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Dublin City Council

Meeting

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March 16, 2020

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Dublin Municipal Building.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Readler, Ms. O'Callaghan, Mr. Stiffler, Mr. Rogers, Chief Paez, Mr. Earman, Mr. Hammersmith, Ms. Burness, Ms. Rauch, Mr. Plouck, Ms. Nardecchia and Ms. Gilger.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. McDaniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAYOR AMOROSE GROOMES**

Mayor Amorose Groomes addressed the public, watching via livestream, regarding the measures that have been taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated:

*As I am sure you know, actions are being taken at all levels of government to help minimize the community spread of the corona virus. We made some tough decisions last week to cancel several events. These included the live presentation of the State of the City, postponing the celebration of our new Dublin Link Bridge, cancelling our St. Patrick's Day parade and revoking a permit for a street party that would have drawn hundreds of people to a confined area. We are in continuous contact with Franklin County Public Health and the State of Ohio Department of Health. We are closely monitoring the advice and direction of our Governor and the President of the United States in order that we can slow down and even reduce the spread of this virus to keep our public safe and healthy, minimize the impact of this virus and to not overburden our health care systems. We will do all we can to keep you informed on this evolving situation. Please make the effort to understand and know what you can do to keep you, your family and our community as healthy as possible by monitoring the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State of Ohio Department of Health, Franklin County Public Health, and the City's website for the latest information.*

*The City of Dublin has done extensive emergency management planning and training. To a great degree, we do this every day and with every major event in the City. Yes, this is different and will be much more challenging. The City Manager will speak more to efforts taken and to upcoming actions. Continuity of government is important anytime we are in a disaster situation. This meeting is an example of that. While the City has closed its facilities to the public, we will still conduct Council meetings as needed. We will live stream these meetings to ensure our public can monitor and we will strive to implement technology in order that you can participate remotely as soon as our next meeting.*

*The CDC has issued an order and the Governor of Ohio has modified the State's order, today, to reflect that there will not be gatherings of more than 50 people; that is down from 100 people just earlier today. By the end of the Governor's briefing, the Federal Government provided additional guidance reducing this number to 10. Given this, our meeting agendas will be set in a way to postpone those issues that may be of such an importance to our public that many would want to attend in person. We will strive to keep our agendas limited to items that are*

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*more routine in nature to ensure essential services the City provides to its residents continue.*

*As we are in response phase of this pandemic situation, additional measures will likely be taken. The State of the City was recorded and the presentation can be viewed online. You may have heard that our bridge now has a name - the "Dublin Link" or "The Link" for short. We wish to thank everyone in the community who contributed ideas for the naming of the bridge. We received more than 1,400 entries. As a result of your input, the bridge will now be called the "Dublin Link" or "The Link" for short. Not only does this bridge "link" both sides of the river, but it also connects our past and present. It allows our residents to engage even more with the Scioto River, which was the reason our founding fathers chose to settle here 210 years ago. A suspension bridge over the Scioto River was first envisioned in the mid-1980s. It was part of a plan developed by then-Dublin Village Council, the Dublin Historical Society and the Dublin Kiwanis Club. In 2007, the Dublin City Council included a pedestrian bridge in a much greater form as part of the update of the Community Plan. But it was not until 2013, when City Council adopted its Capital Improvements Program that the bridge, along with the future Riverside Crossing Park, became a reality when it was included for funding. This accomplishment is a testament to everyone in this community. An incredible amount of work went into achieving this remarkable engineering feat. I want to acknowledge and give credit to those who helped us to achieve this, but especially the citizens of Dublin. This is your bridge. Long after all of us are gone, this bridge will serve as a surviving monument to everyone who lived here, worked here and played here. I thank you all for the support that you give the City of Dublin. I congratulate the project team, including architect Endre Studio, the engineer of record T.Y. Lin International and the contractor Kokosing Construction Company. Thank you for all your dedicated work in making our bridge a reality. I would also like to acknowledge our COSI Stem Star, Deputy City Manager Megan O'Callaghan, Paul Hammersmith, City Engineer, Bob Taylor, Infrastructure Engineer, and Jeannie Willis, Engineering Manager for their work overseeing this project.*

