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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, January 27, 2025 Regular Council Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Vice Mayor Alutto, Mayor Amorose Groomes, Ms. De Rosa, Ms. Fox, Mr. Keeler, Ms. Krumb and Mr. Reiner.

Staff members present were Ms. O'Callaghan, Mr. Hartmann, Chief Paez, Ms. Weisenauer, Mr. Gracia, Ms. Goehring, Ms. Willis, Mr. Krawetzki, Ms. Gee, Mr. Hammersmith, Mr. Earman, Mr. Gable, Ms. Blake and Mr. Ament.

Others present were Scott Dring, Visit Dublin Ohio; Mike Brehm of EMH&T; John Woods of MKSK; Keith Hall of MSA Sport; Don McCarthy of McCarthy Consulting; and Matt Davis, COhatch and applicant in the Riverview Village development.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Hospitality Industry Update

Mr. Dring came forward and provided an update on the hospitality industry. He shared the following:

- Bed tax revenue had a substantial increase of 9% last year;
- The occupancy rate also rose last year by 8%;
- Restaurant sales increased 6% from 2023;
- There were 830,000 website visits;
- 51 million regional campaign impressions; and
- 160 new business leads.

He stated he was proud to share that Visit Dublin Ohio recently learned that they have won an Adrian Award. They will be representing the City at the awards presentation in New York City in February.

Mr. Dring spoke briefly about the Art in Public Places Trail, the Celtic Cocktail Trail and the realization that about 40-45% of the people who enjoy the trails are Dublin residents. He shared that, in collaboration with the Dublin Schools, the Dublin Travel and Tourism Academy was launched for the first time last year. There were 10 students taking part in various activities and events to learn about the industry. He shared that there were over 40,000 youth athletic participants coming to Dublin last year for various sports.

Finally, he shared that he is very proud of Visit Dublin's accreditation. Of the 4,000 visitor bureau organizations, only 6% are accredited.

Looking forward to 2025, Mr. Dring stated that he is excited about their regional campaign and some other exciting promotions this year. He thanked Council for their support and the City goals for 2025 that relate directly to their work.

Mr. Reiner thanked Mr. Dring for the information and, on behalf of Council, congratulated him on the Adrian Award. He asked how many Irish residents traveled to Dublin, Ohio for the free beer promotion. Mr. Dring stated that eight Irish residents took advantage of the promotion to visit for free beer.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ariene Chen, 7472 Bardston Drive, Dublin came forward to invite the City to the Lunar New Year Celebration that will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at Daniel Wright Elementary School beginning at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Chen explained what her organization, The Columbus Chinese Academy (CCA), does for promoting traditional Chinese language and culture. Their Chinese Cultural Summer Camp is held for five days in July at the same school. The cost to rent the school has increased and has become unaffordable for the group to hold their camp there. She requested the City lower the fees for the school.

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Mayor Amorose Groomes explained the separation between the City and the schools and that the City has no authority to waive or lower fees because the City does not own the building. She informed Ms. Chen of the grant process that is available through the City for events and introduced her to Ms. Blake who would explain the process to her.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting; and
- Notice to the Legislative Authority of a New D5J Liquor Permit for Sand Valley LLC, dba Sand Valley Cocktail Club, 6767 Longshore Street, Dublin, Ohio 43017

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

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

Vote on the motion: 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

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to waive the Council Rules of Order and read Ordinances 01-25 and 02-25 together.
Vice Mayor Alutto seconded.

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

The Clerk read the Ordinances into the record.

Ordinance 01-25

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.038-Acre Easement from the Property Located at 185 South Riverview Street, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 273-000144-00 From Paul G. Ghidotti and Katherine E. Ghidotti, Trustees of the Ghidotti Family Trust Dated May 5, 2021, for the Public Purpose of Carrying out the South High Street Utility Burial – Phase 2 Project (22-018-CIP)

Ordinance 02-25

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.062-Acre Easement from the Property Located at 109 South Riverview Street, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 273-000060-00 From Gregory A. Schmitt and Carey R. Schmitt, for the Public Purpose of Carrying out the South High Street Utility Burial – Phase 2 Project (22-018-CIP)

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinances.

