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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peterson called the Monday, February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at Dublin City Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Peterson moved to adjourn to executive session for purposes of discussion of matters related to the employment of a public employee.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at 7 p.m.

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Crandall, Ms. Readler, Ms. Mumma, Ms. Goss, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Earman, Chief von Eckartsberg, Deputy Chief Paez, Mr. Stiffler, Mr. Gracia, Ms. Rauch, Ms. Willis, Ms. Richison, Ms. Burness and Mr. Plouck.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Newly appointed Police Lieutenants Lattanzi and Tabernik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Oath of Office for New Police Lieutenants Greg Lattanzi and Nick Tabernik

Mr. McDaniel introduced Lieutenant Greg Lattanzi and his wife Ashley, and Lieutenant Nick Tabernik and his wife, Sara and their family members. He congratulated each of them for their selection as position of Lieutenant. He thanked their families for all of their support throughout their careers.

Chief von Eckartsberg stated that 2019 will be a memorable year for the Dublin Police Department because of all of the new opportunities for leadership. Twelve promotions are anticipated this year, including those of Deputy Chief Paez and Lieutenants Lattanzi and Tabernik. He introduced the families present for the ceremonies.

Mayor Peterson administered the oaths of office to Lieutenant Tabernik and to Lieutenant Lattanzi.

[Photographs were then taken of the Lieutenants and their families.]

Lieutenant Tabernik thanked the City and his family for their support throughout his career.

Lieutenant Lattanzi thanked City Council, the City Manager and Mr. Rogers for their support in this selection process and Chief von Eckartsberg and Deputy Chief Paez for their insight and guidance throughout their careers. He thanked his family members, both those present tonight and those who are watching the livestreaming.

Mayor Peterson congratulated both Lieutenants and the Chief. On behalf of Council, he expressed confidence in the quality of individuals who have come through the Dublin Police Department. They are all truly extraordinary. Nothing is more important to the community than the safety services provided by the Police Department. Council greatly appreciates the sacrifices of the families who allow these officers to come to work to protect this community. He worked for many years as a Franklin County prosecutor with the Dublin Police Department, then as a Council member and now as Mayor. There is not a better Police Department in the U.S.

- Update from Dublin Convention and Visitors Bureau

Scott Dring, Executive Director introduced Frank Willson, Council representative to the Bureau Board.

- He noted that the Bureau has launched a very in-depth research project to gauge future messaging and what more can be done to sell and market the City of

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Dublin to future visitors. One market segment is Dublin residents and tapping into what residents think of the tourism product and how the Bureau relates to visitors. The results will be available in the next few months, and he will return to share those results with Council. There have been recent focus groups and online surveys done, and it is evident that Dublin residents are very proud of their City and want to welcome visitors to share it.

