify your Neighborhood grant applications.

Mr. Keenan, Finance Committee Chair noted that the quarterly financial update is scheduled on Monday, April 11 and the Finance Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. regarding health benefits. A Finance Committee of the Whole meeting was held recently regarding hotel-motel tax policy. There is need for a future discussion of hotel-motel tax grant criteria at some point.
Mr. Lecklider stated that the criteria should be reviewed, given it has not been revisited in many years.
Ms. Mumma stated that perhaps a work session could be scheduled in the second half of 2016 for this topic, maybe in conjunction with a quarterly financial update.
Mr. Keenan agreed.

Mr. Lecklider, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission representative noted that a breakfast meeting is scheduled on Friday, February 26 for newly elected officials.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that she is attending this breakfast.

Mr. Lecklider, US US33 Corridor Innovation Group stated that they meet on February 12 at Jerome Township Hall for their regular monthly meeting. The consultants were present and they are working toward final recommendations. There has been some discussion about having these consultants at a Dublin City Council meeting to provide an update, but that date has not been determined yet.
Mr. McDaniel added that Jamie Greene may be able to attend the Council retreat for the US33 Corridor update. There will be a breakfast meeting on Friday, March 31 between the Dublin Chamber of Commerce and Union County Chamber of Commerce, sponsored by the City of Dublin. The concept is to give an opportunity to the parties from the Chambers to discuss the vision plan. More information will be forthcoming.

Ms. Amorose Groomes noted that she and Ms. Alutto, Dublin Board of Education liaisons have not met with the School group since the last Council meeting. However, all Council members received an invitation to "Dublin Difference," scheduled at Dublin Jerome High School on Tuesday evening, March 1.
Ms. Salay asked if this is an open house format.

Ms. Amorose Groomes responded it is a community event. She is not aware if this a new event for them.
Mayor Peterson added that the State of the Schools is not scheduled this year. It is not an annual event. The Dublin Difference will be held instead.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Amorose Groomes:

1. Asked about the status of a technology task force, and whether any progress has been made.

Mr. McDaniel responded that an update will be provided for the next Council packet.

2. Asked about parking in Historic Dublin, and if any further discussion has taken place. She is meeting with Mr. Grabill tomorrow on this topic.

Mr. McDaniel responded that Mr. Grabill was at City Hall for the Community Entertainment District meeting and he indicated to Mr. Grabill that staff would be setting up a meeting for this discussion with him.

3. Suggested that when Ms. Salay has an opportunity to review the MAG information with the Commission that she ask them to look past the cars in the parking lot today and consider what the future might be for them.

Mr. Keenan suggested that Council make a decision tonight about the potential cancellation of the March 21 meeting. He asked Mr. McDaniel if staff anticipates that any critical items can be addressed at the March 7 meeting.
Mr. McDaniel responded that staff can plan accordingly.
It was the consensus of Council to cancel the Monday, March 21 Regular Council meeting due to the spring break vacations, resulting in a lack of a quorum.

Mayor Peterson:

1. Reported that the follow-up to the Heroin Town Hall meeting was held last Thursday morning. It was well attended, with the A.C.T. Coalition participating. He commented that Chief von Eckartsberg was in attendance and he is taking a leadership role regarding innovative solutions for this issue. Ms. Amorose Groomes was also present. He is very proud of Chief's leadership and thanked him for his work on this.
2. Noted he has received more calls from residents about dying and dead Ash trees, especially on neighboring properties. With a strong windstorm, there is a chance the trees could come down. At a breakfast with a neighbor today, the neighbor indicated he has removed 50 Ash trees from his property. Many do not have the financial means to do this, and the problem will not go away. He does not know whether or not the Dublin Code addresses this issue.

Ms. Amorose Groomes commented that the Code does address dead plant material. There is a process of notification by registered mail and what results when a dead tree falls onto neighboring properties.
Mayor Peterson stated that this problem is not going away, as every Ash tree will eventually die from this disease. He suggested that perhaps there are cities who have legislation that addresses this issue.
Ms. Amorose Groomes stated there are remedies that exist, and property owners should be aware of those remedies.
Mr. Lecklider added that there are also some residents who are working to preserve their Ash trees through injections. The Ash trees along Emerald Parkway have been treated by the City.
Mr. McDaniel stated that if there is an immediate safety concern, that is an issue. The City monitors the trees in the right-of-way and on public land. Staff will work to provide some options for this issue.

3. Commented that the City received recognition from the Ohio Senate for being named "The Best Ohio City for Families." This recognition was sent by

President Keith Faber and Senator Jim Hughes. He thanked them for this recognition.

4. Noted that the Chamber's Economic Forecast Breakfast is scheduled tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. at Dublin Methodist Hospital.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Mayor – Presiding Officer

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Clerk of Council