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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, May 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present were Ms. O'Callaghan, Mr. Hartmann, Chief Paez, Ms. Weisenauer, Mr. Stiffler, Ms. Rauch, Ms. Mullinax, Ms. Goehring, Mr. Earman, Ms. Wigram, Ms. Gee, Ms. Nardecchia, Mr. Hammersmith, Mr. Krawetski, Ms. LeRoy, Ms. Wawszkiewicz, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Althouse and Mr. Ament.

Others present: Dan Syphard and Eric Zimpfer, Cenovus; Keith Hall, MSA Design; Tim Schmalenberger, MKSK Studios.

## ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of:

- Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

Vice Mayor Alutto seconded the motion.

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

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Ms. Fox to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the April 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

There was no request to remove this item from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the item on the Consent Agenda.  
Vice Mayor Alutto seconded the motion.

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

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following citizens came forward to express their desire for a ceasefire in Gaza:

- Asma Dajani, 6260 Post Road, Dublin,
- Bushrah Alhyari, 6260 Post Road, Dublin,
- Gus Hashem, 7240 Muirfield Drive, Dublin,
- Hena Masood, 5710 Aderholt, Dublin,
- Layan Aburomeh, 5589 Newtonmore Place, Dublin,
- Leen Heyari, 6260 Post Road, Dublin,
- Mariam Khan, 5741 Stockton Way, Dublin,
- Nader Zidan, 6296 Ross Bend, Dublin,
- Nazek Hapasha, 5758 Finnegan Court, Dublin,
- Raghad Alwattar, 5860 Loebury Lane, Dublin, and
- Sumaya Hamadmad, 6830 Barronsmore Way, Dublin.



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Ms. Weisenauer read into the record the following comment that was received online prior to the meeting:

Eric Nagel, 5548 Mossy Creek Drive, Dublin wrote:

*"As a proud resident of Dublin, Ohio, I was deeply disturbed to realize that there are at least 14 other instances of cities attempting to impersonate the real Dublin in Ohio. Some of the most worrisome offenders include Dublin, California and Dublin, Georgia. John Shields claimed the name Dublin for Ohio back in 1810. These impersonators in California and Georgia then copied the name in 1850 and 1812 respectively. People all over the world should be able to hear the name "Dublin" and not need to wonder which Dublin it is. In fact, as I searched online to submit this forum, even Google was tricked and gave me a link to Dublin, California's city council page. This is unacceptable to let imposters copy our name and leech off of our success. Members of Dublin City Council have an obligation to take back their city's identity and put these copycats in their place. I implore member of Dublin City Council to issue a formal challenge against these frauds. You need to follow the vision of John Shields and ensure that we are not just Dublin of Ohio, but Dublin of America. The failure to issue this declaration shows your compliance in allowing our identity to be ripped away from us."*

## **SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance 06-24**

#### **Adopting and Enacting a Supplement (S-55) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, Ohio**

Mr. Hartmann stated that there are no changes from the first reading. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

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

### **Ordinance 07-24**

#### **Authorizing the Provision of Certain Incentives to Husky Marketing and Supply Company to Induce it to Lease an Office Building for the Relocation of the Company's Existing Office and the Expansion of that Office and its Associated Operations and Workforce within the City; and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement**

Ms. Goehring stated that there are no changes to this Ordinance from the first reading. She introduced Dan Syphard, Director, Assistant General Counsel and Eric Zimpfer, Senior Vice President U.S. Refining, from Cenovus, who were present to answer any questions. Staff recommended approval. Mr. Syphard and Mr. Zimpfer both thanked Council for their support and expressed their excitement to be in Dublin. They also thanked staff for their assistance with this agreement.

Mayor Amorose Groomes welcomed Cenovus and, on behalf of Council, expressed that she was glad they were a part of the community.

There were no public comments.

