

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 7:00 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, Mr. Earman, Mr. Hammersmith, Ms. LeRoy, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Willis, Ms. Wawszkiewicz, Ms. Goliver, Ms. Blake, Mr. Althouse, Mr. Shuster, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Russell, Mr. Browning and Mr. Ament.

Others present: Bobby Burns, Michael Haynes, Jaron Terry and Peggy Kilty, Rainbow Dublin; Retired LTC Jeff Noble, Veterans Committee; and Timothy Huffman and Steve Nocera, City of Columbus; Matt Casey, MS Consultants; Marie Keister, Murphy Epsom and Karen Hines, Illuminology.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

- Pride Month  
Mayor Amorose Groomes invited members of the Rainbow Dublin Board to come forward. She read a proclamation for June as Pride Month in the City of Dublin.
- Memorial Day Ceremony  
Retired LTC Jeff Noble came forward to invite Council and the public to the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. beginning on Dale Drive and walking toward the Dublin Cemetery. A lunch will follow the ceremony. Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked Mr. Noble for the information and commented that it is always a special time to be together.
- Public Works Week Recognition  
Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Mr. Shuster, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Russell and Mr. Browning (members of the City's Public Works team) to come forward. Public Works Week is May 19-25. 2024 marks the 64<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association. On behalf of Council, she thanked public works professionals who contribute daily to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.
- Columbus Fourth Water Plant Transmission Main Update  
Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Mr. Huffman and Mr. Casey forward to begin their presentation (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A). Mr. Huffman shared that the City of Columbus recently purchased land at Home Road and Dublin Road in Delaware County, which will be the site of their fourth water plant known as Home Road Plant. He stated the goal is to get the water from the new plant into the distribution system. Columbus has hired Matt Casey, MS Consultants to lead the consulting team in evaluating several different alignment options. Mr. Casey stated the need for a new plant is due to the current and projected future growth in Central Ohio. The three existing plants in Columbus currently have an average of 145 million gallons of water a day. Mr. Casey stated that the team explored 14 different alignment options. There are seven north/south corridors, four east/west corridors and three river crossings in the area of the new plant and where it must connect. Mr. Casey provided an overview of the evaluation process that was used to determine the preferred route from the new plant to the connection site. A scoring system was used to determine the most feasible routes. Alignment G is recommended (see Exhibit A) due to the least amount of easements, the least risk and best cost (as part of the scoring system).

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Mr. Casey reviewed the public outreach efforts and highlighted an upcoming public meeting that will be held June 18 at the Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC) in the Tallas beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Casey stated that staff has been great to work with and has shared some priorities when working in Dublin such as preserving trees, and being aware of events that are happening in the City and the timing of those events.

Mr. Reiner asked about the material of this size of pipe. Mr. Huffman stated it would likely be concrete.

Ms. De Rosa asked about the replanting process that will happen after the work is completed. She stated it would be an important part of the information shared with the public. Mr. Casey reiterated that removing trees and landscaping would be minimized as much as possible.

Ms. O'Callaghan stated that Columbus has been great to work with and she is appreciative of the flexibility in timing some of the work to coordinate with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as well as their understanding of our priorities. Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked Mr. Casey for the update.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes of the April 29, 2024 Work Session
- Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the May 13, 2024 Special Council Meeting

There was no request to remove any 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. Krumb, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes.

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

Mr. Hartmann stated that there are no changes from the first reading. He provided the background of the legalization of marijuana in the State of Ohio. At the November 2023 General Election, Ohio voters approved State Issue 2 to legalize the commercial sale, recreational use, and home cultivation of marijuana for persons 21 years old and older. Issue 2 took effect December 7, 2023, and establishes Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code. Specifically, under Chapter 3780, marijuana may be commercially sold and cultivated if the selling entity has a valid license. Importantly, for the City of Dublin, its existing ban on medical marijuana businesses (cultivators, processors, and dispensaries) means that there are no operations that have such a right to an adult-use license. The City adopted this legislation as both a zoning and a business regulation in 2017. From the moment that Issue 2 was approved, lawmakers in the Ohio General Assembly expressed their general intentions to change it. City staff and the law department have continued to monitor the status of Issue 2 and proposed revision legislation since Election Day. The General Assembly has not taken action to revise Issue 2 legislation, despite early pledges and options to do so. This Ordinance will extend and expand the ban on the cultivation,

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processing and dispensaries previously passed by the City related to medical use to address statewide issues related to recreational marijuana use. 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.

