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Held June 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fox called the Monday, June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Ms. Alutto, Ms. Amorose Groomes, Vice Mayor De Rosa, Mayor Fox, Ms. Kramb and Mr. Reiner. Mr. Keeler was absent.

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Readler, Ms. O’Callaghan, Mr. Stiffler, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Dearth, Ms. Goliver, Ms. Blake, Mr. Hammersmith, Mr. Gable, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Rayburn, Ms. Willis, Ms. Weisenauer, Mr. Boggs, Ms. Dotson, and Chief Paez.

Also present: Michael Haynes, Rainbow Dublin and Community Inclusion Advisory Committee (CIAC) Member; Imran Malik, CIAC Chair; and Kim Sharp, COTA; Elliott Lewis, MORPC; and Justin Goodwin, City of Columbus – all for the LinkUS Update.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Fox moved to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of:

- Personnel Matters: considering the appointment of a public official.

Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes.

RECONVENE – 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fox invited Mr. Reiner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Pride Month

Mayor Fox stated that each year during the month of June, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is celebrated in honor of the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York City. The Stonewall Inn, and the rebellion, became the iconic flashpoint that sparked the long uphill battle toward equality for members of the LGBTQ+ community. Dublin values diversity, equity and inclusion for all and remains committed to providing opportunities for residents, businesses and visitors to be heard. She expressed pride in the City’s ongoing efforts such as the creation of the Community Inclusion Advisory Committee (CIAC) and the LGBTQ+ Liaison Program. With the support of Rainbow Dublin, the City passed a non-discrimination ordinance in November 2021. The ordinance creates city-level protections for people experiencing discrimination based on their sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression, among other protected statuses. Mayor Fox invited Michael Haynes, a member of the CIAC, a representative of Rainbow Dublin and a member of the LGBTQ community, to come forward and offer any additional comments about Pride Month.

Mr. Haynes stated that a Pride walk was held on June 12, 2022 at Riverside Crossing park in conjunction with the Dublin Link Bridge lighting. It was a time of community and sharing, but it was also a time to remember and reflect. June 12 is the anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub massacre from 2016, where 49 people were killed and 58 wounded. It remains the deadliest attack on the LGBTQ community. Mr. Haynes expressed gratitude for the City staff who were present at the Pride festivities and thanked the Mayor for speaking on short notice. There were over 150 people in attendance. He stated that he is already looking forward to next year and possibly expanding the event. Mr. Haynes shared that there will be a “Coming Out” party in August and encouraged anyone interested to go to the Rainbow Dublin website (rainbowdublinoh.org) where there are links and resources. Rainbow Dublin is working on creating more informational flyers and resources, and he stated that his hope that



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the City will help disperse the information. He shared that there are opportunities for further discussions within the schools, as there is truly a stark difference between the City's support for inclusion and the schools'. He provided an example of a class called "Women's Studies" that had the class description intentionally scrubbed to be clear of any LGBTQ reference. He expressed appreciation for the great work the City is doing and maybe there is an opportunity to be a partner to the schools and help them deal with these issues that are important to their students and families.

Juneteenth

Mayor Fox shared that June 19, 1865 was the day that enslaved Africa Americans in Galveston, Texas were told the news of the abolition of slavery by Union soldiers. This date is also known as Freedom Day. On this day, many families gather in fellowship to share food, music and traditions. This is also a time to celebrate Black excellence in our community and uplift Black and African American voices. The City will honor the holiday with the Juneteenth Commemoration and Celebration and a walk across the Dublin Link Bridge on June 19 starting at 8:45 p.m. at the Riverside Crossing Park. The Dublin Link pedestrian bridge will be lit the evenings of June 19 and 20 in honor of the holiday. The colors are: red, white and blue (on the sides of the bridge) which represents that Juneteenth is a unique experience for Black Americans; and red, green and yellow (the main tower) representing the Pan-African flag colors, which in turn represent the African Diaspora. Black and African people's experiences are at the core of the holiday, and the colors celebrate Blackness. Mayor Fox invited Imran Malik forward to make any additionbal comments about Juneteenth.

Mr. Malik, Chair of the CIAC, shared his gratitude to the City for establishing the CIAC and having the vision to bring all diverse communities and cultures together for all residents moving forward together and stronger. He was also on the Chief's Advisory Committee. The mission of these committees is to build an inclusive community for everyone. He thanked the City for continuing to work on these initiatives. He encouraged everyone's attendance at the Junteenth Commemoration Celebration on June 19. Mayor Fox thanked Mr. Malik for his leadership on CIAC and mentioned that Communications and Public Information would be putting more information out about the Juneteenth holiday.