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

## **INTRODUCTION/ FIRST READING - ORDINANCES**

### **Ordinance 08-24**

#### **To Prohibit Adult-Use Marijuana Cultivation, Processing, and Retail Distribution within the City of Dublin and to Include Vaping within the Definition of Smoking**



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Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Hartmann stated that this Ordinance would piggyback on the medical prohibition to marijuana in the City, the cultivation and selling of the same. He explained that staff has watched the State Legislature closely to see if there would be any amendments to the state law. It does not appear as though there will be any amendments before implementation. Additionally, the definition of smoking was expanded to include vaping in the Code section.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Kramb thanked Mr. Hartmann for closing the loophole in the definition of smoking.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for May 20, 2024.

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

### **Resolution 23-24**

#### **Waiving Competitive Bidding Requirements Pursuant to Section 8.04 ("Contracting Procedures"), Paragraph (C) ("Waiver of Competitive Bidding"), of the Revised Charter for the Purchase of Beer for the 2024 Dublin Irish Festival**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Ms. LeRoy stated that this is an annual request for the waiver of competitive bidding for the purchase of beer for the Dublin Irish Festival. The City has a long history with both Diageo and Molson Coors Beverage Company. They both pay a sponsorship fee of \$25,000 each and an additional \$10,000 in-kind support. These companies have kept their same level of support even though we have been buying less from them. Beer sales across the country have been going down. The budgeted amount for the purchase is \$145,000. Staff recommended approval of the waiver.

There were no public comments.

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

### **Resolution 24-24**

#### **Appointing Members to the Various Boards and Commissions of the City of Dublin and the Board of Trustees of the Bridge Park New Community Authority**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Ms. De Rosa, Administrative Committee Chair, expressed gratitude to those who raised their hand to volunteer for their community and to those who have served their community whose terms have ended. She read the list of appointments as follows:

- Gary Alexander and Jason Deschler to Planning and Zoning Commission;
- Lisa Patt-McDaniel and Sean Cotter to the Architectural Review Board;
- Garrett Anderson and Joel Kretz to the Board of Zoning Appeals;
- Ann Bohman and Cathy Axcell to the Community Services Advisory Commission;
- Jim Renard to the Personnel Board of Review;
- Jung Kim and Mary Lynn Readey to the Bridge Park New Community Authority;
- Crystal Maiuri, Ingrid Fields, Kristin Aldemir, Noor Amara, Imran Malik, and Ming Yu to the Community Inclusion Advisory Committee;
- Tracy Owens, Sean Clifton, Bonnie Gamary, and Michael Kehoe to the Veterans Advisory Committee;



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- Charles Foley, Lisa Baer, Ronald Barnes, Emmet Apolinario, Dwayne Maynard Garuav Goel, and Zhen Xing to the Chief's Advisory Committee;
- Mike Stull to the Dublin Arts Council;
- Sharon Magee to the Visit Dublin Ohio Board; and
- Bill Root and Dale Saylor to the Tax Board of Review.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Kramb thanked the members being reappointed and continuing their service and welcomed new members.

Vice Mayor Alutto thanked staff for the improvements in the process. She also shared that the City has a yearlong application process and encouraged citizens to go out to the website and see if one the opportunities speaks to their interest.

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

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Alcohol Sales at the 2024 Dublin Irish Festival and 5K  
Ms. LeRoy stated that Council approval is required to sell alcohol on City-owned property. One additional request is for the 5K after party. Last year, the alcohol was sold on private property and this year, sales will be held in the City parking lot for logistical reasons; therefore, Council approval is needed. Staff recommended approval of the sale of alcohol on City-owned property for August 2, 2024 through August 4, 2024 for the Dublin Irish Festival and August 1, 2024 for the 5K after party.

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor Alutto moved to approve the sale of alcohol at the 2024 Dublin Irish Festival and 5K.

Ms. De Rosa seconded the motion.