*This bridge is our one-of-a-kind suspension bridge, which spans 760 feet with an S-shaped deck and reaches 173 feet in height at its peak. Even though we did not hold an opening celebration, we were able to get three of the five Dublin families who won the honor of crossing the bridge first to do so yesterday. Please join me in congratulating the Walsh Family, the Ny Family and the Kaiser Family. The Kalannavar and the Nayar families were selected as well but were not able to attend yesterday.*

*I am pleased to let you know that as of 9:00 a.m. this morning (March 16), The Link is now open to the public. We do hope the public will enjoy this new amenity to our community. We would like everyone to be mindful of the fact that we did not conduct an opening ceremony in order to avoid a crowd gathering. We are still cautious of this. If you decide to visit the bridge, please exercise good judgement in maintaining social distance and determine for yourself if visiting The Link should happen at a later date. The bridge will be closed on occasion in the coming months as additional work is conducted. We ask for your patience. We will hold a celebration of its opening at a future date.*

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## **OPENING REMARKS - CITY MANAGER DANA MCDANIEL**

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Mr. McDaniel to provide additional information. Mr. McDaniel thanked the leadership of those at the State and Federal Government and to the health professionals working to understand, provide guidance and respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation. He continued:

*Thank you to City Council for direction and advice as we have weighed through this situation together this last week. Thanks to our staff who are working tirelessly to respond to the challenges of this evolving situation while making adjustments in anticipation of the impacts of this situation going forward.*

*I want to emphasize that this is an emergency situation as declared by the Federal and State Government. As the Mayor mentioned, we made some tough decisions last week, but these seem to pale in comparison to those that have taken place the last few days limiting gathering. The implications on individual residents and our businesses are significant. Likewise, the challenges to us, as an organization, will be significant as we adjust to a new norm to be best positioned to continue to provide essential public services as this continues to evolve over the coming weeks and months. To date, we have:*

- *Cancelled all events the City controls to minimize gatherings of the public;*
- *Shut down necessary City facilities to protect staff and the public;*
- *Taken action to ensure continuity of government;*
- *Plan to support voting, but we now know voting in person has been canceled and a new voting date of June 2<sup>nd</sup> has been announced;*
- *Put into effect our pandemic influenza plan and undertake activities to prepare for the next phase of operations;*
- *Set up our EOC (emergency operations center), so it is ready but not yet activated;*
- *Established communications with the public with a primary focus on COVID-19 messaging and decisions by the City;*
- *Responded to citizen inquiries;*
- *Monitored critical information outlets from Public Health, State of Ohio, Federal Government, peer and partner agencies and business community; and*
- *Coordinated with peer and partner agencies.*

*Our priorities for the coming week are to:*

- *Protect the public – monitoring the requirements, directives of the health agencies and State and Federal Government and reinforce messaging to the public;*
- *Protect staff and ensure their availability in the short and long run. Define the new normal and set our work plan and staffing accordingly;*
- *Provide continuity of government – continue to inform and work with City Council;*
- *Provide essential services to the maximum extent possible – we will continue to provide essential services such as police, dispatch, Fire/EMS, street operations, utility operations, refuse/recycling and curbside collections, plan review services and inspections, communications as well as the support functions.*
- *Prepare for future operations. We anticipate that the public's needs will change. We will need to focus on our most vulnerable.*

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*We may need to lean on and/or support other agencies, and manage our own resources so they are available for the long run.*