- In 2018, the Bureau used nine specific metrics to measure its success. They achieved eight of the nine. Last year, staff attracted 101 new trade shows and conferences, generating \$2.1 million in revenue for the City. They booked 9,000 new hotel room nights. Thanks to Council and City staff, they were able to book the 135th annual National Archery Championship, which will return in the summer of 2019. They were also able to attract the Collegiate National Championship this summer as well. They had a 13:1 return on investment on the regional campaign. They were able to secure Dublin features in 16 television stations in the regional markets and generated 19 million media impressions.
- He noted that visitors to the City have a tremendous impact on the City. They spend money in hotels, restaurants, and create jobs. The bed tax impacts are very measurable. He shared information about the history of bed tax in general throughout the world. Under the Ohio Revised Code, in order to enact a bed tax in Ohio, a percentage must go to a convention and visitors bureau. In Ohio, the monies going to a Bureau range from 25 percent to 70 percent. In Dublin, there is a six percent bed tax that was enacted in 1988 and the DCVB was established then as well. Since then, the six percent bed tax in Dublin has generated \$52 million for the City. This is purely a visitor tax levied upon a Dublin hotel so unless a resident stays in a Dublin hotel, they are not paying this tax.
- There is also a four percent county tax levied upon hotel stays and it has generated nearly \$34 million since 1988. However, no portion of those monies go to the DCVB – the monies go to the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority.
- In addition, sales tax is added to hotel room nights – bringing the total taxes paid to 17.75 percent. In terms of percentage, Dublin hotels have one of the highest tax rates in the country at 17.75 percent. This is an important factor when trying to attract groups to Dublin, as other competitors may have lower overall tax rates.
- They recently received statistics for 2018. Dublin bed tax revenues in 2018 were \$3.4 million, which is a seven percent increase over 2017. There are 17 hotels in Dublin and 2,300 hotel rooms. A key factor influencing bed tax is the occupancy rate and the other factor is the average daily rate paid for a hotel room in Dublin. In 2018, occupancy decreased from 2017 by two percent to 68.1 percent. The occupancy rate decrease resulted from new premier hotels that came on market in 2017 – Home2 and AC Marriott. This increased the supply of rooms by 13 percent, and therefore the occupancy rate went down while the revenue increased for the same time period. Columbus had a 65 percent occupancy rate in 2018.
- The average daily rate paid increased to \$107 -- one percent over 2017. The City of Columbus average daily rate paid was \$104.
- He included a memo in the packet with bed tax projections for the next three years. The DCVB is projecting a two to four percent decrease in bed tax revenue in 2019 and in 2020 a 68 percent decrease. In 2021, there project a four percent increase. The decrease is related to Crowne Plaza closing for remodeling in November 2019 through September of 2020. Crowne Plaza represents 10 percent of rooms in Dublin and 34 percent of the meeting space. Therefore, this will have a substantial impact.
- Another factor in the decrease is the tremendous supply of hotel rooms in the region. In Central Ohio, 59 new hotels have been built or have broken ground since 2016. There are also new hotels located around Dublin – Hilliard, Marysville, Grove City and Westerville. This will make the business more competitive.

He summarized that from the Bureau's perspective, the bed tax revenue situation is unfortunate but they are prepared with reserves in place. They have implemented two strategies: working closely with Crowne Plaza to capture any business they are losing to make sure the business stays in Dublin; and working to get the business back in Dublin once Crowne Plaza comes back online. Sales and marketing efforts will be increased

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going forward. They are not returning to Council to request more funding because of this situation. They hope to be more aggressive next year to offset the losses as best they can.

Ms. De Rosa asked if the occupancy rates are seven day averages, work week or weekend averages.

Mr. Dring responded those are annual occupancy rates.

Ms. De Rosa recalled previous discussion about encouraging weekend occupancy for the hotels.

Mr. Dring responded they know that Monday through Thursday is their greatest demand for rooms; their greatest time of vacancies is Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are doing all possible to bring in events during those weekend times. With 34 percent of meeting space not available, this will be challenging.

Ms. Fox asked what size meeting space offered by the Crowne Plaza will be offline, and what size meeting spaces are needed from a convention standpoint.

Mr. Dring responded that the need is typically 15,000 square feet, which accommodates a 250-300 person conference/show/dinner. They have talked with City staff about what their needs are in terms of a limited or full service hotel. There has been an ample increase in limited service hotels, but not full service hotels. They lose a lot of convention business to Polaris or Easton hotels. The Exchange at Bridge Park is a great facility, but does not have significant breakout space, limiting the kind of events it can accommodate.

Ms. Fox asked if the AC Marriott has such meeting space.

Mr. Dring responded they have conference rooms on the first floor, but not adequate for a large meeting/conference group. The Embassy and Marriott Northwest are the two primary hotels for conference groups in Dublin, aside from the Crowne Plaza.

Mr. McDaniel added that the meeting space at Ohio University Dublin campus are another option, but they are very busy. Perhaps they can pick up some of the meetings that would have gone to Crowne Plaza.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2019

Mayor Peterson moved approval of the minutes of January 22, 2019.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 02-19

Rezoning Approximately 13.76 Acres Located at the Northwest Corner of the Intersection of Blazer Parkway and Frantz Road from OLR (Office, Laboratory and Research) to SO (Suburban Office and Institutional District).

Ms. Rauch reported that there are no changes since the first reading. Staff is recommending approval.