Mr. Gable stated that the South High Street Utility Burial Phase 2 project will bury existing overhead primary electric and telecommunication utility lines along Blacksmith Lane, South High Street and intersecting streets. At the completion of the project, all overhead utility lines and poles in the project area will be removed between West Bridge Street and Short Street, including the poles along South High Street. The project is planned to begin in April 2025 and is anticipated to be significantly complete by the end of 2025, with the South High Street poles to be removed over the winter of 2026. These two ordinances provide for two acquisitions of property. Staff has participated in good faith discussions with the property owners and have arrived at mutually agreeable terms. These are the final two acquisitions for this project.

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Mr. Gable noted a small easement located adjacent to the right-of-way for the placement of utility structures. The acquisition of this parcel was previously approved on September 9, 2024. Prior to closing on the easement, this property was sold to a new owner, Tri-Oak Real Estate 86 LLC. The new owner has decided to donate the required property rights. Staff noted this parcel in order to express gratitude for the donation. Staff recommended approval at the second reading/public hearing on February 3, 2025.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked those who are willing to contribute to this project at no cost. She added that it is good to see that they realize the benefit to them of this work.

Second reading/Public hearing is scheduled for February 3, 2025.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 05-25

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment of a Parking Lot Lease Agreement with the Dublin Community Church and to Execute a Sublease for Parking Places with Grabill & Company

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the resolution.

Ms. Goehring stated that since 2011, the City of Dublin and the Dublin Community Church have entered into parking lease agreements for excess parking in the church's parking lot. The intention of these lease agreements has been to provide additional flexibility for economic development purposes in the Historic District. The term of the current parking lot lease agreement is from November 1, 2023, through November 1, 2026. This resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a lease extension with the church through November 1, 2029. The reason for this extension is to accommodate the growth of a Dublin tech company. The company has identified an office space at 61 W. Bridge Street that fits their needs and executed a lease through February 2029 for the space. The City plans to sublease the 29 spaces to the building owner, Grable and Company for the same term as the office tenant lease, March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2029. These spaces are available to the company on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the exception of major holidays, which are noted in the sublease agreement. The lease rate is consistent with the existing agreement with Dublin Community Church at \$750 per month. Staff recommended approval of the resolution.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Fox asked about the signage marking that the parking is available for public use. Ms. Goehring shared pictures of the signs that are posted and stated that the times noted on the signs will be changed to accurately reflect the time of day it is available for public use.

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

Resolution 06-25

Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Dublin Community Recreation Center Phase I Renovation Project

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the resolution.

Mr. Earman stated that on December 20, 2024, eleven bids were received and publicly opened for the Dublin Community Recreation Center Phase One renovation project. This phase focuses on the renovation of the existing teen lounge and senior lounge areas. Once completed, these spaces will be rebranded and will offer increased services for multiple generations, new programming offerings and activities. Mr. Earman noted that the renovations to the teen lounge include enclosing the outdoor patio to expand the indoor space which substantiates much of the cost for this particular phase of the renovations. Staff thoroughly reviewed the bids from the project and determined that Ruscilli Construction's bid of \$1,169,292 is the lowest and best bid which is approximately 38%

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below the project cost estimate. Robertson Construction's bid was actually \$20,292 less than Ruscilli Construction's bid. After the evaluation of both bids, staff determined Ruscilli's bid to be the lowest and best. Mr. Earman explained that a critical factor in the evaluation of the bids was the proposed project schedule. Each bidder provided a schedule, which is key to the project to limit disruption of services. Ruscilli's schedule showed a timeline that was about six weeks shorter than the proposed schedule from Robertson Construction. Ruscilli has successfully completed previous projects for the City and demonstrated the necessary experience and capabilities to complete this project to a high standard. Therefore, despite the higher bid price, Ruscilli's proposal is deemed the lowest and best for the overall project requirements and priorities. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Ms. De Rosa asked about the timeline of phase one and then subsequent phases. Mr. Earman stated that this phase uses funds that were available from the ARPA funding. There is also \$6.5 million in the CIP for this project this year. Once this project starts and moves forward, staff will bring future phases before Council this year. The goal is to get those funds encumbered this year. Ms. De Rosa asked that staff communicate the details of these phases to the users of the Dublin Community Recreation Center, so they know what to expect. Mr. Earman responded affirmatively. Ms. De Rosa thanked everyone for the work bringing this forward.