*This situation is an emergency situation. I have personally worked in the emergency management system, as have my peers, for a long time. The City is well trained and versed in emergency management and the National Incident Management System framework. We will work this on a daily basis as we would a flood, tornado, blizzard, etc. We recognize this is different as are all emergency/disaster situations; a pandemic unfolds over a longer period, stays for a longer period, and will probably have longer impacts. This situation will not be a sprint, hopefully a short run event and not a half marathon or marathon, but none the less, it is not a sprint. We have to staff and operate that way.*

*Therefore, I will be declaring an emergency in the City of Dublin under Chapter 36 of our Codified Ordinances. The reasons for this are:*

- First, that we continue to provide critical services needed to support our public and our democracy. This requires that essential services and essential employees be available to work – this is the vast majority of our workforce.*
- Second, due to social distancing and loss of personnel due to illness and other reasons, it may be necessary to suspend Bargaining Unit Agreements and the City's Class and Compensation Plan, as approved by City Council. The idea is to give us, and our employees, more options regarding working from home, keeping employees on paid status so they can be recalled, cancelling leaves, and other possible scenarios.*
- Third, this will enable emergency purchasing of supplies, should that be necessary.*
- Fourth, declaring an emergency period will best position the City to receive outside resources and/or reimbursement for costs incurred under emergency conditions that may be made available by the State and Federal Government and for which the City of Dublin may have a role in obtaining or distributing. We will be tracking all our costs associated with this event in order that the City be in position to recover those costs if that becomes a possibility. We need to start tracking those as soon as possible and that should coincide with that of the State and our own declarations.*
- Further direction will be provided on an as needed basis.*

*I want to assure you that as in all such declarations and under our Revised Charter, City Council does have a role and I will keep City Council advised on all actions.*

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that the City is blessed to have Mr. McDaniel with his background in crisis management. She thanked him for his steady hand during this trying time.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
- Notice to Legislative Authority of a New D1 and D2 liquor permit for TMG Adventures Park Inc., dba Urban Air, 7679 Dublin Plain City Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

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- Notice to Legislative Authority of a Transfer of a D5 and D6 liquor permit from SantaFe Two LLC, dba Rancho Alegre & Patio, 5637 Woerner Temple Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016 to Woerner Temple Dublin 3 LLC, dba Don Tequila & Patio, 5637 Woerner Temple Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016
- Notice to Legislative Authority of a Transfer of D1, D2, D3, D3A and D6 liquor permits from Roca Mar LLC, dba Alegrias Seafood & Mexican Grill, 6549 Perimeter Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43016 to Los Jimardores LLC, dba Los Jimardores, 6549 Perimeter Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43016.
- Notice to Legislative Authority of a New D1 liquor permit for Eggoholic Dublin LLC, dba Egg O Holic, 331 W. Bridge Street, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

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

Mr. Peterson moved to approve the actions for the seven items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

## **POSTPONED ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR HEARING**

### **Ordinance 06-20**

**Rezoning Approximately 3.47 Acres East of Hyland-Croy Road, South of Mitchell-Dewitt Road from PUD, Planned Unit Development District (Oak Park, Subarea E) to PUD, Planned Unit Development District (Oak Park, Subarea F) for the Future Development of up to 12 Single-Family homes and 0.66 Acre of Open Space.** (Case 19-100Z/PDP)

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to postpone Ordinance 06-20 to the April 27 Regular Council meeting.

Mr. Peterson seconded.

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

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

### **Ordinance 09-20**

**Amending Section 150.231 of the City of Dublin Codified Ordinance regarding Property Maintenance.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Ms. Rauch stated that on February 18, 2020, the Public Services Committee met to discuss the City's existing Code provisions regarding property maintenance, enforcement practices, and practices of other surrounding communities. An outcome of the discussion was a recommendation to adopt the most recent version of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), which is included in the subsequent Ordinance. Ordinance 09-20 is a request for review and approval of the 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, with additional language to allow for any future versions of the IPMC to be adopted without additional action by City Council.