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

Mayor Peterson moved to waive Council Rules of Order to address Ordinance Nos. 03-19, 04-19 and 05-19 together.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 03-19

Determining to Proceed with the Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement of Certain Public Improvements in the City of Dublin, Ohio in Cooperation with the Columbus Regional Energy Special Improvement District. (Bridge Park D Block Project)

Ordinance 04-19

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Levying Special Assessments for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Dublin, Ohio in Cooperation with the Columbus Regional Energy Special Improvement District. (Bridge Park D Block Project)

Ordinance 05-19

Authorizing and Approving an Energy Project Cooperative Agreement by and between the City of Dublin, Ohio, the Columbus Regional Energy Special Improvement District, Bridge Park D Block Commercial Investments, LLC, and Orix Public Finance, LLC; A Special Assessment Agreement by and between the City of Dublin, Ohio, the County Treasurer of Franklin County, Ohio, the Columbus Regional Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., Bridge Park D Block Commercial Investments, LLC, and Orix Public Finance, LLC, and Related Agreements, All of Which Provide for the Financing of Special Energy Improvements Projects. (Bridge Park D Block Project)

Mayor Peterson introduced the ordinances.

Mr. Gracia stated this is the City's fourth project to use this PACE financing program. To date, there have been \$2.2 million of PACE projects approved in the City. This particular one is a significantly larger project for Bridge Park D Block at \$31,221,000. It uses the Special Improvement District of Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority, however they will use a different financing arm for the actual financing part. He offered to respond to any questions.

Ms. Fox stated that she is aware that the regional Energy Special Improvement District falls within the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA). Is it necessary to be a CRA to request for PACE funds through the regional ESID?

Mr. Gracia responded it is his understanding that is not a requirement.

Ms. Fox asked if other small business owners – whether in the Historic District or other areas – have the same opportunity to apply for PACE financing.

Mr. Gracia responded they can do so. The only limitation is that Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority prefers the project to be at least \$200,000 for economies of scale in terms of transactional costs.

Ms. Fox asked if the boundaries of the regional Energy Special Improvement District just apply to Block D.

Mr. Gracia responded that for this particular case, yes. The parcel is identified in the legal documents.

Mr. Keenan commented that PACE has a residential component as well. Does the City participate in that?

Mr. Gracia responded the City has not, but it is a topic of conversation nationally on the use of PACE for residential.

Mr. Keenan stated it would allow residents to replace HVAC, roofs or other components and obtain a tax savings.

Mr. Gracia believes that Bexley has considered this, and they are part of the regional ESID. There is discussion ongoing about this.

Mr. Keenan stated it would be a very useful tool for urban areas that need these improvements.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes stated she viewed the PACENation website today to understand the regulations for this program. The petitions to date have all been for renovations to existing buildings. This one is a petition for a new build. Why is this financing available for new construction? Ohio Senate Bill 232 seemed to focus on reinvestment versus investment.

Mr. Gracia responded that through the regional ESID, particularly in downtown Columbus, a number of these financing projects have been done for new construction. There are some limitations to that, and underwriters and Legal counsel review the details to ensure they are within the thresholds. The operation and functionality of PACE itself works the same for reinvestment or new – the assessment is biannual for both types.

There will be a second reading/public hearing of Ordinances 03-19, 04-19 and 05-19 at the February 25 Council meeting.

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INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 07-19

Accepting the Historic and Cultural Assessment Prioritized Implementation Recommendations.

Mayor Peterson introduced the resolution.

Ms. Rauch stated that at the October 2018 joint work session, Council directed staff to work with the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Review Board on the prioritization of implementation of the recommendations in the assessment. The 16 recommendations were prioritized by the ARB in December and their list was then reviewed by PZC who recommended the same order of prioritization as ARB. These recommendations relate to provision of resources for the educational components, funding, outreach, potential additions or changes to either the National Register for individual properties or expanding the existing National Register District as well as looking at other opportunities for restoration, including the cemetery.

Staff is recommending Council approve the list as prioritized by ARB and PZC.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that at this time, she cannot access her list of notes on her Surface device. But many of her notes were just recommendations to consider. She did not see anything in the documents that indicates a compelling interest in implementing a recommendation. She read through the meeting minutes, but it was not clear. What kind of things were most important to ARB and PZC and absolutely need to happen?