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

- Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC) Refresh Update  
Ms. Gee stated that the DCRC is an aging facility, there have been changes in program designs and trends, and there have been demographic shifts in our community. The process of updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan provided an opportunity to survey members and get feedback. There have been three public input meetings regarding the DCRC Refresh; the first two were to assess current conditions and the third was to show some proposed renderings. She shared that the feedback heard from the public is not surprising. Many want more gym space, pool space, locker-room revisions and the café space. She stated that this refresh does not expand the footprint of the DCRC, with a small exception for the teen lounge. She introduced Keith Hall of MSA Design to walk through the presentation.  
Mr. Hall stated these are overarching designs and concepts and he wanted Council to focus on the terms "lighter and brighter" and "multi-generational" as he presents the designs. Mr. Hall provided the presentation to Council (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A). He stated that this process was about planning for better usability and more durable, cleaner finishes. He added that they wanted to bring a hospitality approach to certain areas. He stated that they are studying the idea of bringing the pool depth up so zero entry is not as steep for users and is ADA compliant as well. The fitness area is dark and cramped so making it more inviting and reinventing the space is in order.



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The teen area will now be referred to as The Hub. The goal is to have a multi-generational space for people to come and hang out together. He explained that the outdoor courtyard space is an easy space to capture for expansion that has little to no impact on the architecture of the building. The intent is to put e-sports and other games in place to invite all ages in. He stated that the Senior Lounge area is now being referred to as The Lounge. The principle for the design of The Lounge is to make it more of a hospitality space that can work for many different uses, such as board games, wine tasting, luncheons, etc.

The catering kitchen is going to be flipped into a demonstration kitchen where classes can be held.

Regarding the cost of the refresh, Mr. Hall stated that the cost is broken down by the areas within the building. It is set up to allow the City to initiate certain projects. Due to the building still being open during the construction and renovation, it will likely be at least a two-year process. Mr. Hall estimated that that the project would cost approximately \$21-22 million. He added that these improvements would have a big impact on the long-term usage and sustainability of the facility.

Ms. Gee stated that staff is seeking feedback from Council on the projects and staff is recommending the funding plan be referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Reiner asked about the pool renovation and why only minor improvements are proposed. Mr. Hall stated that the 25-year lifespan on a pool is the industry standard, but his experience is that these pools are going far beyond their original lifespan expectation. He added that the minor improvements include a few repairs that will allow the pool to sustain usability for another 20-25 years.

Mr. Reiner asked about the fitness area and switching the floor surface to a rubberized floor. He asked about the noise factor related to a rubberized floor. Mr. Hall stated that there is not a big noise factor because it is still a softer material and has a rating comparable to carpet.

Mr. Reiner commented on the demonstration kitchen and that he is in favor of cooking classes and such to teach residents how to cook healthier for a better life. Mr. Hall responded that they have done these types of projects in partnership with Ohio State University (OSU). They have implemented this type of arrangement in many of OSU's facilities as well.

Ms. Fox stated that the design concept and suggested changes are beautiful and she agrees that the spaces need refreshed, but she is a bit surprised by the cost. She questioned the demonstration kitchen, as an example, having a million dollar cost when it is the same space, not expanding, etc. She asked if that price is reasonable. Mr. Hall explained the specific work needed in the kitchen and stated that the costs shown are the costs that are possible with the project. Ms. Fox asked if this kitchen could be used by a restaurateur to come in and make meals for an event. Mr. Hall stated that it is set up that way, but for a smaller group of around 30.

Mr. Keeler asked about Pickleball courts. Mr. Hall stated that the gym area will be restriped for Pickleball. Mr. Keeler commented positively on the proposed 5,000 additional square feet for fitness and wellness. He stated that he is questioning whether it will feel like \$20 million dollars' worth of improvements when it is finished. He stated that it seems like a lot of cosmetic changes for a large amount of money. He likes the suggestions and the concept. He asked if a bistro or café could be included in the Lounge and eliminate the smaller space in the lobby (where Subway was once located). He stated that people tend to gather around in kitchen areas.