LinkUS Update

Mayor Fox welcomed Kim Sharp, COTA, to come forward with an update regarding the LinkUS project. Ms. Sharp shared a presentation with Council. She stated that it is important to recognize that we are building on foundational work that began in 2014 with MORPC's Insight 2050 Report, continued with COTA's NetGen community transit vision and then followed with the Insight 2050 Corridor Concepts that showed the impact of growth on specific corridors. We are now moving into the implementation phase and want your input on your community's high-level, multi-modal investment priorities. Through LinkUS, our region can address our most important current and future challenges and grow our competitive advantages. We are focused on Equity, Workforce Advancement, Innovation, Affordability, Economic Development and Sustainability.

Ms. Sharp stated that Franklin County and the surrounding area is growing from 2 million people in 2010 to 3 million people in 2050. We want to be proactive not reactive; and we want to manage growth in a more sustainable, affordable way. The key to achieving this is an emphasis on a next generation of rapid transit infrastructure, including dedicated transitway, modern vehicles, and high-quality stations. She shared a visual of the High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Corridors envisioned by COTA's NextGen and insight 2050 Corridor concepts. The LinkUS partners have accomplished much work over the past 18 months, completing the first phases of study for the Northwest and East-West Corridors. Each of these corridors have been identified for transformative investment as part of a premium Bus Rapid Transit network. She shared the recommended preferred alternative of the Northwest Corridor. The initial segment highlights include: connection to activity centers (OhioHealth, OSU, Battelle, Downtown, etc), Ridership (covers 2/3 of forecasted ridership) and other COTA future local service to connect and support the Bus Rapid



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Transit. A work session is being planned with Dublin staff to discuss Phase 2 approach and timing. She stressed that this is years of planning, design and construction. LinkUS combines high-capacity corridors with regionwide improvements in transit, sidewalks, bike trails and other transit supportive infrastructure to better align the entire region’s mobility program. Ms. Sharp shared program goals that she believes can be accomplished by 2030 and then by 2050. Total need for this program is an estimated \$19-\$22 billion which sounds like a lot, but for perspective, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan totals about \$30 billion. We have already spent a good amount of money on mobility improvements. She shared a graphic showing where funding would come from for this project. All jurisdictions in COTA’s service area would be eligible for Transit Supportive Infrastructure Funds for sidewalks, trails, and transit-supporting roadway improvements. Ms. Sharp provided a copy of the Community Action Plan to each Council Member. The significance of this project for Dublin is:

- Northwest Corridor Bus Rapid Transit
- COTA/Plus
- Bus network enhancements
- Greenway connections
- Access to transit supportive infrastructure funds.

Ms. Sharp stated that the COTA Board of Trustees will decide in July whether or not to put the sales tax on an upcoming ballot. The Federal Transit Administration also considers community support when evaluating high-capacity transit corridors seeking federal funds. She reiterated that this is just one step in a multi-year process. She stated that the LinkUS team is committed to ongoing engagement with Dublin City leadership and its residents.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked how they are thinking about futuristic mobility such as autonomous vehicles and changing technology. Ms. Sharp stated that they are always seeking to find what would really connect the region. Emerging technologies is a part of the project model in anticipation of technical advancements. Vice Mayor De Rosa asked to hear more about the East – West connections and State Route 161. Ms. Sharp stated that the job centers have shifted and we need to rethink the coming and going of the work force. Vice Mayor De Rosa encouraged additional public engagement.

Ms. Sharp announced an upcoming in-person LinkUS Northwest Corridor Informational meeting on June 23 at 6:00 p.m. at 807 Kinnear Road (Boy Scout facility). She also shared that virtual meetings will be offered on Wednesday, June 29. She will be providing those dates to Communications and Public Information so they can get information out to the residents about these meeting opportunities.

Ms. Amorose Groomes appreciates the thoughts on the greenways. Coordination with the Rapid 5 project will speak volumes and will greatly help understanding how the construction of these rapid transit systems will happen. These will be the roadways of the future. She expressed appreciation for the LinkUS team highlighting those points for the residents.

Mr. McDaniel thanked the LinkUS team for the presentation and stated that staff will continue to meet with them and talk through the development of this project.

Mayor Fox agreed that the innovation and the greenways are very important. She stated it is important to bridge the future needs with the character of a community.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was no request to remove a consent agenda item.

- May 23, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Notice to the Legislative Authority regarding a New D3 Liquor Permit for Quickgroome Inc., dba Roosters Mens Grooming Ctr, 6455 Perimeter Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43016.



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- Notice to the Legislative Authority regarding a New D3 Liquor Permit for Fukuryu Ramen Inc., dba Fukuryu Ramen, 4540 Bridge Park Ave, Dublin, Ohio 43017.
- Notice to the Legislative Authority regarding the Transfer of Ownership of D1, D2, D3, D3A and D6 Liquor Permits from The Thirsty Eagle LLC, Bogey Bar and Grill, Patio & Volleyball Courts, 6013 Glick Road, Dublin Powell, Ohio 43065 to MVGC BI LLC, Patio & Volleyball Courts, 6013 Glick Road, Dublin Powell, Ohio 43065.