Ms. Rauch responded that ARB and PZC were reviewing the recommendations made by the consultant. In the end, an important priority was outreach, education, making certain people understand why changes need to be reviewed by the Board, who the contact people are, etc. Many people are not aware their properties are within the District and staff is looking for ways to educate the public. The additions or modifications to the District included looking at other properties that are currently not on the National Register that should be considered for addition. Within the Historic District boundary, there is a National Register District, and should properties be added to that designation as it would have significance from a historic perspective for funding purposes. These are topics that have come up at ARB – how to make certain all of the appropriate properties are included and under the scrutiny of the ARB to preserve them, if needed.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that her question is when will a list of properties be reviewed and prioritized to bring them under the purview of the ARB.

Ms. Rauch responded that would be the next step. When Council accepted the 16 recommendations as part of the Historical and Cultural Assessment in September of 2017, the next step was to determine the priority for the items. All could not be implemented at one time, as some required more research -- which properties and how many are involved. The initial survey of properties was a "windshield" look -- and more investigation by staff is needed regarding the individual properties. The prioritized list looks at the 16 recommendations accepted, determining the top priority items for this year, defining a scope for the project, meeting with the consultant and property owners and bringing back the plan. The memo outlines the order of the items in priority.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes asked when staff will return with actionable items, given there is risk of losing some of the properties prior to making decisions.

Ms. Rauch responded that the outreach and education portion can be implemented immediately. The addition of properties to the National Register will take some time. The goal is to work on these in 2019 and implement them as soon as possible, if Council agrees with the priority.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that recommendation number 5 -- to consider completing a formal update and amendment to the existing Dublin High Street Historic District, in consultation with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPH) -- and making it more preservation oriented is very interesting.

Ms. Rauch stated that priorities 1, 2, 3 and 5 would be grouped together -- identifying which properties should be added to the National Register, updating that overall District. These four are related as they all involve similar research.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes asked if staff would provide a memo outlining a timetable for activity specific to the recommendations.

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Mayor Peterson agreed, adding that the house on Brand Road being demolished was the catalyst for this sense of urgency about preserving historic properties. Having such a timeline would be very helpful.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes added that it would be helpful in terms of enforcement for the Appearance Code and for historic preservation.

Ms. De Rosa asked if there is funding in the 2019 operating budget for this work.

Ms. Rauch responded Planning's budget has funds for this purpose, including consultants if needed.

Ms. De Rosa asked if the five recommendations have been assigned to staff, pending approval tonight from Council.

Ms. Rauch responded that they will be assigned. The scope of the work must be defined, the cost and who will do the work. Staff can include this in a follow-up memo.

Ms. Fox commented regarding priority 6. Historic stonewalls are, for the most part, owned by the City and are generally located in the rights-of-way. These walls can disappear within a short period of time if not maintained. She recommends that, given this is a simple recommendation to implement, this be elevated and carried out. Some stonewalls are falling down and need repair and are on Public Works' agenda to repair. The quarry wall along Riverside Drive is in poor condition and has gaps. Action needs to be taken quickly to preserve them. She complimented staff, PZC and ARB as many of the 16 items are already being addressed in the update of the Historic Design Guidelines and will go into implementation phase this year and be addressed. In terms of public outreach and education, this is very important, based on her conversations with residents who purchase homes and do not know the properties are within the Historic District. Information is not shared by realtors involved in the sale and purchase of properties.

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

Mayor Peterson moved to waive Council Rules of Order to discuss Resolution Nos. 08-19 and 09-19 together.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 08-19

Approving the Petition for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Projects Under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710. (Bridge Park D Block Project)

Resolution 09-19

Approving the Necessity of Acquiring, Constructing, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Dublin, Ohio in Cooperation with the Columbus Regional Energy Special Improvement District. (Bridge Park D Block Project)

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Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolutions.

Mr. Gracia stated there is no additional information. These are related to the PACE financing discussed earlier this evening.