Ms. De Rosa stated that residents are excited about the refresh. She stated she does hear that the fitness area is too compact, so the additional space should be something that people feel and not strictly cosmetic. She is supportive of the improvements to the running track. She added that it is important to get the flow right because the flow of traffic on the track can be an issue. Regarding the café



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area, she asked about the ability for a food truck. She was not as supportive of vending machines as they are not exciting. Different food trucks visiting could be exciting and create energy in that area. Ms. De Rosa asked about the Abbey Theater and whether any improvements are anticipated. She also asked for additional details as to the space upstairs. Mr. Hall stated that the Abbey Theater itself is not part of the improvements proposed. He explained that the long glass wall would be complicated to get into without a great deal of impact. Everything outside the wall will be getting new finishes. He stated that upstairs there is still some programming to think through in terms of what is needed. The plan is to reorganize the space to make it more usable.

Ms. Kramb stated that she recalls discussions about changing the exterior signage to the theater and emphasizing the entrances better. Mr. Hall stated that this plan does not specifically address any exterior improvements, but there is enough of a contingency to do some small projects like that outside.

Mr. Keeler asked about public-private partnerships and whether Mr. Hall has seen those come to fruition. Mr. Hall responded affirmatively.

Ms. Fox asked if there would be any areas of the DCRC that were not improved. Mr. Hall stated that the Abbey Theater is not included in any of the work. He reiterated that there could be money available in the budget to do smaller improvements.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to refer the funding plan for this project to the Finance Committee.  
Vice Mayor Alutto seconded.

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

- Beautify Your Neighborhood Grants – Spring 2024

Mr. Reiner recused himself from this topic due to a conflict in business interests. Ms. Mullinax stated that total available funding for the 2024 program is \$32,000 with a \$5,000 maximum request per application. The City received six grant applications this spring, which total just over \$26,652. Approximately \$5,347 would remain available for fall applicants. The Community Development Committee heard the requests for grant funding and recommended approval. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the Beautify Your Neighborhood Grants as recommended by the Community Development Committee.  
Vice Mayor Alutto seconded.

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

- Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan Update

Mr. Earman stated that it has been eight years since the original master plan for the Riverside Crossing Park was approved. Through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update, staff heard several different topics that could be related to this park. Staff has partnered with MKSK to review the Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan and provide options to activate the park. He stated that there is focused effort on the park complimenting the surrounding area. Mr. Earman stated that staff is looking for Council's feedback to these concepts before it is taken to the public for input. He listed some of the key elements that will be shown. He introduced Mr. Schmalenberger from MKSK to present the concepts. Mr. Schmalenberger walked through the presentation with Council (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B). He stated that the park spans



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both sides of the river and each side of the park will have a different personality. The east side is more urbanized with a more ornamental landscape where everything is controlled. He stated that there is a multi-generational attraction to this whole area. The personality of the west side of the river is native. He stated there are at-grade trails, and a canopy walk to create access to the river along North Riverview Street. He stated that they spent significant time looking at the grades because the walkways are going to be driven by the gradients that can be achieved. The wooded area between the Dublin Link Bridge and the S.R. 161 is an area that can be developed. Since the area is a floodplain, it can be made into a woodland landscape that is useful and able to withstand flooding. Mr. Schmalenberger provided several illustrations of some of the program elements that were suggested. He noted the "natural" materials that are being used in the proposed elements. He provided inspirational photos from other parts in Poland, Belgium and Switzerland to name a few (Exhibit B). He reiterated the importance of accessibility to the river. The goal of the trail and canopy walk is accessibility for all. He discussed some of the historical aspects of the area and how those could be emphasized with restorative work and signage if the City desired to do so. He introduced the possibility of a rock-climbing wall and a ropes course as elements of the park moving north. Mr. Schmalenberger stated that there are 1.3 miles of trails on that west bank that wander through the whole park. He briefly spoke of expansion potential in the future. He stated that Indian Run has a natural barrier on the north side with private properties. He noted that the concept on the east side of the river is a landscape garden area. The pathway system would likely need to be some kind of a zigzag pattern. Mini plaza areas may add some respite opportunities or even a small event such as a small wedding. The promenade area along Riverside Drive is shown with seat areas and swing areas that are slightly elevated above the lawn. He concluded the presentation of concepts. Mr. Schmalenberger stated that he is excited to hear public input about the concepts because often there are thought-provoking ideas.