Mr. Keeler sought clarification of Section 101.3 (2) in the proposed Ordinance relative to existing conditions. He asked staff to wordsmith it so it is clear and interpreted the way it is intended. Ms. Rauch stated that staff will consult with the legal department to see how it can be clarified further and present that at the second reading.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that she agreed and added that one of the reasons this topic was being addressed was to protect our historic properties.

Ms. Fox stated that an additional recommendation is to bring further requests to Planning and Zoning Commission for discussion, particularly this topic and vacant properties. She stated they are trying to avoid having properties go into demolition due to neglect.

Mayor Amorose Groomes encouraged the public to comment via online or to call the Planning Department.

Second reading/public hearing will be held at the April 13 council meeting.

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

### **Resolution 18-20**

#### **Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Rev1 Ventures.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Ms. Gilger introduced Tom Walker, CEO and Kristy Cambell, COO of Rev1 Ventures. Ms. Gilger stated that this is the annual agreement with Rev1 Ventures and represents a continuation of services focused on new company, technology and job creation in exchange for the City providing matching funds for the Third Frontier grant-funding program.

Mr. Walker stated he appreciated Council members touring the facility on Kinnear Road. He thanked Council for the support and stated that for every dollar provided to Rev1 to support these companies in the region, the companies have delivered \$76 back. Due to the pandemic, a couple of the companies that Rev1 helps to support in Dublin are seeing an increase in service as digital health companies.

Ms. Campbell stated that their focus has been building an infrastructure and the result has been Rev1 investing \$53 million in over 115 companies to date. In Dublin, more than 40 companies have leveraged their start-up studio and those companies have generated over \$106 million in revenue, \$90 million in capital and created 345 new jobs. The infrastructure is important because many communities do not have the expertise or the capital to bring together these companies. It is also important in the region to have a baseline playbook for services and how to think about building and growing your business. This is available to all partners in the region.

Vice Mayor De Rosa complimented Rev1 on their facility. She stated she looks forward to continuing and expanding the ways to support start-up and growth companies in Dublin.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked them for their partnership and reiterated that she also looks forward to growing these opportunities for start-up companies.

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

### **Resolution 19-20**

#### **Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the 2020 Shared Use Path and Parking Lot Maintenance Programs.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Hammersmith stated that on February 25, 2020, five (5) bids were received, publicly opened and read by Engineering staff for the 2020 Shared-Use Path and Parking Lot Maintenance Programs. The Engineer's estimate for these programs is \$340,000.

Chemcote, Inc. submitted the lowest and best bid of \$270,913.40. The work for these programs is expected to commence in April/May 2020 and is scheduled to be complete by October 30, 2020.

Mayor Amorose Groomes requested a status update of the budget. It is always good to be mindful of how these projects are coming in with respect to over or under budget.

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

### **Resolution 20-20**

#### **Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the 2020-2022 Pavement Marking Program.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Hammersmith stated that on February 25, 2020, three (3) bids were received, publicly opened and read by Engineering staff for the 2020-2022 Pavement Marking Services. This is a one-year contract with an optional renewal period for two additional years. The Engineer's estimate for these services in 2020 is \$123,500. Griffin Pavement Striping, Inc.

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submitted the lowest and best bid of \$128,972.50. Since the execution of the work is based on the unit prices bid, the scope/quantity of work will be adjusted so the cost of work completed in 2020 is less than the budgeted funds. Staff has previously worked with Griffin Pavement Striping, Inc. as the contractor for the 2017-2019 Pavement Marking Services and as a subcontractor on many of the City's transportation projects. They perform exceptional work.

In response to Ms. Fox's question regarding renewal price, Mr. Hammersmith stated that it is based on unit price, but budgeted funds for next year are the same as this year.

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

## **Resolution 21-20**

### **Appointing Members to City of Dublin Boards and Commissions.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Vice Mayor De Rosa announced the various appointments and re-appointments made in Resolution 21-20. She thanked everyone who came forward and expressed interest in serving.