Ms. De Rosa asked for clarification of the process for the legislation to implement this. Ms. Readler responded that for each PACE financing project, the City is required to approve resolutions and ordinances under the Ohio Revised Code. The resolutions require one reading and the ordinances require two readings. In the past, emergency action has been requested at the second reading of the ordinances due to the tight timetables for the financing approvals. After researching the Charter, there is a section that enables legislation to be effective immediately upon passage if related to assessments for improvements petitioned for by property owners. Therefore, emergency action will not be needed for the ordinances at second reading, as they will be effective upon passage based on the Charter provision 4.04(a)(3). The City does very few assessment projects and therefore has not had cause to use this Charter provision previously. But for each PACE project, resolutions and ordinances are required, per the ORC.

Ms. De Rosa thanked staff for their research and explanation of the process.

Vote on Resolutions 08-19 and 09-19: Mayor Peterson, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Keenan, yes; Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Dublin Corporate Area Plan Implementation Strategy – Request to Refer to Community Development Committee

Mr. McDaniel noted that this Plan was adopted in September of 2018. It includes an overall strategy encouraging certain uses, mixes and forms of development to maintain the viability of the planning area that has been designed by the Plan. Staff is working on steps for short-term and long-term implementation of this Plan and requests referral to Community Development Committee for review and guidance regarding next steps for the effective implementation of that Plan.

Mayor Peterson moved referral of the DCAP implementation strategy to the Community Development Committee.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

- Update of Economic Development Strategy - Request to Refer to Community Development Committee

Mr. McDaniel noted a memo in the packet references the ongoing Economic Development Strategy Update that is being conducted by Dublin staff and TEconomy Partners LLC. Staff wants to engage the Community Development Committee throughout this process for feedback and discussion in order to formulate a recommendation to Council. The recommendation to Council would likely occur in early August. There is a timeline provided regarding the anticipated meetings needed with the Committee. The timeline envisions the topic coming to CDC on March 4. Staff is requesting referral to CDC.

Mayor Peterson moved referral of the Update of the Economic Development Strategy to the Community Development Committee.

Ms. De Rosa seconded the motion.

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

OTHER

- Request to Remove the Basic Plan Review for The Residences at Tuller Heights from the Table and Schedule it for Council Review

Mr. McDaniel noted that this Basic Plan was reviewed by Council in August of 2018.

Council provided feedback at that time, and staff has continued to work with the applicant on revisions. The applicant is requesting this matter be removed from the table and scheduled for hearing on February 25.

Mayor Peterson moved to take this from the table and schedule for hearing on February 25.

Mr. Reiner seconded the motion.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McDaniel highlighted other reports included in Council's packet:

1. The Engaged Communities Awards application was submitted in a timely fashion as outlined in the memo.
2. There was a follow-up memo regarding Council's request that staff presentations be included in the packet prior to Council meetings. Staff is working to accommodate this request, and he acknowledged Ms. De Rosa's work on this process.
3. He and Ms. Crandall are reviewing some potential changes to the format of the staff reports, and Council will see these in the coming weeks.
4. Noted that the transfer of some duties from Planning support staff to the Clerk of Council office has been completed in accordance with Council's direction. He thanked the departments involved for effecting this transition.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee:

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes, Chair reported that:

1. A copy of the proposed agenda for the retreat has been circulated to Council members for their review and input. Council members had the opportunity to provide input on the proposed agenda. The retreat will be held at the future City Hall building at 5555 Perimeter Drive on the evening of February 21 and all day Friday, February 22. The meeting is open to the public.
2. The Council employees' performance reviews are scheduled for an executive session the evening of Wednesday, February 27.
3. Board and commission interviews will be scheduled soon.

Community Development Committee:

Mr. Reiner, Chair reported that the Committee met on February 4 to consider the review of the proposed amendment to the approval process in the Bridge Street District Code. Staff will provide information back to the Committee prior to moving this forward to Council.

The second item was review of Code Section 152.086(C) of the Subdivision Regulations (Fee in Lieu of Land Dedication). The Committee supports Option 5, which requires the developer to pay a fee in lieu of that is based on an individual appraisal by the City, the cost of which is to be reimbursed by the developer.

Ms. Readler stated that a Code amendment will be brought forward to Council by Planning on this recommended change.