David Venne, 56 South Riverview Street, Dublin came forward and stated that this plan is super impressive and ambitious. He stated that, on behalf of the residents on South Riverview, they would like to be part of the process because it will definitely change the character of the area. He shared that the residents want to work with the City to make this go as smoothly as possible because even four cars parked on their street is a huge impact to the residents. He complimented the City's communication efforts and shared that this is definitely an issue that the residents want to be involved in. He also stated that the sooner the City could move the kayak company the better. When the company started in 2022, there were eight boats, now there are 30 and they monopolize Dublin Springs Park.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that it is the intention of Council to engage and provide many opportunities to provide feedback. Mr. Earman responded affirmatively, that staff would be communicating with the residents.

Kurt Schmitt, 97 South Riverview Street, Dublin came forward and stated that the presentation is impressive, but this is a sensitive area. He informed Council of the disruption that the kayak company's location causes. He would like to see the kayak company moved. He would like Council to consider the heritage of the area that the residents have been asked to maintain. He stated the residents have had to clean up their property often due to the kayaks. He encouraged Council to consider the fairness to the residents.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that prioritization would be a part of the conversation as public input is gathered. The residents' comments will be very valuable.



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Ms. Weisenauer read the following comments into the record.

Anna Jones, 37 South Riverview Street, Dublin, wrote:

*Hello, I'm unable to attend the 6 May 2024 meeting, but I did want to submit a couple questions and comments about the "Riverside Crossing Park Master Plan Update". I'm very interested in the neat park that you have planned, but I'm a bit concerned about congestion and parking on our street. As it is, lots of park patrons park in/around my front yard during the summer months, and I'm concerned that this will increase. I'm happy for the kayak company to be relocated - the company tends to block the walking paths in the existing park, so it is difficult for me and my family to use our neighborhood park, or to walk our dogs in the area. I often have to step over/around kayaks to walk my dogs. I would support the kayak livery moving before the proposed 2027 date. I would also support more informational meetings and feedback sessions with South Riverview residents to better convey our neighborhood's needs.*

Angie Kne, 55 South Riverview Street, Dublin, wrote:

*Hello – I'm excited about the park plan and look forward to its completion but would like to ensure increased vehicle traffic is proactively addressed on Riverview. Currently, the narrow street allows for cars to park on both sides and some residents have limited or no driveways. At my home, park and kayak visitors park and block our front pathway/mailbox, which limits our ability to use our front door and hit our limestone wall which outlines the front of our property. There's speeding on Blacksmith, a narrow alley, which is dangerous to pedestrians but especially kids that live on the street. My worry is the park enhancements will increase current challenges for residences. Could you explore no parking signs, no parking during certain hours or parking for residents who have a parking permit to ensure vehicle traffic is kept in check? Could you expedite the Kayak company's relocation to lessen the traffic to the area? Appreciate your attention to this matter. Thank you!*

Mr. Reiner stated that he agreed with the residents that the kayaking should be moved. He asked about the elevation of the parking lot that was shown. Mr. Schmalenberger stated that the parking lot is at-grade. Mr. Reiner asked if staff had talked with Columbus about a launch site at O'Shaunessy. Mr. Earman stated that he has reached out, but not heard back. Mr. Reiner stated that it is a nicer launch site than Amberleigh because there is an asphalt path. In response to Mr. Reiner's question about enlisting the assistance of companies that come in and manage some of these amenities, Mr. Earman stated that if that were the determined path forward, then staff would engage with them early in the process as part of the design. Staff would issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for amenities once it was determined that was the path forward. Mr. Reiner was happy to see a garden incorporated.

Ms. Kramb stated she is not supportive of a canopy walk. She would rather keep it more natural. She would be okay with a smaller portion if needed to get accessibility to the river. It would be too intrusive into the environment in her opinion. She also stated that she is not supportive of the boardwalk along the Indian Run gorge. She stated that should be left natural. She would be in favor of moving the kayak company, to property we own, even as a short-term solution.