Ms. Alutto moved to approve the consent agenda.  
Vice Mayor De Rosa seconded.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Alutto, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes.

**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 20-22**  
**Declaring the Improvement to Certain Parcels of Real Property in the City’s Bridge Street District to be a Public Purpose and Exempt from Taxation, Providing for the Collection and Deposit of Service Payments, Specifying the Purposes for which those Service Payments may be Expended and Authorizing Compensation Payments to the Dublin City School District and the Tolles Career and Technical Center**

Mr. Stiffler stated that there are no changes from the first reading of this Ordinance and staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes.

**Ordinance 21-22**  
**Adopting the Proposed Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2023**

Mr. Stiffler stated that there have been no changes from the first reading of this Ordinance and staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes.

**Ordinance 22-22**  
**Amending the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022**

Mr. Stiffler stated that there have been no changes from the first reading of this Ordinance. He clarified that staff would be signing Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with the organizations with which we intend to appropriate funding. As staff engages with these organizations that have matching fund requirements, staff will be making these MOUs part of the agreement.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Alutto, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes.

**Ordinance 23-22**  
**Amendment to Zoning Code Section 153.999 to Update the Penalty Code Regarding Demolition of Historic Structures**

Ms. Holt stated that all requested updates from the first reading have been incorporated into the text. Staff recommended approval.



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Mayor Fox asked if there was a way to define the word “objects” as it is used in the text for items of historical significance to reduce confusion.

Ms. Kramb stated that she corresponded with the legal team about this legislation. There is a definition for the word “objects” in the Federal Code. She stated she is fine with the way the text is currently written.

Mayor Fox asked if the definition could be incorporated in the text. Ms. Readler stated that legal did not want to incorporate the definition into the Code as it could change over time and this is a common term among historical structure references. She suggested adding a reference to the definitions in the Federal Code rather than putting the language into this Code section.

Vote on the Ordinance: Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mayor Fox, yes.

**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES**  
**Ordinance 24-22**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Infrastructure Agreement with EG Retail (America) LLC for the Turkey Hill Project**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Hammersmith stated that EG Retail (America) is the developer for the Turkey Hill project, which is the improvement of 5.5+/- acres of land at the southwest corner of the Shier Rings Road and Avery Road intersection for a gas station with carwash and new drive thru restaurant in conjunction with a convenience store, all designated as auto-oriented commercial facilities. The Turkey Hill project is subject to City of Dublin and City of Columbus standards that require public sanitary sewer to be extended through the site to surrounding properties to accommodate sanitary sewer service to any upstream tributary area. The University Boulevard, Phase 2 project already includes the construction of the public sanitary sewer extension along the Turkey Hill site Avery Road frontage that would have otherwise been the responsibility of the Turkey Hill project to construct. As part of development of the Turkey Hill site and a condition of approval as part of Conditional Use Case 20-162CU, the Developer is required to reimburse Dublin through an Infrastructure Agreement to be considered by City Council, for the actual cost of the public sanitary sewer extension along the site’s Avery Road frontage. EG Retail (America) LLC will reimburse the City of Dublin \$34,702.00, which represents the actual cost of the public sanitary sewer extension along the site’s Avery Road frontage. The City of Dublin does not have any financial obligations under the Infrastructure Agreement. EG Retail (America) LLC will make a good faith effort to reimburse Dublin the cost of the public sanitary sewer extension prior to building occupancy, but no later than September 1, 2022.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for the June 27, 2022 Council meeting.

Mayor Fox moved to waive the Council Rules of Order so that Ordinance 25-22, 26-22 and 27-22 can be considered together.

Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Mayor Fox, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes.

**Ordinance 25-22**  
**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire Certain Property Located on Shawan Falls Drive, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 273-000797-00 from OhioHealth Corporation, an Ohio Not-for-Profit Corporation for the Public Purpose of Replacing the Shawan Falls Drive Bridge which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**



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**Ordinance 26-22**  
**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire Certain Property Located on Shawan Falls Drive, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Numbers 273-000785-00 and 273-000786-00 from 220 W. Bridge St., LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, for the Public Purpose of Replacing the Shawan Falls Drive Bridge which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