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

### **Ordinance 09-24**

#### **Authorizing a Modification to the City's Debt Policy**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Stiffler stated that the City's Debt Policy is silent on the utilization and repayment of manuscript debt. The policy modification proposed would provide the ability to utilize this financing option. This policy modification was reviewed by the City's bond counsel, legal department, municipal advisor, accounting advisory and the Finance Committee. Staff recommended approval at the second reading on June 3, 2024.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for June 3, 2024.

### **Ordinance 10-24**

#### **Authorizing a Modification to the City's General Fund Policy**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Stiffler stated that similar to the Debt Policy modification heard prior to this Ordinance, this modification to the General Fund Policy would provide the option of utilizing this financial tool and is permitted under the Ohio Revised Code. The Excess Fund Balance provision in the General Fund Balance Policy currently requires 25% of the amount in excess of 75% to be transferred to the Capital Improvements Fund. This provision is proposed to be expanded to include the existing required transfer or the repayment of debt, specifically notes or manuscript debt. As is current practice, the Finance Director will make a recommendation to Council during the presentation of the first quarter supplemental regarding the execution of this provision and Council can choose to act or amend this recommendation. Staff recommended approval at the second reading on June 3, 2024.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for June 3, 2024.

### **Ordinance 11-24**

#### **Authorizing a Modification to the City's Investment Policy**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Stiffler stated that again, the following policy modifications are being recommended to provide language addressing the utilization of this financing option. This language would provide guidance regarding this type of financing as permitted under Section 133.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The modification to this policy includes clarifying that manuscript debt is exempt from the limitations imposed on bond purchases of political subdivisions. This exemption is consistent with other types of investments held by the City and not an investment advisor, specifically commercial paper and mutual funds used to provide daily liquidity for City operations. Additionally, because it is held by the City, it will not be required to be held in safekeeping and custody as other debt issued by the City. Manuscript debt functions very similar to an advance between Funds, something the City does regularly when needed. Staff recommended approval at the second reading on June 3, 2024.

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There were no public comments.

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**Ordinance 12-24**

**Adopting the Proposed Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Stiffler stated that this Ordinance is required by statute to be effective and filed with the County Auditor by July 20<sup>th</sup>. It is not a budget that makes any appropriations; it simply makes the City eligible for local government funding. Staff recommended approval at the second reading on June 3, 2024.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for June 3, 2024.

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

**Resolution 25-24**

**Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the I-270/33 Interchange Planting Renovation Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contract for the Project**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Earman stated that on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, six bids were opened for the I270/33 Interchange Planting Renovation Project. The architect's estimate for this project was \$250,000.00. The lowest and best bid received was from R&R Lawn Care and Landscapes, LLC in the amount of \$197,972.00, which is 26 percent below the estimate. If awarded, the project will renovate existing landscape beds within the interchange that have not performed well. Staff has thoroughly reviewed the bid received from R&R Lawn Care and Landscaping LLC and found the bid to be the lowest and best bid. Staff is confident in the contractor's ability to successfully perform the scope of this contract based on positive references and favorable performances for previous City projects.

There were no public comments.

In response to Ms. Kramb's question regarding whether or not the scope of work was carefully reviewed with the successful bidder, Mr. Earman stated that R&R does have the capability of performing the scope of work and the company would like to establish themselves more dominantly in Dublin.

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

**Resolution 26-24**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Franklin County Engineer's Office for the Dublin Road Shared Use Path Project**

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Ms. Willis stated that in February 2023, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) awarded Attributable Funding to the Franklin County Engineer's Office (FCEO) for a multi-jurisdictional project to construct a shared use path along Dublin Road between Limestone Ridge Drive in Dublin and the Quarry Trails Metro Park in Columbus. The agencies participating in the project are Dublin, Columbus, Hilliard, and Franklin County. The award of \$10,351,449 covers 80% of the total \$12,939,311 estimated right-of-way and construction costs. The path will extend Dublin's existing bikeway system along the corridor from the northern corporation limit, through the core of Historic Dublin to and beyond the southern corporation limit. The total cost of the Project including detailed design, construction administration, and construction is estimated to be \$14,841,209.