Ms. Fox stated that the riverfront is a precious amenity. She stated that you can imagine wonderful things, but it is a balance of people out to enjoy nature and then also having something exciting and new. She stated she is supportive of a smaller version of the canopy walk. She is concerned about an entranceway on Riverview because there is no parking. She would like to move the energy away from the residential areas. Regarding the riverfront, one of the reasons she liked the canopy walk was a way of seeing the river from above. She would like historic parts of the riverfront preserved and used as teaching vignettes.



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Mr. Keeler stated that he would like to work to eliminate the trespassing happening on South Riverview. The vendor needs to remind patrons and give a tutorial. He would be in favor of posting signs for no trespassing. He would also be in favor of permit parking on South Riverview. Mr. Keeler stated that he would be in favor of scaling the plan back. He stated there is a balance between activating the park and overdoing it. He liked the elevated walkways, but we would need to be very careful about where they are.

Ms. De Rosa echoed the concerns expressed about South Riverview Street. She agreed that relocating the kayaking company should be moved up. In response to her question about the number of parking spots, Mr. Schmalenberger stated there were 32. Ms. De Rosa stated that if a fraction of what is shown were actually built, the parking would be woefully insufficient. She also stressed the importance of connectivity for users who want to bike there. She is in favor of activating the park. The canopy walk is lovely, but maybe just a portion of it would be enough.

Vice Mayor Alutto agreed that a solution must be worked out for the residents on South Riverview Street. She is in favor of activating the park, but maybe on a smaller scale. She is interested in the resident feedback.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that it would be some time before the canoe livery is built and if that vendor is utilizing more kayaks than anticipated, then we should temporarily relocate the business to Scioto Park, where we have that availability also. She agreed that it feels like there is too much going on in this space. If you go to the park on the weekend, it is packed there now. It is a hard place to have a respite space or to enjoy nature. She shared that it would be nice to stretch this park out and disperse people over a broader space. Many of these uses could be implemented at Scioto Park. She would like to leave Indian Run relatively untouched. She reiterated that she would like to think about how the amenities and activities could be stretched through the corridor rather than intensifying it onto 400 yards.

Vice Mayor Alutto agreed and encouraged staff to work with Dublin Arts Council to activate Scioto Park.

Ms. Kramb stated that when this plan is taken to the public for input, she would like to remove Indian Run from consideration of anything in the plan.

Consensus of Council was to remove Indian Run from the plan before it is introduced to the public.

- Speed Management Program – Tactical urbanism Pilot Program

Ms. Wawzkiewicz stated that the Speed Management Program was approved by City Council on July 31, 2023. Included with the approval of the Program was the recommendation that staff discuss up to three tactical urbanism projects with the Community Services Advisory Commission (CSAC). CSAC provided a positive recommendation to advance the proposed tactical urbanism pilot at their December 12, 2023 meeting. The three suggested areas proposed are Avery Road at Jacana Drive, Tullymore Drive and Shannigan Street, and Sells Mill and Earlington Parkway.

Mr. Edwards came forward to introduce the design and the themes. Mr. Edwards stated that when the Slowdown Dublin campaign was created, staff built the initial design elements for the campaign and then expanded upon that for the layouts for consideration.