In response to Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes' question of timing, Mr. McDaniel stated he will check with Planning staff.

COTA:

Ms. De Rosa thanked the leadership of COTA for stepping up last month to offer assistance to residents and neighbors affected by the partial federal government shutdown. COTA provided free bus services for those impacted. This highlights how the community stepped up to support in any way possible. She also commended the City of Columbus and the City of Dublin for reaching out and looking at items such as water bills or other where some type of relief could be provided to those furloughed workers. She appreciates the work of the staff on these matters.

Dublin Community Foundation:

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes stated the Board met last week and is beginning a new grant cycle. All of the information is available on their website for interested parties who are seeking grant funding.

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US 33 Innovation Corridor:

Ms. Fox reported a meeting occurred on Friday and an update on the Corridor Overlay Plan was provided by LUC Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Brad Bodenmiller. The overlay plan is a mechanism to create cohesive land uses along the 33 Corridor and addresses landscaping, lighting, aesthetics, incompatible land uses, etc. They are seeking agreement with the Plan by the various entities and are looking in particular at the parcels bordering the 33 Corridor. The Legal Department of Union County is reviewing what kind of restrictions can be applied in the 33 Corridor. Progress is occurring with their work to date.

Ms. De Rosa noted that the other main topic of discussion was an update regarding the recent Consumer Electronics Show and the real interest in what is happening with autonomous vehicles and the Smart City movement in the 33 Corridor. She appreciates the packet memo regarding the Consumer Electronics Show and the background shared about it. There is a lot of opportunity up and down the corridor and the stakeholder groups are working well together.

Dublin Arts Council:

Mr. Reiner reminded Council of the annual Dublin Arts Council Garden Party fundraiser, which takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3 at The Conference Center at OCLC.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Fox noted that Council is beginning to utilize its standing committees more frequently, which she supports as it gives an opportunity for more extensive discussion of topics. However, she requests of Council that when items come back from Committee, there should be opportunity for discussion – not simply adoption of committee recommendations. The rest of Council does not have opportunity for the discussion at the committee level due to the quorum of Council issue that could result in having four members participate. It is important for substantial topics that the entire Council has the opportunity to discuss them as well as the committee.

Mr. McDaniel noted that committee work may culminate in a work session of Council as a whole, depending upon the topic. Particularly for those items where Council believes more discussion is appropriate to have for the entire Council – after the committee review.

Ms. De Rosa:

1. Thanked Mr. McDaniel and staff for their work on adding presentations to the packet for Council meetings. She appreciates the timeliness and breadth of materials provided.
2. Thanked Ms. O'Callaghan and her staff for their long hours of work related to the snow and ice conditions.
3. Noticed in the packet memo that there is a Lime Bike pilot update and asked staff to provide more information on this matter.

Mr. Plouck stated that staff received a letter from Lime regarding their decision to end the pilot program with the City in early spring. The decision was based on the ridership levels in Dublin, which were similar to that in Worthington. The number of rides per day per bike were not sustainable for their program.

Mr. McDaniel added that this served a great purpose in terms of gathering data. The City appreciates Lime's partnership and efforts with beta testing the program in the City. Staff will continue to review other options for such services.

Ms. De Rosa asked if Lime is remaining in Columbus, but leaving the suburbs.

Mr. Plouck responded that Lime did not share details about their future plans for the region. The City did receive outstanding data to help inform decisions going forward about bike sharing.

Ms. Fox asked if the City was able to learn where the highest use of bikes were in the City and whether Lime moved the deployment locations in response to the use of the bikes. Was the data generated useful to the City, and how would it be improved if another program comes to the City?

Mr. Plouck responded that strong data was received regarding the highest use of the bikes in the various locations and the destinations, which were generally ½ mile in distance. The highest use of the bikes was at the DCRC, Bridge Park and Historic Dublin.

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Lime Bike was to leverage the data about where the bikes are utilized the most to relocate them to higher use areas, but staff did not see that occurring. Staff met monthly with them to discuss opportunities for repositioning the bikes, but they indicated they were satisfied with the operations at that time. The City is now very aware of the locations where bikes will be utilized and the destinations for future planning.