**Ordinance 27-22**  
**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire Certain Property Located on Shawan Falls Drive, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 273-002485-00 from Biscar Properties, LLC, for the Public Purpose of Replacing the Shawan Falls Drive Bridge which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinances.  
Mr. Hammersmith stated that the Shawan Falls Drive Bridge Replacement Project will provide for the replacement of the existing two-lane Shawan Falls Drive Bridge that is presently structurally deficient. The new structure will be a three-lane bridge with sidewalk and includes the replacement of the existing traffic signal at the SR161/West Bridge Street and Shawan Falls Drive/Corbins Mill Drive intersection with traffic signal mast arms consistent with the Bridge Street District design guidelines. This project will also construct a sidewalk on the west side of Shawan Falls Drive for pedestrians to access the Indian Run Falls Park from West Bridge Street and extend the Shawan Falls Drive turn lanes. A good faith offer letter, the appraisal report and associated information were provided to all property owners in December 2021. All property owners agreed to the appraised value.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked why the decision was made to put the pedestrian walkway on the west side of the street. Mr. Hammersmith stated that there is a significant grade difference and the east side does not provide sufficient room for the walkway.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked why the sidewalk ends where it does and does not extend to the post office. Mr. Hammersmith stated that working with the federal government, on their land (post office), can be very difficult and time intensive. He stated that staff has not given up on the idea of extending the sidewalk, it just wouldn't be part of this project. Vice Mayor De Rosa expressed appreciation for continuing to work on that extension. She also stated she would like to see additional bike racks and bike parking. Mr. Hammersmith stated that they can be added.

In response to Mayor Fox's question regarding sidewalk versus shared-use path, Mr. Hammersmith stated it will be a sidewalk due to the additional width that would be needed for a shared-use path being problematic on the west side.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for the June 27, 2022 Council meeting.

**INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 27-22**  
**Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the 2022 Sidewalk Maintenance Program**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.  
Mr. Gable stated that on May 25, 2022, three bids were received and publicly opened for the Annual Sidewalk Maintenance Program. This program is funded through the Capital Improvements Program and is budgeted at \$250,000. All of the bids received were higher than the revised estimate. Staff has determined that this is likely due to multiple factors; inflation, trucking costs, and recent fuel costs increases. For both sidewalk replacements and shaving, the resulting total estimated cost for this program



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in 2022 is \$321,020. Engineering has consulted with Finance, and staff anticipates being able to cover the additional Program cost using other unencumbered budgeted funds or within the actual 2022 income tax revenues. The work for this Program is expected to commence in July 2022 and is expected to be complete by September 30, 2022.

Engineering works closely with the Dublin Forestry staff on the sidewalk repair process to ensure impact to trees will be minimized where feasible. If Forestry staff determines that a tree should be removed, Forestry staff will remove the tree, grind the stump and replace the tree following completion of the sidewalk replacement. Trees that have larger roots removed in the sidewalk repair process could have their canopies thinned and trimmed by Forestry staff. In 2021, approximately six street trees required removal as a result of the necessary root pruning. In the event it is determined the necessary root pruning could be detrimental to the adjacent street tree, staff will pursue meandering the sidewalk around the tree. Typically, sidewalk meandering does require an easement outside of right-of-way from the adjacent property owner. When pursuing this approach, staff reviews and discusses the meandering with the property owner and the easement must be donated to the City if the resident is agreeable to the meandering. In 2021, sidewalk was meandered around street trees at three separate locations.

In response to Ms. Kramb’s question regarding the error in the estimate, Mr. Gable stated that there was a miscalculation in the overall sidewalk costs. The price was not adjusted appropriately for the quantity of the repairs in the project.

Mr. Reiner stated that sidewalk shaving is important in this process. He asked if the homeowner has some say in whether or not the tree will be removed. Mr. Gable stated staff tries to offer a choice. He stated that the additional testing that can be done to determine the structural quality of the tree before removal will be very helpful in this process as well.

In response to Mr. Reiner’s question about replacing any removed trees, Mr. Gable stated that they work with Forestry and streets to get the tree replaced. Mayor Fox stated that the City has taken on the responsibility of maintaining the sidewalks in Dublin, which many cities don’t do. In other cities, the responsibility falls on the property owner.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that she would like to see the addition of a root barrier be required on our construction requirements for new sidewalk. She would like to see that worked into the code.

Vice Mayor De Rosa thanked staff for the work that has been done on finding options for trees instead of automatic removal.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Resolution: Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes.

Resolution 28-22
Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Stanford stated that on May 25, 2022, four bids were received and publicly opened for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project which specifically provides for the maintenance and repair of 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch sanitary sewer mains within Dublin’s public sanitary sewer system. The budgeted funds for the 2022 Sanitary Sewer Lining project in the 2022-2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) are \$1,500,000. Insituform Technologies, LLC submitted the lowest and best bid of \$1,386,029.25.

In response to Mr. Reiner’s question regarding the life of the sewer lining, Mr. Stanford stated that depending upon the technology used, you can expect 20-30 years.

There were no public comments.



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Vote on the Resolution: Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Fox, yes.