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Dublin's total contribution is estimated to be approximately \$583,669. This includes 13% of the total Project design at \$247,247; the 20% local match for the right-of-way acquisition within Dublin at \$58,500; and the 20% local match for the construction and construction administration within Dublin at \$277,922. Funds for the Dublin contribution were budgeted in the 2022-2026 CIP for the Dublin Road Shared-Use Path, Frantz Road to Limestone Ridge Drive. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Ms. De Rosa commented on the cost of one mile of shared use path. She is excited for the project and connectivity it provides.

Ms. Fox thanked MORPC for providing the grant funding for this project. Mayor Amorose Groomes added that MORPC does a great job in partnership on projects like these.

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 27-24

### Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Annual Street Light & Traffic Control Utility Painting 2024 (24-029-CIP)

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Taylor stated that the City received two responsive bids for the streetlight and traffic control utility painting program. Brian Brothers Painting and Restoration was the lowest and best bidder for \$145,014.39 which was 27% below the estimate for the project. The project is expected to be completed by October 31, 2024 with minimal traffic impacts. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

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

- Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) Proposed Changes

Ms. LeRoy stated that City Council approved the Dublin Downtown Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in the spring of 2021. Originally set up as separate districts for Historic Dublin and Bridge Park, the two were combined in 2022, which expanded the DORA area to include The Dublin Link. Staff received positive feedback from the Downtown Strategic Alliance and businesses over the past three years. There are 31 establishments in the DORA area. Staff received a request from the Downtown Strategic Alliance to look at the hours of operation for the DORA. Ms. LeRoy shared a chart illustrating the surrounding communities' DORA operating hours by comparison to Dublin's. Staff proposed the DORA hours of operation be amended to Sunday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Kramb suggested that if consistency is the goal, then everyday should be 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

In response to Mr. Reiner's question about the 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays being proposed for the purposes of the market, Ms. LeRoy responded affirmatively.

Ms. De Rosa referenced the Community Needs Health Assessment and stated that she is in agreement with Ms. Kramb that starting it at 11:00 a.m. everyday should be sufficient.

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Ms. Fox stated that the operating hours have slowly increased and she understands that people like to walk around with a drink at the market, but she asked if it is necessary. She noted that Council originally said 1:00 p.m. on Sunday because of churches and schools and family time. She stated that the City does not need to promote drinking any more than we already do. She prefers the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Alutto stated that one hour does not make a huge difference so she is okay with an 11:00 a.m. start time. She commented that the City has been very responsive to the businesses and our community. If the need arises, it can be changed again.

Mr. Keeler agreed that 11:00 a.m. every day is fine.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to adjust the operating hours of the DORA to 11:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M. every day of the week.

Vice Mayor Alutto 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.

- Envision Dublin Update

Ms. Rauch shared the draft plan review schedule and stated that staff has had a great opportunity to socialize this plan and make sure the feedback that has been received is thoughtfully incorporated. At the recent work session (April 29), City Council and members of the Planning and Zoning Commission provided recommendations to expand several key topics within the Plan to address missing middle housing, placemaking, and residential development, including conservation design. Members also provided comments on mapping details and graphics and future land use classifications. The Steering Committee provided recommendations regarding further definition of mixed-use development, revising the order of the Mobility and Transportation chapter to follow the shift in paradigm, and more detailed information regarding the Signature Trail. Staff and the consultant teams are working to address these items in a variety of ways within the revised draft Plan given the consensus and discussion on the topics. Additionally, staff offered to receive written comments or meet with City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission members one-on-one to discuss the Plan and provide clarifying information. Such meetings have taken place over the last two weeks. A majority of the comments received are seeking clarification or minor updates, with a few items raised for consideration prior to the final draft presentation to City Council, which were:

- Wright Run Property, and
- Rock Cress Parkway/Indian Run Corridor.