Ms. Fox suggested sharing pictures with the public so they can see the work that will be done. She asked about the kitchen renovation. Mr. Earman stated that the kitchen renovation is not part of this phase, but staff will ensure that the renovation will match the needs of the community. He added that staff is also looking into potential sponsorships that could help move the projects along faster.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

- Historic Dublin NE Quad Street Network Update

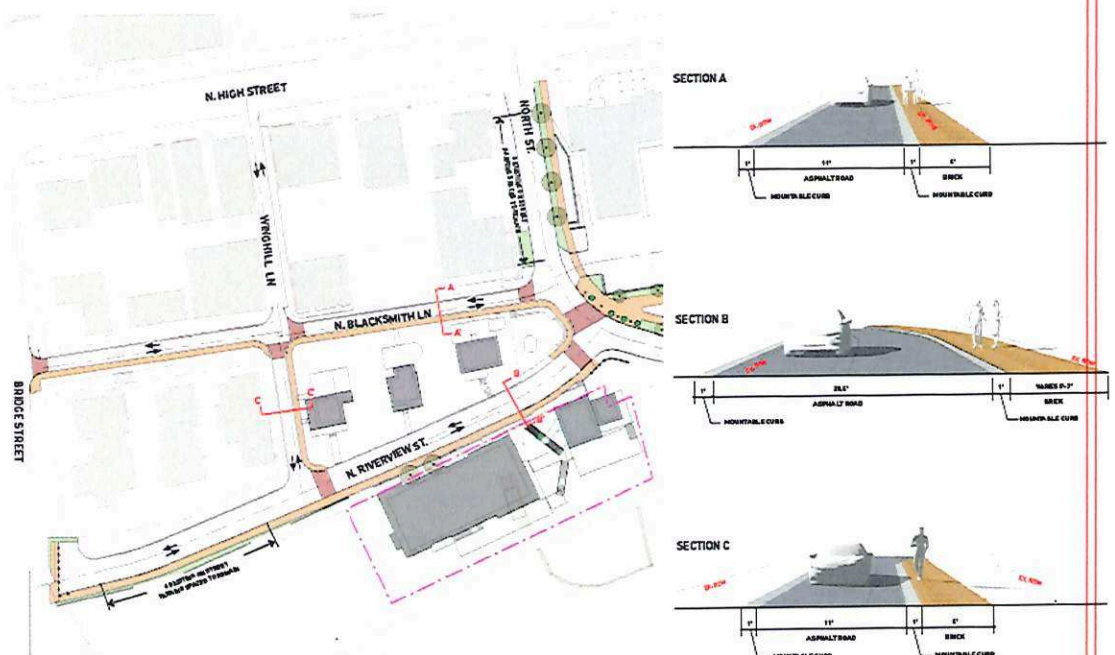
Mr. Bitar provided a brief background of the Riverview Village project and the previous discussion regarding the streetscape and potential for on-street parking. It was intended to integrate some of the infrastructure needs that the City has in the surrounding development as well as the park improvement plan. The concept plan focused on the private component of the development. The concept plan was trying to accommodate some on-street parking on North Blacksmith Lane. As the study of the area continued to evolve, some of the parking proved to not be feasible due to the widths of the streets and the need to accommodate emergency vehicles. The focus shifted back to providing some on-street parking for ADA access, delivery and emergency vehicles on North Riverview Street, while maintaining some of the existing parking on surrounding streets. The presentation provided to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) highlighted occasional art shows, markets and other focused pedestrian activities. The final development plan was approved by the ARB in November. The streetscape shown was conceptual in nature. The streetscape came before City Council in November and included quite a bit of brick in the streets. The feedback from Council was the need to be more consistent with the standards that have been used in the Historic District and focus on integrating the elements similar to the Franklin Street Extension. Mr. Bitar introduced Mike Brehm, EMH&T and John Woods, MKSK who were present to provide an update on the streets and sidewalks.