Mr. Reiner:

1. Reported that in the 2018 Ohio Parks and Recreation Awards for Excellence, Metro Parks received a second place award for the Glacier Ridge Challenge Course. Congratulations to all involved!
2. Wished Ms. Richison a Happy Birthday tomorrow!

Mr. Keenan stated that:

1. He had a question from a resident regarding the Katzinger's Deli to be located near the Napa restaurant. Is staff aware of this development?

Mr. McDaniel responded that he met with the owner a week ago, and they are under construction at this time.

2. Relayed a home sales story of a colleague, where the home was placed on the market one day, and by the next day, there were 12 showings scheduled and seven contracts offered. This home in Hemingway sold for \$16,000 over list price. Another home in the Mid Century neighborhood had the same type of experience with its sale. Clearly, the housing stock in Dublin is not adequate to meet the demand, and buyers are paying well over listing price for homes.

Ms. Alutto asked when an update on some of the Aging in Place initiatives, such as the transportation pilot, the Alexa device, the hub installation with Syntero – will be provided to Council.

Ms. Crandall responded she is not as familiar with SHARE and the senior circulator program, but staff can provide follow-up in the next packet. Staff just received the results from the Alexa project. Syntero's clients and some City volunteers who are using the devices were surveyed and incredible results were returned. Syntero has advertised positions for Senior Navigators who will be offered hours on Fridays and Saturdays. An update on that will be included as well.

Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes:

1. Highlighted the recent achievements and awards for City staff: Angel Mumma for her Certified Public Finance Officer designation through the Government Finance Officers Association, and Mary Jo DiSalvo as the Marketer of the Year in the 2018 Achievement in Marketing Awards by the Columbus Chapter of the American Marketing Association. Congratulations to both!
2. Thanked Ms. Fox for bringing the Engaged Cities application forward and to Ms. Nardecchia for submitting the application for the award.
3. Received an inquiry this week about the Ferris-Wright signage and whether the park will have restricted hours and be gated in the off hours. A Grandee Cliffs neighbor asked about this.
4. Thanked the Clerk of Council's office for their willingness to take over some additional work by preparing the minutes of PZC, BZA and ARB. An assessment of the staffing level adequacy will be done after a few months of this additional work.
5. A memo was included in the packet about the TIF revenue decline and the memo was easy to understand and informative. Perhaps it would be worthwhile in future years to have a heat map to indicate areas of the community where more proactive work is needed due to changes in TIF revenue or property valuations.
6. Thanks to Ms. Mumma for her work on submission of information to the Ohio Online Checkbook. This was a program she asked about when she first joined Council and she is very appreciative that it has been submitted.
7. Congratulated the Dublin Women's Philanthropic Club for their annual fundraiser held on January 26. It was a sold-out event and very successful.
8. Thanked Bexley City Council for their invitation to participate in their retreat on Friday. On the first night of their retreat, they bring in a speaker from another community to share thoughts and ideas. Ms. Puranik joined her for the

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presentation. She very much enjoyed meeting with other elected officials to share information.

9. Congratulated Rev. Steve Norden on being named the Grand Leprechaun! She can think of no more suitable candidate for this honor!
- 10 Thanked Amy Krumb and the East Dublin Civic Association for continuing to do the hard work of community engagement and ensuring their members understand and participate in what is happening in their part of the community.

Mayor Peterson:

1. Echoed the comments about Rev. Steve Norden, who is a fantastic selection as Grand Leprechaun! He always represents the City and the Police Department very well.
2. Announced that he was contacted by Chief Judge Ed Sargus of the Southern District of Ohio Federal Court. He presides over naturalization ceremonies for people becoming United States citizens. Judge Sargus lives in Donegal Cliffs and asked for assistance in possibly scheduling a naturalization ceremony in Dublin. The ceremonies are now scheduled on Tuesday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at Dublin Scioto High School where 150 people will be sworn in as new U.S. citizens. He encouraged everyone to attend the ceremonies for these proud, committed individuals who are becoming citizens. It will make everyone proud to be an American.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor – Presiding Officer

Clerk of Council