Resolution 29-22
Addressing the Provisions of Amended Substitute House Bill 172 concerning the Right of Municipalities to Retain the Regulations and Prohibitions on the Possession, Discharge, Ignition and Exploding of Fireworks that Existed Prior to the Enactment of Amended Substitute House Bill 172

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Chief Paez stated that on November 8, 2021, Governor DeWine signed H.B. 172 into law and it goes into effect July 1, 2022. H.B. 172 generally permits individuals in Ohio to purchase and discharge, ignite, or explode fireworks within the state. However, H.B. 172 also permits political subdivisions to (1) prohibit the use of fireworks, (2) regulate the timeframe between which fireworks may be used, (3) regulate the days on which fireworks may be used, or (4) regulate the use of fireworks through the enforcement of ordinances or resolutions that regulate noise, disturbing the peace, or disorderly conduct. The City of Dublin previously enacted its own regulations regarding the sale, possession, discharge, ignition, or explosion of fireworks under Chapter 93 and Section 96.23(E) of the City Code. This resolution would reaffirm the City’s intent to continue to enforce the current Code provisions regarding fireworks, including the regulations regarding the sale, possession, discharge, ignition, or explosion of fireworks within the City.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked if we anticipate any issues with enforcement. Chief Paez stated he doesn’t anticipate additional issues.
Ms. Kramb suggested that communications be initiated with the public to make sure that there are no misunderstandings.

Vote on the Resolution: Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- South Franklin Street

Mr. Gable provided a brief overview of the project. This project is the reconstruction of Franklin Street from Sells Alley to Waterford Drive. Improvements as part of this project include: reconstruction of the roadway, sidewalk, ADA ramps and street trees. Utility burial is in a related project prior to the street improvement project. He provided a timeline of the project. Construction on the Franklin Street Improvements portion is expected to begin in March 2023. Mr. Gable reviewed the current conditions of the roadway (Franklin Street). The survey results from December of 2021 showed 50% of the residents were for sidewalks while 40% were against. The majority were in favor of on-street parking in some way, 80% liked the idea of sidewalks on both sides of the street and 80% of the residents on this street were in favor of the burial of the utility lines. Modifications were made to the project as a result of resident feedback. The project modifications were: transformer location, roadway width reduction, vehicle speeds, sidewalk locations, widths and materials, tree lawn widths and parking locations. Mr. Gable described the public engagement meetings that were held to discuss options. 21 responses were received out of 25 addresses. As a result of written feedback and public engagement, staff recommended burying the overhead utility lines, providing a 20-foot wide paved roadway, on-street parking on the east side, concrete curb and gutter and eight-foot wide tree lawns with street trees. The sidewalk will be a four-foot brick sidewalk on both sides of the street (with ADA compliant ramps).

Alan Szuter, 80 Franklin Street, expressed appreciation for all the work and collaboration on this project. He is looking forward to the improvements.



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Aaron Frank, 85 Franklin Street, expressed appreciation of the work on this project. It will be a valuable addition to the community.

Ms. Alutto thanked staff for the ADA compliant ramps as well.  
Ms. Kramb asked about street lights. Mr. Gable stated that there are no plans to replace the street lights.  
Mayor Fox thanked staff and the neighborhood for all the conversation and work.  
Mr. Szuter asked what kind of trees will be installed. Mr. Gable stated that selecting the trees is further in the process.  
Mayor Fox moved to accept staff recommendations regarding the South Franklin Street Improvements.  
Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Mayor Fox, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes.

- Waterways Maintenance Program

Mr. Stanford stated that the City of Dublin values the environment and recognizes Dublin’s waterways are of great importance and contribute to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public. The preservation, maintenance, and improvement of the waterways and the connected habitat are crucial to the protection of these natural resources.

The Waterway Maintenance Program is a new initiative that was approved with the adoption of the 2022-2026 Capital Improvements Program. This program will specifically focus on:

- Ensuring Dublin’s waterways are kept clear of unnatural debris and other blockages.
- Maintaining the conveyance capacity of open watercourses, especially in areas that have FEMA designated floodway and floodplain.
- Reducing and eliminating illicit discharges into City waterways.
- Protecting and improving the riparian habitat that is a part of the stream ecosystem.

EMH&T was selected as the design consultant to assist the City with reviewing the current state of the waterways, providing analysis of the areas of concern, and developing a work program that can be used to meet the goals of the program. Mr. Stanford provided illustrations of some of the results of the waterway inspections, which were: channel erosion and channel/outfall blockage.  
EMH&T developed a GIS based mapping tool that could illustrate the problem type and locations. This tool helped to determine that there were 186 City property sites. They then scored the inspections to identify the increased threat to infrastructure due to erosion or flooding. Mr. Stanford reviewed the construction cost estimates, which total \$1.75 million. There are 51 debris removal projects and 44 bank stabilization projects. The Channel Maintenance Activities are broken down to bank stabilization and debris removal.