The Wright Run Property refers to the future land use recommendations for the City-owned property along Emerald Parkway east of Riverside Drive within the Emerald Corridor Area Plan and whether the area should be focused on preservation and incorporated as part of the Ferris-Wright Park. The site was purchased by the City and zoned to Suburban Office and Institutional to further City Council's goal of providing an employment corridor along Emerald Parkway. The proposed Plan retains recommendations in alignment with Council's previous actions.

The Rock Cress Parkway item refers to the future connection of Rock Cress Parkway as shown on the Multimodal Thoroughfare Plan and within the Historic Dublin Area Plan. With previous City Council actions, Rock Cress Parkway was altered to eliminate the crossing of the Indian Run to the west to mitigate negative impacts with the potential future redevelopment of the schools site, but an internal street connection to West Bridge Street was retained to provide for internal travel. The proposed Plan retains these modifications and further highlights the importance of the preservation of the Indian Run corridor with any future redevelopment of the schools site to the west.

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Ms. Rauch stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission will review the final plan at the May 23 meeting. Staff anticipates the Plan being before Council at the June 17 meeting for first reading.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Fox expressed concern over the density of residential development within the historic district map shown. She acknowledged that it is conceptual, but wanted to make certain that the visual does not mislead future development. She stated that while she understands the necessity for connectivity internally in this area, she does not want to see the road too close to Indian Run. She is hopeful that the green spaces that are recommended in the Plan could mean some programming spaces around the 1919 building. She wanted to make sure that there is not an impression with future Planning and Zoning Commissions and Councils that this kind of intensity is acceptable. She does not want any development to risk losing the ambiance in the transitional areas.

With regard to the Wright Run property, Ms. Fox would prefer to see it all as parkland, but she understands the economic development purpose due to its proximity to Bridge Park.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that the no disturb, no build zones exist in this Plan because of the need to protect and preserve the ravine.

Mr. Reiner commented on the historic and archeological significance of the area. Ms. Rauch stated that there is an Area Plan for that area and she will verify that there is a note on there about the historical significance of the area.

Vice Mayor Alutto expressed appreciation for the conversation and making it part of the record.

Ms. De Rosa commented as to the Steering Committee work and the careful consideration of making sure the text reflects what is to be preserved and the intent of the document.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that this will be another of the tools that future Planning Commissions will have at their disposal to protect any site that is significant to the City.

Ms. Kramb thanked Mayor Amorose Groomes and Ms. De Rosa for the time spent working on this Plan with the Steering Committee. She added that so many stakeholders have reviewed this Plan that it is in a good place to finish the process.

Mr. Keeler added that the Indian Run/Rock Cress area is purposely kept passive and the intent is to keep it that way. The roadway could be moved a little further south to protect the ravine.

Ms. Fox stated that it is a precious area and she agreed that the roadway could be moved away a little more and then less density than what is pictured would also be helpful.

- Community Health Needs Assessment Update

Ms. Steiner introduced Karen Hines from Illuminology, the consultant assisting with the assessment. Ms. Steiner shared a presentation on the status of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that is underway (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit B). She stated that they have conducted a good deal of research, which has included 21 stakeholder interviews with the community, six focus groups and a survey. An Advisory Committee made up of community leaders from the four health systems, three county health departments, mental health providers, Dublin City Schools, and a wide variety of social service organizations that serve Dublin residents has met on three occasions

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as part of the process. A CHNA draft report with the findings to date was presented at the last Advisory Committee meeting, with the Committee working to identify the four priority health needs. These four health needs include:

- Healthcare Navigation;
- Transportation;
- Youth Behavioral Health and Substance Misuse; and
- Strengthening Community Connections.

The feeling of loneliness and isolation was a somewhat unexpected response received. Three out of four residents responded that they do not feel “connected” to the community. Youth mental health was also a concern that is happening in communities all over the country. There is believed to be a connection to the pandemic in the rise of youth mental health issues.