Mr. Brehm stated that when the options were presented in November, a baseline option that had asphalt streets and brick sidewalks and crosswalks was presented. He stated that he would be presenting an updated version of that baseline. He recapped the various improvements that were part of this project. He stated that

the plan is to manage vehicular traffic that must circulate in this area. North Street and lower North Riverview Street will both have asphalt pavement, brick sidewalk, brick crosswalk and the curbs will be straight granite consistent with what is in front of Building Z. Street parking today is allowed on the south side of North Street between High Street and Blacksmith Lane. This proposal preserves the ability to park there. Upper North Riverview Street is very similar to the baseline that was presented in November. It will also be 20 to 21 feet wide. The curbs are proposed to be mountable granite curbs consistent with the baseline option that was shown in November. The sidewalk is proposed to be brick. As part of this proposal, the ability to park on the east side of North Riverview Street, south of Wing Hill, would remain permitted. Between Wing Hill and North Street, there is a need to restrict parking to allow emergency medical services and fire trucks to circulate the block. This effort was coordinated with Washington Township Fire Department.

Mr. Brehm stated that in the 100 feet in front of the new build, two parking spaces could be added for the purposes of ADA parking. The remaining 100 feet could be designated as an active loading zone. Mr. Brehm stated that in November, a discussion was held regarding the challenge with the grades in this area and the desire to provide ADA accessible spaces. He explained that the two in front of the new building is really the best location for these spaces.

Mr. Brehm stated that the biggest change to the baseline is to the sections that are proposed for North Blacksmith Lane and Wing Hill Lane. Both streets currently have a width of about nine feet of asphalt. Blacksmith Lane has a mountable curb on the west side and an uncurbed condition on the east side. Wing Hill is uncurbed on both sides with grass. Two cars approaching each other would need to creep into the grass in order to pass. The same would apply to a pedestrian who is trying to use the roadway. Mr. Brehm stated that at the November presentation before Council, an option was presented that would create an 18-foot-wide shared street type on Blacksmith Lane and Wing Hill Lane. The 18 feet would be available for vehicular use, but ideas were presented regarding how to carve that space out for pedestrian use as well. Mr. Brehm stated that this proposal provides a little more room but will keep those pavers reserved for a predominantly sidewalk condition.