Waterway Maintenance on Private Property

Mr. Stanford clarified that the Waterways Maintenance work plan and program budget includes only points located on public property or within public easements. The City does not have a legal obligation or responsibility to maintain privately owned portions of waterways. Mr. Stanford stated that staff is recommending that Council refer the topic of private property waterway maintenance to the Public Services Committee.

Recommendation

Mr. Stanford provided three different scenarios of funding and implementation for Council feedback. Funding for these programs will show up in the Capital Improvements Program and the Operating Budget per Council’s direction.



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Mr. McDaniel reiterated that staff is looking for direction regarding which funding scenario is more desirable to Council.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Amorose Groomes asked about the method of bank stabilization that was priced. Mr. Stanford stated that it was a combination of rock channel protection that had fabric underneath and plantings on top. Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that some of those areas shown in the illustrations may need rock cage stabilization. She is concerned that surface applications will not be enough to achieve the stabilization desired. Vice Mayor De Rosa shared her appreciation for the the work that went into this analysis. She stated that at the committee level, there were some preventative measures discussed also. She is supportive of the accelerated funding to get some of the larger initial work done.

Ms. Kramb stated her preference is to front load the funding as well.

Mr. Reiner thanked staff and EMH&T for the analysis.

Ms. Alutto stated her preference to front load the program as well. She stated it is difficult to ask the public to keep their waterways maintained if the City is not keeping the City waterways maintained. She also expressed concern over rising costs.

Mayor Fox stated that she is in favor of the accelerated funding model as well. She stated that if the City has the opportunity to stabilize the bank and remove debris, it will only help private properties further downstream. She asked if there was conversation in this analysis about placing boulders where there is a great deal of erosion. When boulders are placed in the waterway, it breaks up the force of the water and reduces the amount of erosion. Mr. Stanford stated that boulders were not specifically addressed. He stated it is a balance because while boulders might slow the water down, they also provide an opportunity for debris to get hung up.

In response to Mayor Fox’s question regarding whether debris gets removed first or bank stabilization gets done first, Mr. Stanford explained that it really depends on what needs done in these areas, keeping in mind the following: costs, disturbance to residents, and EPA permitting requirements. Mayor Fox added the importance of education for those who have waterways on their property so they learn what to do to maintain them.

Mayor Fox moved to approve the implementation of a Waterways Maintenance Program using the accelerated scenario.

Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Ms Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Fox, yes.

Mayor Fox moved to refer the Waterway Maintenance for Private Property topic to the Public Services Committee.

Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Fox, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Ms. Amorose Groomes, yes.

• Council Goals

Mr. McDaniel stated that at its May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting, Council adopted four goals for 2022-23. He stated he will propose bringing this Council Goals item back to the next Council meeting agenda for the purposes of discussing the Performing Arts Center. The following provides a Staff update and proposed next steps for each of these items.

Goal 1. *Become the Most Connected Community in the U.S.*

Staff will provide an updated status regarding this goal at Council’s June 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session.

- High level design in the form of a detailed local fiber map is under development;



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- An "Innovation Day" event is being organized that will gather industry leaders and potential partners for discovery and preparation for future upcoming proposals; and
- Public-Private partnership models are being evaluated for potential use by the program.
- Staff will also be proposing to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) on Fiber to the Home fairly quickly.

No direction was needed from Council on this goal. Staff will bring forward information prior to and will seek direction at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session.

*Goal 2. Build a Dublin 2035 Visionary Framework.*

Mr. McDaniel stated that staff has submitted a written proposal to Council that is slated for discussion during the June 21<sup>st</sup> Council Work Session. The proposal is focused on revising the vision statement for a Dublin 2035 Strategic Framework and includes proposals for associated goals in support of the revised vision. No direction is needed from Council on this goal. Staff will seek Council’s endorsement of a revised Vision Statement and associated goals to establish the 2035 Strategic Framework at its June 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session.

Mayor Fox asked that, as part of the upcoming discussion, the Community Plan update process is also explained. Mr. McDaniel stated that staff will be ready to address that.