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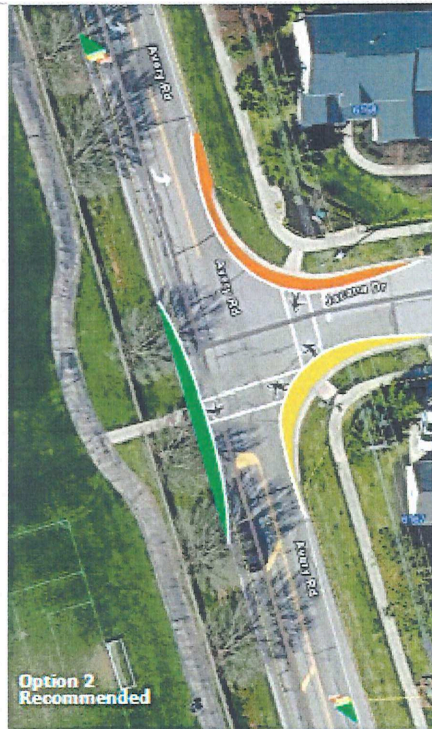
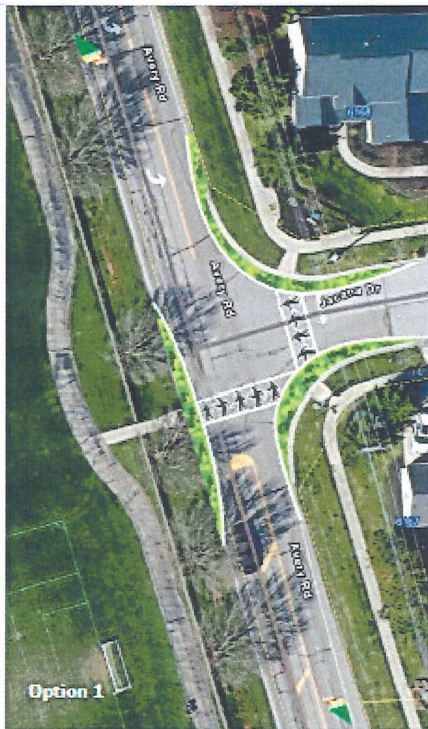
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The designs shown will be applied to the pavement as decals. The initial designs were presented to CSAC and the feedback received was supportive. CSAC recommended simplifying the graphics, adding edge lines and using a consistent design for all three intersections. If the pilot is successful, CSAC recommends expanding tactical urbanism to all school zones. Following the recommendation from CSAC, staff developed two options.

**Modified Tactical Urbanism Designs**



Option 1 started to have a camouflage effect and did not stand out from the landscaping. Option 2 had a more visually stimulating effect. Staff recommendation is to implement Option 2. Once installed, staff will reach out to residents in the area and seek feedback on the project. Staff will also conduct before and after speed studies and traffic studies to determine measurable impacts. Staff will use all channels of communication to support awareness and education around the pilot project as part of the City's Slowdown Dublin campaign.

Ms. Wawszkiewicz stated that the funding for this project is identified through the Capital Improvements Project (CIP). Staff stated that, with Council's support, materials could be purchased soon and then the communications phase could begin with installation over the summer. If the pilot is successful, staff would then look to develop guidelines including materials and color palettes, design criteria and permissible locations to be incorporated throughout the City. Staff recommended Council approval of Option 2 in the three selected locations.



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There were no public comments.

Mr. Keeler stated that the long narrow lines along straightaways would slow people down, but on a curve, people are slowing down anyway. He asked if they are slowing more because they have to navigate a more narrow turn. Ms. Wawzkiewicz responded affirmatively and stated that it helps tighten up the radius and shortens the crossing distance for the pedestrian. Mr. Keeler expressed support for Option 2, but noted that he likes the examples that had a pattern better.

Ms. De Rosa stated that she would be in favor of trying multiple different options to see which one works better rather than all three locations being the same. She stated she would take the opportunity to learn as much as possible from a few different options. She stated with the Tullymore intersection, the cars parked all up and down the street create blind spots. She would be in favor of creating some visual space.

Ms. Kramb asked if there were no parking signs in proximity to these crossings. Ms. De Rosa stated that there is only one of the intersections where parking might be an issue. Ms. Kramb asked if the three pilot locations had caution crosswalk signs and if not, should some be put there. Ms. Wawzkiewicz stated that two of the three definitely do already have signs, and she will check the third location.

Vice Mayor Alutto asked how staff would be measuring success. Ms. Wawzkiewicz stated that there are two measurements: the metrics from the speed before and after, and the response from the community.