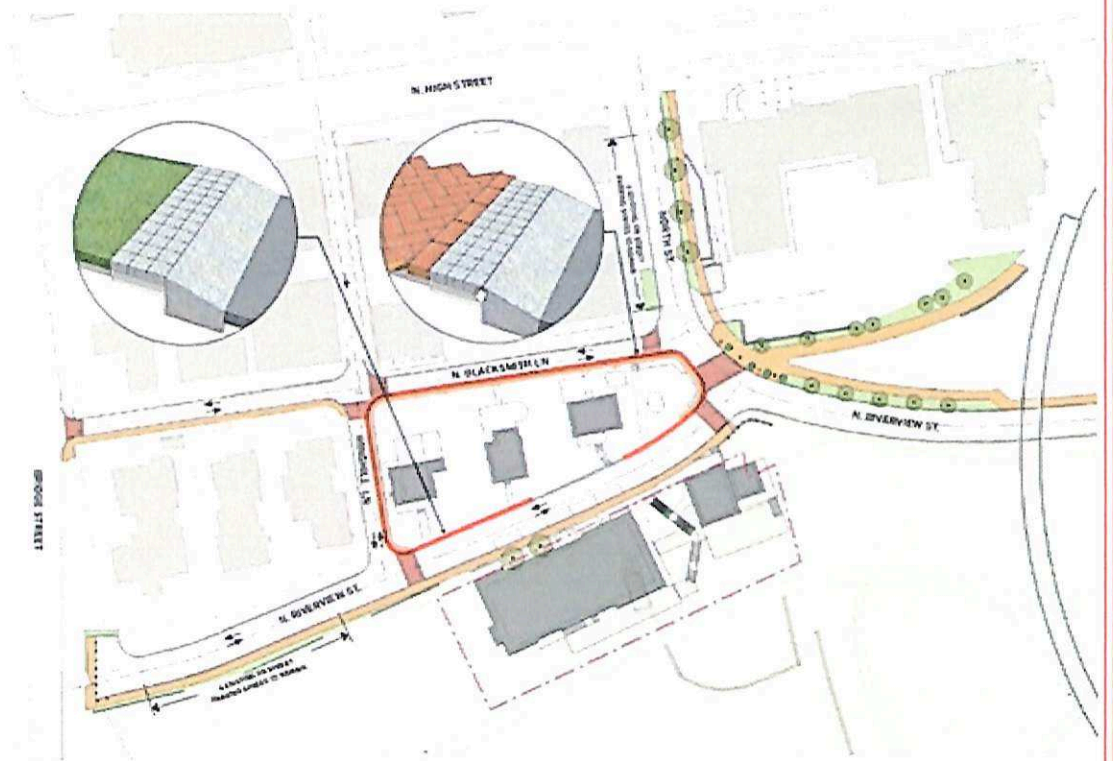


Mr. Brehm referred to Section C as noted in the above image. He stated that Section C would be the west side of Blacksmith Lane, and the south side of Wing Hill Lane would be mountable curb with turf behind it. The east side of Blacksmith Lane and north side of Wing Hill Lane would have mountable granite curb and a five foot brick walk.

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Mr. Woods stated that this proposal differs from the November proposal as it takes a little more of an urban approach with less reliance on brick. More visual cues have been added to alert those coming into the area that it is a pedestrian area. Mr. Woods stated that an addition to this proposal is the use of a cobblestone band into the center block area around the three COhatch properties. The cobblestone band would encircle that block within the lawn on the backside of the mountable curb.



Mr. Woods stated that the cobblestone would stop at the historic stone wall. Incorporating the cobblestone adds a subtle, unique detail to this area of the village and adds a visual texture that you can feel in a car. It also gives a little more durability to that sidewalk cross section for emergency vehicles making turns around that block. He added that this is not an expansion of the sidewalk and does not add much to the cost. Mr. Woods reviewed the materials that are utilized in this proposal.

Lighting and furnishings have not been changed since the November presentation. The streets would have the standard historic district light poles (except for the catenary lighting that was proposed for Blacksmith Lane). Bollards will be added as proposed previously. Planting has gone unchanged from the previous presentation. Smaller ornamental trees are proposed to preserve views and provide pedestrian scale and then medium-sized shade trees are proposed at the intersection.

Mr. Brehm stated that the other update to the baseline proposal is the parking on the lower North Riverview Street. In November, two options were shown: one added as much parking as feasible to lower North Riverview Street which resulted in about 21 additional spaces and an option that was more scaled back and created only 12 additional spaces. The proposal with 12 spaces would leave the west side in front of Building Z alone and add the 12 spaces on the east side. In terms of ADA spaces, only one of these spaces by Code would need to be ADA accessible and would be a challenge for wheelchair users. Mr. Brehm added that if the desire was to add ADA parking, down the hill in front of Building Z is not the best place to do that. He recommended looking at upper North Riverview Street to potentially add additional handicap spaces. He stated that the presentation shows an option where there is no additional parking on lower North Riverview. That option would eliminate the sidewalk for now on the east side of the road. He added that if this were to be eliminated from the baseline, it could certainly be revisited as part of

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the park master plan. He stated the cost to add the sidewalk and parking is about \$570,000.

Mr. Bitar stated that staff is requesting acceptance of the streetscape improvements. Staff recommended the cobblestone strip to help with tactile texture and provide a unique element. He also requested Council feedback on the parking options.

Louis Slangen, 105 N. Riverview Street, 117, Dublin came forward to provide comments related to the on-street parking that is proposed. He stated that his concerns are that the spaces will essentially be a parking lot. People park as close as possible for free and will not go to the library garage. He stated it will be cluttered and jammed with cars constantly from the people who work for the businesses. He stated that today's conditions are already a problem with service vehicles double parking because there are no available spots. He doesn't feel it is realistic to believe that the additional places will help anything.

Matt Davis, 4620 Hickory Rock Drive, Powell came forward and stated that in September 2022 he submitted for the request for proposals (RFP) for this project. During that time, the proposal showed brick streets and an option to have parking on North Riverview Street. The proposal also showed the importance of connecting the Dublin Link bridge to the project. This proposal was in the public realm. He stated in August of 2023, they committed to moving their national headquarters to Riverview Village. At that time, the proposal still showed parking on North Riverview. He shared the experience of going through the development process with a preliminary development plan, a final development plan, etc. He stated that this project has been talked about in the public realm over and over. He complimented the staff on the detailed studies, reviews and flexibility that was exhibited. He stated that he offered to pay for the public use plaza out of his own funds. He agrees that people will park as close as possible for cheap. He discussed the convenience of people getting to the restaurant on the river even in bad weather. Between 12 and 48 people rotating in and out every two hours will make or break a restaurant. This is why parking is so important. He stated that going with 12 parking places rather than 21 is a good compromise. He asked that Council move forward with what has been discussed.