Working groups are currently being identified for each of the four priority health needs to determine strategies and timelines to address the needs. These working groups will be comprised of Advisory Committee members and community partners, and will meet several times over the next few months to develop specific strategies and action items that will be used to address each priority health need.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Reiner commented on how interesting the report was to hear. He stated that the greatest gift we can give residents is good health and environment. Several Council members commented that they were surprised that community members did not feel connected. Discussion was held regarding what is within the City’s purview and what is not regarding this assessment.

Mr. Keeler stated that putting an emphasis on community connections seems to be very important to address. He expressed concern regarding the binge drinking numbers that were shared. Ms. Steiner clarified that the four priorities were not in order of importance. They are all equally important. Mr. Keeler reiterated that some of this is not in the government’s control.

Vice Mayor Alutto stated that some of the isolation that some people feel could be due to medical issues and a struggle with transportation. She shared the struggle that she personally witnessed around youth behavioral services and the waiting period to see a provider. She suggested using Forever Dublin as a tool to get the word out about some available connections and services. She suggested that it does not have to be just for more experienced residents and caregivers. Youth could benefit from navigation services as well. She stated that it is not just about having programming to offer, but also how to reach the people who are struggling.

Ms. De Rosa requested more context around the votes that the transportation priority health need and healthcare navigation priority health need received. Ms. Hines stated that she believed it is across the board in how people are meeting their basic needs because that is necessary for health. How are they getting to appointments? Do they understand their insurance? Where do they go for certain appointments? These questions all tie into the transportation piece as well. Older adults may or may not understand how to take an Uber or use Lyft.

Ms. Fox reiterated her surprise over both the lack of connection and mental illness issues. She is grateful for the work identifying these priority health needs and that there is opportunity to partner with healthcare organizations and social service organizations. She suggested that the Go Dublin App could be a way to communicate to more people about different events and opportunities where services will be available. She stated that sitting with our partners and combining resources could help find a path forward.

Ms. Steiner stated that the goal is to utilize the partners that they have already been working with to help address these needs. Mayor Amorose Groomes



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reiterated that strengthening our sense of community is something the City can do through transportation efforts. She reiterated the need to partner on these needs. Mayor Amorose Groomes asked how old the reference points were for the State of Ohio. She stated that many communities are dealing with mental health issues and struggling with addiction. She asked if there is benchmarking around successful initiatives because it would be desirable to experiment with strategies to get the best outcomes.

Ms. Hines stated that she is working with the Ohio State Center for Public Health Practice, which has many evidence-based health practices that have been used. Those ideas are brought to the table for consideration as the Advisory Committee continues its work.

Ms. Steiner outlined the next steps as continuing the working group meetings to develop the strategies and action items. Once those have been determined, the final Strategic Action Plan will be brought to Council for consideration to help guide the work.

## STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. O'Callaghan shared that on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the City's Development Building, City staff will be holding a public meeting with property owners in the vicinity of the Riverside Drive Shared-Use Path, Section 2 Project. The Section 2 project area extends along the eastern side of Riverside Drive from Arrowhead Road to the northern City corporation limits. The intent for this preliminary engineering project is to refine potential alignments and better define the cost of building the proposed shared-use path. This path would connect to other planned shared-use paths on the east side of Riverside Drive. The public meeting is intended to discuss the overall project scope, potential alignment options, and collect public feedback.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

- Committee Reports:
  - Finance Committee: Mr. Keeler stated that in addition to the policy matters that were discussed earlier this evening, the Committee also received a review from Redtree Investment Group of the City's investment portfolios managed by Meeder and Manning & Napier. There were comparisons of two benchmarks, one of which consisted of other municipal clients that Redtree works with. The committee also discussed the Bed Tax Grant Policy and provided feedback. Staff will be bringing a modified policy that incorporates that feedback to the Committee for review in June.
  