*Goal 3. Strengthen the Stewardship and Vitality of our Historic District Core.*

Mr. McDaniel state that at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Work Session, staff provided City Council with background and additional information regarding the Historic District discussion that occurred as part of Council’s retreat. As part of the work session discussion, staff shared the background on the recently adopted Historic District Code and Design Guidelines (2021), which included a significant public review process, following direction from City Council to remove the Historic District from the Bridge Street District to ensure the historic character and scale were maintained. City Council’s discussion during the Work Session included determining the period of significance, how to address contributing/non-contributing structures, and the potential adjustment of the existing National Register District boundaries. Given the complexity and potential impact of these discussions, staff recommends re-engaging Greg Dale, the consultant used throughout the recent Code and Guideline amendment process. Staff also recommends meeting individually to identify the goals and challenges within the Historic District and discuss their desired outcomes. Following the interviews, staff recommends conducting an open house/public meeting to gain additional input from Dublin residents. Both the interviews and the public meeting would be facilitated by Greg Dale and include City development staff. This input will allow staff to understand how the implementation of the new Code and Guidelines is meeting the expectations of City Council and the Dublin community. Mr. McDaniel asked for the following direction from Council:

- Does Council support Staff’s recommendation to re-engage Greg Dale to facilitate Council interviews and a public meeting?
- Are Council Members agreeable to meeting individually with Staff and the consultant?

Mayor Fox stated that she would prefer the public meeting happen before the Council interviews. She would like for Council to hear the issues first and then have the interview with Mr. Dale.

Ms. Kramb stated that she thinks it is too early to re-evaluate the Code. There was a great deal of public engagement as the Code was developed. The Historic District Task Force has completed their work. She stated Council has already heard from the residents what they have to say.



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Mayor Fox stated that she has received numerous comments from residents that there is confusion over the Code. It is her understanding that the residents want to have a conversation.

Ms. Kramb stated that it is time for Council to pick a vision and move forward with it.

Ms. Amorose Groomes stated that if the Code is unclear to residents then maybe staff could provide answers to assist residents with their confusion.

Mr. McDaniel stated he is not hearing clear direction from Council. He stated staff does feel there was a lot of public engagement when the Code was developed. He just wants to make sure we are working on advancing the goal.

Ms. Kramb stated that we have heard what the public has to say. The burden now falls on Council to make some decisions.

Mr. McDaniel stated that there are options here for just Council discussion, letting the Code exist for a while to see how it goes and educate the public more about the Code, or another work session to determine preservation. It is up to Council how to proceed.

Ms. Kramb stated Council needs to finish the discussion about preservation and contributing or non-contributing. To her recollection, that is the only outstanding issue.

Ms. Alutto agreed. She wants to finish Council's conversation first about preservation. She also felt the point was well taken about the Code being pretty new.

Mayor Fox stated that the Code is confusing because it new and there is a request from the residents to have a conversation. Mr. McDaniel stated he will be happy to do some education sessions.

Mayor Fox summarized that Council wants to finish the conversation about preservation before moving on to facilitated interviews.

Goal 4. Develop Dublin's "Destination of Choice" Next-Generation Community Events Vision.

Mr. McDaniel stated that efforts in furtherance of this goal are underway including a feasibility study and research and planning for benchmarking trips. The development of this vision will be highly collaborative and Staff is looking to see how community partner organizations' efforts and associated public funding could be better aligned and leveraged to advance this goal into the future.

Visit Dublin, Dublin Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Arts Council, Historic Dublin Business Association, and Crawford Hoying all are engaged in the Downtown Dublin Strategic Alliance, which was formed in 2016 with the goal of positioning Downtown Dublin (Bridge Park and Historic Dublin) as a world-class destination attracting visitors and economic impact to the area. The Alliance continues to collaborate on a monthly basis focusing on marketing strategies.

Staff recommended initiating a Strategic Planning Process to include representatives from each of the above-referenced community partner organizations, Dublin City Schools, and appropriate City staff representatives. The process would be used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure stakeholders are working toward common goals, and establish agreement around intended outcomes. The goal would be to harness existing talents and resources of these organizations and staff, assess capabilities and gaps, and determine if alignment can be obtained to achieve City Council's goal. This process may also reveal what, if other, resources and/or organizational needs may be needed.

Given the complexity, number of stakeholders, and potential impact of this strategic planning effort, Staff recommended engaging a facilitator to lead the process. The budget for the facilitator and Strategic Planning work sessions will utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding appropriated on May 9<sup>th</sup> for downtown coordination efforts. Feedback sought from Council was:



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- Does Council support Staff’s recommendation to engage a facilitator to lead the Strategic Planning Process?
- Is Council supportive of involving the above-referenced community partner organizations in the Strategic Planning Process and work session(s)?

Vice Mayor De Rosa was supportive of this goal and direction. She suggested adding resident engagement.

Ms. Alutto stated that she is supportive of this as well. She suggested including someone from one of the diversity and inclusions groups to participate in this also.

Ms. Kramb asked if the City has a representative on the Downtown Dublin Strategic Alliance group. Mr. McDaniel responded affirmatively.

Mayor Fox reiterated that someone from the Community Inclusion Advisory Committee would be beneficial to include.

Ms. Alutto stated that it is important to view this through the disability access lens also.