Ms. Weisenauer stated that five comments were received via the website for this topic. The comments were provided to Council in their entirety prior to the meeting. She stated that the comments expressed were all from North Riverview Street residents expressing their concerns about the 12 parking places along the east side of North Riverview Street.

Vice Mayor Alutto asked if, without including parking on upper North Riverview, there are only two ADA spaces proposed at this time. Mr. Bitar responded affirmatively. Mr. Brehm added that there is a parking plan that has been put together that utilizes a lot of the parking that is already in the Historic District. The parking plan calls for about 50% of the calculated parking to occur in the library garage. The other 50% would occur in the High Street garage, which has ADA accessible spots. In terms of new parking spaces being added, only two of them are ADA accessible.

Vice Mayor Alutto stated that, from an ADA perspective, it is not just wheelchair users, but people who have other mobility issues traversing from High Street down to Riverview Street because it is such a significant grade change. She expressed concern regarding the lack of ADA spaces in the lower area. She stated that there really is no way for people with mobility issues to get to the park area. In response to her question regarding the parking spots that exist in front of 105 N. Riverview, Mr. Brehm stated that those are all publicly owned spaces. Vice Mayor Alutto stated that she is in favor of timed parking, but she is not in favor of making residential-only parking in publicly owned spots.

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Ms. Kramb stated that regarding everything except parking, she likes the street improvements that are proposed. She is supportive of using cobblestone as proposed as a durability measure. She is supportive of using materials that will hold up and be durable. She is supportive of the asphalt roadways and the brick sidewalks. She stated that she likes the loading area and the two ADA spots. She asked about the south side of North Street between High Street and Blacksmith Lane and the space available there to park about six cars. She added that she would like to make that more official and actually stripe in parking spots rather than it being a "free-for-all." If parking there is allowed, then it should be made official and the spaces marked. She suggested that a couple of the spots on the east side of North Riverview Street, south of Wing Hill Lane could be ADA spaces as well. She expressed that she does not feel two ADA spaces are enough. Parking on the north end of North Riverview Street on the east side seems to be more related to the park itself. She stated her concern that the City is spending so much money developing the park, but that there is no place for people to park to visit the park. She would be supportive of those spaces being used more in support of the park and not associated with Riverview Village. She stated that these spaces are not necessarily closer to the restaurant than the library garage. She shared that she measured that it was 350 feet from the closest parking spot (the southernmost spot) to the restaurant. It was 450 feet to the closest spot in the library garage. She stated that if the parking spaces and sidewalk are not built now, then it will be harder to develop the park that the City is looking forward to activating. She is supportive of a time limit and suggested a two-hour time limit. She added that there is no sign right now that says people cannot park on the east side of North Riverview Street. She summarized by stating that she is supportive of formal spaces, striping them and making it time restrictive. She is also in favor of more ADA spaces.

Ms. Fox offered compliments on creating interest and opening up the plaza. She stated her concern is that if we really want this area to be pedestrian friendly, you have to see that there is something to come down here for. She likes the aesthetics of the brick. She likes the granite and the cobblestone additions. She stated that regarding the parking issue, she agrees that we do not want a parking lot effect. She asked if the business (COhatch) had vouchers that are offered to employees to park in the garages. Mr. Davis stated that people are going to use free parking and that they are creatures of habit. He stated vouchers are certainly something that could be investigated. He agreed with hearing the two-hour time limits suggested. Mr. Davis stated that it is not in his pro-forma to offer vouchers at this time. Ms. Fox stated that it is about balancing the ability to get to the park without becoming a burden. It needs to be practical for the community at large without becoming a burden to the people who live in the area. She agrees with restricting the parking to two hours. She appreciated the ADA parking spaces being in front of the headquarters. The six parking spaces in front of the residences need to be two hours as well. She was not in favor of the unlimited parking on North Street when it is the only pedestrian path down and the view shed. She added that she realizes at this point it would not be wise to remove parking spaces. If more parking is developed with the park, then the spaces on North Street could be removed.