- Liaison Reports
  - Ms. De Rosa: She reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be reviewing the Envision Dublin Plan for the second time at their meeting on May 23. She added that she attended a review of the Development Process with Council Members Fox and Kramb. There will be some recommendations that will impact the development process come forward from that.
  - Ms. Fox: She reported that Dr. Marchhausen invited the City to participate in a school-sponsored focus group on May 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the topic of the focus on the future exploring high school capacity solutions. She attended with Council Member Keeler, the City Manager, Mr. Gracia, Mr. Stiffler, Ms. Rauch and Ms. Willis. The focus of the discussion was on the financial challenges that are faced by the Dublin City Schools due to increasing enrollment and the need for expanded high school facilities. The key topics raised during the discussion included the Ohio School Funding Formula and the role of the State in funding student education, the impact of school property tax increases on residents and the difficulty in passing school levies. Unlike other cities, Dublin does not offer tax abatements, which puts the City at a disadvantage in economic development. The City has

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historically utilized non-school TIFs as an economic development policy that maintains school tax revenues. The City also partners with the schools in creative financing agreements benefiting both parties. Recent support for levies has been low, particularly in districts outside of Dublin. The importance of maintaining an excellent school system and providing top quality education was shared. The focus group provided an opportunity for Council Members and staff to share a conversation around financial pressures, funding and planning challenges and the need for strategic partnerships to address those issues.

- Mr. Keeler: He stated that 358 single family units were approved in the last Logan/Union/Champaign Regional Planning meeting.
- Mr. Reiner: He stated that Dublin Arts Council held an opening reception on May 11 for A Snails Journey. Veterans Committee honored the graduates of our high schools that are going into the military. He also stated that Dr. Marchhausen is supportive of starting a Junior ROTC program in Dublin schools.
- Ms. Kramb: She reported that ARB has some upcoming cases regarding 17 and 27 North Riverview Street.
- Mayor Amorose Groomes: She reported that the four-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan for MORPC was approved at the last meeting.

## **COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE**

Ms. Kramb thanked all who participated in the dodgeball tournament. She also thanked staff for attending the East Dublin Civic Association meeting last week. It was very well attended. The residents were pleased with the meeting.

Ms. Fox shared her gratitude for the Police Memorial Service last Friday (May 17) and encouraged all citizens to remember the officers in our communities who have lost their lives in the line of duty. She also encouraged citizens to appreciate the service that our first responders provide to our community. The Dublin Police values of professionalism, integrity, respect and commitment show every day here in the City and serve as role models for our community. She encouraged people to light a blue light on your front porch in this month of May to show support for our officers.

Mr. Reiner shared thanks for the Police Memorial Service and said with Memorial Day approaching, we need to keep those who serve our country in our minds and thank them for their service.

Mr. Keeler thanked Parks and Recreation staff for the Pump Track dedication.

Ms. De Rosa stated that she was talking with those onsite at the pump track to demonstrate and they informed her that the closest track similar to this is in Dayton. This is not only new to Dublin, but it is new to Central Ohio. She thanked the Police staff for the Memorial Service.

Vice Mayor Alutto stated that this is the last week of school for Dublin City Schools and Hilliard City Schools, so please keep an eye out for children.

Mayor Amorose Groomes shared the following:

- The Naturalization Ceremony was held on May 8, she welcomed the new Americans;
- A tour of Cardinal Health was held on May 8 as well;
- She thanked the City Manager and the Chief for their assistance in the dodgeball tournament;
- She and Vice Mayor Alutto attended the Leadership Dublin graduation ceremony on May 15;
- Ohio Mayor's Alliance Coalition meeting was held May 16 and that was just after the Supreme Court ruling regarding the City of Columbus legislation that was

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upheld. This is a tremendous victory for local governments in terms of Home Rule. There was a lot of discussion regarding what the next steps will be.

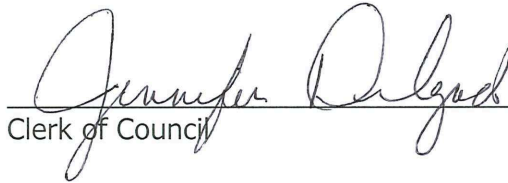
- o May 16 was also the MORPC Transportation Innovation Forum;
- o The morning of May 17 was Dublin A.M. Rotary who honored their past presidents; and
- o She thanked all the staff assistance with the Bike Pump Track dedication that took place just before the Council meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.



Mayor – Presiding Officer



Clerk of Council