Mayor Fox summarized that Council consensus was support of staff’s recommendations.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. McDaniel shared the following:

- A public meeting will be held on June 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber for those interested in discussing Art in Public Places, specifically, the artwork planned for the M.L. “Red” Trabue Nature Preserve;
- GFOA Award was received by Mr. Stiffler and team;
- Public Works Week was celebrated a few weeks ago – he thanked staff in Public Works for all they do;
- An addition is coming to the Go Dublin app. It will be a “Tell Dublin” button;
- Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21;
- The five year CIP is currently being developed. He invited Council to pass along any ideas they may have;
- Citizen Jump Start is a program like Citizen U, but for high-schoolers beginning July 11;
- An update on the State Budget funding;
- He also thanked the Memorial Tournament Staff for a great event;
- He congratulated Abby Steiner for her success in the National Track and Field Championship;
- Cooling center will be open to help those affected by the heat wave this week at the Dublin Community Recreation Center; and
- Congratulations to Jeannie Willis on her new position as the Director of Transportation and Mobility.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

- **Committees**
  - Administrative Committee: Vice Mayor De Rosa shared that the Administrative Committee met on June 7, and discussed the following:
    - The “Moving Council Initiatives Forward” topic from Council’s retreat – a proposal has been developed by the Retreat Facilitator, Mr. Sturm, and it will be put on Council’s Work Session agenda for discussion.
    - Human Resources provided a benefits update. It was a thorough and excellent report. She encouraged Council to look at the notes from that meeting as the data is important.
    - The CPI team would like feedback from Council regarding the Link Ahead Podcast. A policy surrounding Council’s participation in the Podcast was reviewed and consensus was reached that the policy was agreeable. Vice Mayor De Rosa encouraged Council Members to bring any topic ideas to CPI staff.



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- Community Development Committee: The next CDC meeting is Tuesday, June 21.
  - Finance Committee: The next Finance Committee meeting will be June 23.
  - Public Services Committee: Ms. Kramb stated that the PSC met on June 8 about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update. The consultant was present and reviewed the process that the update will follow. The Committee will receive updates periodically as the survey process moves forward.
- **Memorial Day Report (on behalf of the Veterans Committee)**  
Mr. Reiner shared some photos that were taken at this year’s Memorial Day Ceremony. He thanked staff and the Veterans Committee members for their work putting this event together. He shared the background of the two speakers that participated. He stated that it was well attended and he is appreciative of everyone who came to the ceremony and activities.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

- Ms. Kramb thanked staff for their hard work during the Memorial Tournament. She received many wonderful comments from those who attended as guests.
- Mr. Reiner also extended gratitude for the Memorial Tournament. He mentioned that he will be at The Salon Suite on June 14 for their ribbon-cutting.
- Ms. Alutto thanked staff for the work around the Memorial Tournament and extended congratulations to all Dublin graduates. She also congratulated the Finance team on the GFOA award. She thanked staff for adding the “Tell Dublin” button to the Go Dublin app. She is a big fan of the app and recommends it to residents.
- Ms. Amorose Groomes shared that she attended an Information Technology and Communication Committee meeting with the National League of Cities on June 8. She was appointed to the Policy Draft Sub-committee, so she will be working in the federal space to protect communication and technology interests. The NARC Conference (National Association of Regional Councils) is currently underway and MORPC is the host. She also shared that a Workforce Development Industry Sector meeting took place where the area school Superintendents attended. It was a great conversation about what a non-traditional four-year education might be and identifying pathways for success. She stated that they will be incorporating some private sector involvement and there may be some funding available. She thanked everyone at the Memorial Tournament for the great event.
- Vice Mayor De Rosa congratulated Ms. Willis on her promotion to Director of Transporatation and Mobility. She also congratulated Mr. Stiffler and team for the GFOA award. She appreciated staff’s work on Memorial Day.
- Mayor Fox shared that the Irish Ambassador to the United States Daniel Mulhall had a great time at the Memorial Tournament. She thanked everyone at the Memorial Tournament and Ian at Fado’s Kitchen for the hospitality. She shared her experience with visiting TS Tech recently. She stated that they are very interested in workforce development also. She shared that she and the Vice Mayor attended the Columbus Metropolitan Club luncheon recently where the CEOs of the four major hospitals in central Ohio spoke. She attended the Pride Walk on June 12 and encouraged everyone to join in the walk on June 19 for the Juneteenth Commemoration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.



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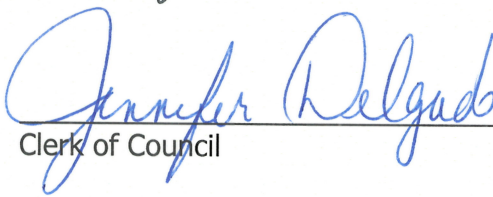
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