Mr. Reiner expressed appreciation for the revisions to the designs that were responsive to Council's feedback. Mr. Reiner asked about the ornamental trees versus shade trees. Mr. Woods stated that the ornamental trees were there to help preserve views of the Dublin Link Bridge and not compete with that. Mr. Reiner asked where people working in the area would park. He added that it is fair to take the parking spaces from 21 to 12 for everyone. He stated that this will become an important park. He agreed that all the spaces should be limited to three hours. To answer Mr. Reiner's question regarding where the workforce in the area would

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park, Mr. Bitar stated that the parking plan that was completed as part of the ARB approvals process included a study of the two garages in the vicinity and the need for ADA and drop-offs in the area. The intent is for the parking to be dispersed throughout the existing spaces except for the ADA spaces. The intent is also to limit vehicular traffic within the area and focus on pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Keeler stated that it sounds like Council is in agreement that the spaces should be timed. He also agreed that compromises have been made and the 12 spaces are needed. Regarding ADA parking, it seems like the grade or the slope of this area is not conducive to ADA parking, but the area right in front of the headquarters seems like the logical place. He suggested adding one or two more to the south at the dead end. He suggested making a spot or two a delivery zone with a 15-minute time limit. Mr. Keeler asked if one-way streets are used in Dublin. He suggested that the Wing Hill and Blacksmith lanes be considered to be one-way to limit traffic. Mr. Brehm stated that they did explore one-way streets. He stated that the one-way streets south of Bridge Street are not one-way because they are narrow but rather due to their proximity to the Bridge Street/High Street intersection. He added that the approach with these roadways was to try to elevate what is there more so than changing. He stated that the narrowness and the two-way for garages and driveways maintain circulation. It is not perfect, but is not a bad thing in terms of slowing people down. Mr. Keeler stated that he believes the cobblestone is a nice touch.

In response to Ms. De Rosa's question about Wing Hill Lane and making that one-way, Mr. Brehm stated that Wing Hill Lane is a one-way street. She agrees with that staying one-way. She agreed that parking is needed. She agreed with Ms. Kramb that people are going to park there for the park, but timing restrictions should help. She is supportive of the sidewalks because she agrees that sidewalks lead you places. She is supportive of the extra parking and the sidewalk at this park that the City has spent years building and funding. She was also supportive of the timing restrictions on parking spaces. She advocated for being consistent with elsewhere in the district as to whether it should be two or three-hour parking. She noted the challenge with ADA parking and is supportive of increasing ADA accessible parking spaces. Ms. De Rosa is supportive of the intersections and crosswalks. She expressed appreciation for the work on this proposal.

Vice Mayor Alutto stated her appreciation for the residents who came to speak to Council. She stated that it is important that residents feel they have a voice. She was appreciative that Mr. Davis was present as well. She stated that she likes the proposal and the streetscape improvements. She reiterated that two ADA spaces is low and she would like to see more added. She is supportive of the 12 spaces. She agrees that the sidewalk toward the park should be developed as part of this plan. She would like to make sure that it is accessible to all the public. She stated that she agrees with the timing restrictions on the parking. She agrees with Ms. Kramb that all parking should be marked and striped. She is not in favor of making any spaces for residents only.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked the consultants and staff for the presentation and hard work on this proposal. She agreed with Mr. Keeler that North Blacksmith Lane should be one-way to the north. It is an unsafe condition to try to exit Blacksmith Lane onto Bridge Street. She stated that it is important to ensure that the individuals can get to their homes from Riverview Street. There may be times when there is an event happening and North Riverview Street (between Wing Hill Lane and North Street) is closed and it is a pedestrian-only experience. She agreed that the 12 parking spaces are important. She shared her experience using an app in downtown Columbus for parking. She suggested that it might be time to implement something like that for the entirety of the Bridge Street District. She stated almost all of Bridge Park is loading zones. She added that it is time that on-

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street parking in commercial districts is monitored for time limits. She suggested having a mechanism in place to make enforcement easy. She would be interested in seeing the trees that will be planted. She suggested having shade trees and not ornamental trees in pedestrian areas so it does not become an issue for pedestrians walking on the sidewalk. She suggested that the specifications should include a seven-foot clear trunk height at the time of installation.