Ms. Fox stated that she agreed with Ms. De Rosa that we should try some different things during this pilot "testing" period. Especially if the program is to be expanded, we would want to see what works. She did not like the three colors in Option 2 and she would be open to trying different things to see what might make a difference. Ms. Fox also suggested large planters would be nice to extend out past the sidewalk and would likely slow traffic flow.

Mr. Reiner stated that he was supportive of Option 2 and asked about the colors and whether or not they are approved on the Federal Highway Administration's color palette. Mr. Edwards stated that the color palette was picked because of the campaign colors. He added that after the pilot, staff would make sure that it is an approved color and more Dublin.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to direct staff to proceed with implementing Option 2 with amendments as captured (to test additional options) at the three selected locations for the Tactical Urbanism Pilot Project.  
Vice Mayor Alutto seconded.

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

## STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. O'Callaghan shared the following comments:

- Table reservations for the Independence Day Evening Celebration open next week. Residents can register for the sale on May 13th and 14th. This year, residents can reserve up to two 8-person tables.
- We invite the community to join us on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon for Experience Public Works Day. This is our annual kick-off to Public Works Week that features the vehicles and equipment used by our Public Service team, a police drone in



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action, fun education stations with some of our key partners, and of course, food trucks and inflatables. We hope to see everyone there.

- The community is invited to bring their bikes and attend the ribbon cutting dedication ceremony for the new bike track at Emerald Fields Park, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00 PM. Following a brief opening introduction, there will be demonstrations on how to use the new "pump" track by members of the BMX Purple Heart Racing team along with free ice cream to those who attend.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Dublin Community Recreation Center, City staff will be holding a public meeting with property owners in the vicinity of the Water Line Replacement – Phase 7 project. This project will replace aging 2-inch and 3-inch water lines that have been identified for replacement with 6-inch and 8-inch replacements. Water lines will be replaced on several courts in Muirfield in the area north of Glick Road and east of Concord Road.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

- Committee Reports:
  - Administrative Committee: Ms. De Rosa reported that Advisory Committee roles and responsibilities and the Council Rules of Order were discussed at the Administrative Committee meeting of May 1. Staff prepared a memo regarding the roles and responsibilities of Advisory Committees. The Committee recommended some revisions to the memo and the Code of Conduct and will review them both again at the next meeting. Staff proposed administrative amendments to the Rules of Order as well as providing language to provide more flexibility for Council. The Committee will review redlined proposed amendments to the Rules of Order at the next meeting.

## COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Keeler thanked everyone who came to the Community Service Day. He stated that Dublin Rotarians put pins on the 150 miles of walking paths where there was a root pop or crack. Mr. Keeler and his son rode 10 miles on the paths to help. He commented that the bike paths are the hidden gems of the City.

Ms. De Rosa stated that she attended the JASCO Anniversary Gala with Ms. Fox and Mayor Amorose Groomes. She congratulated the Hidaka Corporation for winning the Outstanding Company award. She stated it was a lovely event and a great opportunity to celebrate the community and our wonderful corporate citizen.

Mayor Amorose Groomes reported on the following:

- The JASCO Event was lovely;
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>, she met with members of the Sarnova team as they unveiled their new project;
- She attended the Central Ohio Regional Water Study kickoff;
- She attended the groundbreaking of Elementary 15 with Mr. Keeler, Ms. De Rosa and Ms. Kramb;
- She attended the Delaware County's State of the County event on April 30;
- The final Envision Dublin Steering Committee meeting was held on April 30;
- She attended a Legislator's Lunch;
- She attended the Dublin Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and she shared that it was a moving experience to hear the different faiths speak about their perspectives;
- COMMA was held May 3 in Reynoldsburg at their new library; and
- She shared that she participated in Community Service Day along with 300 other residents.



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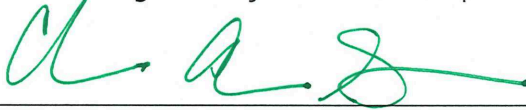
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## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.



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Mayor – Presiding Officer



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