Mayor Amorose Groomes summarized Council's consensus as follows:

- Support for the 12 parking spaces on the east side of North Riverview Street;
- Desire to see more ADA parking;
- All spaces on the east side and the west side of North Riverview Street are timed spaces;
- Support for the use of the cobblestone band;
- Support for the brick sidewalks and crosswalks; and
- Support for parking spaces on North Riverview Street in front of the new building.

Discussion was held regarding whether one-way streets would be entertained at this point. Mr. Bitar will follow-up on the possibility of one-way streets. Mr. Brehm shared one consideration regarding the one-way street northbound; there could be access complications for two of the homeowners who have garages that front Blacksmith Lane. The only access they would have to their home would be northbound from Bridge Street, which could be tricky at times. Mayor Amorose Groomes agreed it needs to be thought through, but it would be nice to know what options exist. Mr. Bitar stated that they will come back with one-way possibilities. Mayor Amorose Groomes asked for follow-up regarding the trees that will be planted as well. Council members were supportive of those follow-ups.

Ms. Kramb stated that the intersection at Blacksmith Lane and Bridge Street should be right-in and right-out only. Staff will consider that as a solution to the intersection concerns.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. O'Callaghan had no comments.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

- Ms. De Rosa reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission has several very big projects making their way to their meetings. She added that the vision of the Envision Dublin plan has been positively received. The projects out in the West Innovation District will be coming forward soon. In the Envision Dublin process, Council collectively spoke about the need and desire to have clarity on what mixes of use should look like. These projects coming forward will be the first examples of those concepts. As they move forward, it is important for Council to provide clarity and vision around what is meant by mixed use. She thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for their continued work.
- Mr. Keeler reported that the SportsOhio Steering Committee will be meeting tomorrow (1/28) to interview the RFP respondents.
- Ms. Kramb stated that she asked ARB members what they think of the OnBoard software they are using now and it seems to be going well. She thought it was very helpful to view the ARB packet using OnBoard. There are some Code changes as a result of the Development Review Process that was conducted that will come before them. Council will review them as well. Regarding Washington Township, she announced that Chief O'Connell is retiring at the end of February. He has been the Fire Chief since 2014. He has worked for the Township for 36 years. Deputy Chief John Donahue will be stepping into the Chief role upon Chief O'Connell's departure. Chief O'Connell will be coming to Council in February to reintroduce Deputy Chief Donahue.

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- Mayor Amorose Groomes reported on her role with MORPC. She reported that:
 - The next full meeting is February 6th.
 - She attended the Northwest Area meeting last week. Updates from surrounding communities were shared and staff gave an update on Dublin as well.
 - She will be attending the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) meetings from February 9-12. Legislative meetings will be held to talk about rail and a number of other member-directed spending projects and funding opportunities. She will report on that trip upon her return; and
 - A rail trip is being planned to Texas to see how rail lines are operating in that area and how they are funded.
- Mr. Reiner reported that he participated in a preliminary meeting with the search firm responsible for finding a new Executive Director for the Dublin Arts Council. He stated that it will be a national search and he is confident that this group will get the best person for the job.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

- Ms. Fox stated that she enjoyed the MLK Supper on Sunday (1/19). She thanked staff and everyone who participated in making that supper happen. She stated that during this time in our country where there is such conversation about diversity, she was grateful and appreciative to see this community come together for the MLK supper. She is hopeful for more of these types of events rather than just once a year. She stated it is nice to be able to understand each other's culture, respect them and celebrate them.
- Mr. Reiner thanked staff for their great work keeping the roads clear during the recent snow events.
- Mr. Keeler seconded Ms. Fox's comments regarding the MLK Supper.
- Ms. De Rosa thanked IT and Legislative Services for the OnBoard implementation and that it has gone well in a short amount of time. It has been a well-run project. She also thanked staff for the road clearing efforts.
- Mayor Amorose Groomes reported on the following:
 - She attended the OMA meeting on January 16. There was a conversation regarding sanctuary cities and what that might look like. Some municipalities are starting to navigate what those conversations will be like for their cities.
 - She met with the students of Sells Middle School on January 17.
 - Also on January 17, she and the City Manager hosted the Federation of Indian Association at City Hall about their upcoming festivities.
 - She echoed Mr. Keeler and Ms. Fox's comments on the MLK Supper. She thanked staff for putting together a meaningful event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



Mayor – Presiding Officer



Clerk of Council