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

## **OTHER**

- Art in Public Places Program – Site Selection

Mr. Earman stated that in partnership with the Dublin Arts Council, works of public art are regularly commissioned and/or acquired through other means. The Public Services Committee has reviewed and recommended edits to the Public Art Master Plan, which will be coming forward to Council for approval in the near future. Dublin Arts Council and City staff began the site selection process and are bringing forward options for Council's consideration. Mr. Earman invited Mr. Guion to come forward and introduce the locations for consideration. He added that at the end of the presentation, staff would like Council to select one of the sites and authorize the initiation of the artist selection process for the next public artwork.

Mr. Guion first provided an update to Council regarding the status of the Dublin Arts Center. He announced that the Dublin Arts Center is closed to the public. The staff is working remotely and are accessible via voicemail and e-mail. This is in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19. He encouraged interaction with public art. He stated that they are working on an action plan in the coming days to encourage creativity and to inspire and connect the community. Like many other businesses, Dublin Arts Council anticipates a substantial loss of revenue that will impact their ability to continue offering engaging free programming for the community. They are currently strategizing different financial models and researching options for creative funding. He added that he believes we need the arts now more than ever. He called on the private sector and the public sector to ensure that the arts organizations are included in relief funding offered to small businesses. He stated they remain committed to the community and to uphold the City's 2035 Framework.

Mr. Guion continued, focusing on the Art in Public Places topic. He stated that once a site is selected, the process will take approximately two years to complete. The Art in Public Places program is funded by hotel/motel taxes with an allocation of \$75,000.00 annually. Currently, there is an accrued balance of \$300,000.00 available in 2020 for new public art projects. The Dublin Arts Council is proposing to utilize \$150,000.00 in 2020 (project one), another \$150,000.00 in 2021 (project two), and then \$150,000.00 in 2022 (project three), from the accumulated 2021 and 2022 funding years.

Many sites were visited by City staff and Dublin Arts Council staff. Each site was reviewed and measured against a comprehensive set of criteria. The minimum criteria for an Art in Public Places project site is that it must be accessible to all, considerate of public safety and feasible for the installation of the artwork. Understanding that not all sites will satisfy

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all of the selection criteria, and that equal geographic distribution between permanent artworks is desirable, ideal locations for Art in Public Places projects should include but not be limited to the following:

- Visibility: Highly visible, highly trafficked and easily accessible areas such as City parks Parks, the interior and exterior of City-owned buildings, major roadways and thoroughfares.
- Educational Opportunity: Locations that are walkable to provide the viewer with 360-degree access to the eventual artwork and educational components of the collection, such as informative signage and the Dublin Art in Public Places cell phone tour.
- Historic Significance: Locations with historic significance to Dublin and/or residents of the Dublin area.
- Discoverable: Locations where public art might not be expected or can be discovered by the viewer such as trails, bike paths and unique areas of City parks-Parks.
- City-owned Property: Locations should be City-owned property; although, under special circumstances, private property could be considered.
- Project Specific: Locations that lend themselves to a specific project, audience or desired form of public art.
- Sense of Place: Locations that, when activated by art, create a strong sense of place.

Based on the aforementioned selection criteria, application of best practices in the siting of public art, considering geographic distribution of artworks and day-to-day knowledge of Dublin's parks and public spaces, City staff and Dublin Arts Council staff recommend the following sites for the next site-specific, large-scale permanent artwork for Council's consideration:

- Emerald Fields
- M.L. "Red" Trabue Nature Preserve
- Dublin Community Pool North in Earlington Park.

Mr. Guion explained how each location met the criteria.

Ms. Fox stated that the North Pool has a great deal of potential for utilizing art within the pool design. Each of the locations offered have their own specific interests. She believes the Trabue location would allow for more discovery because it is a hidden gem. It could draw people to that area.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked if the North Pool was not the selected site, what other discovery and interactive possibilities are in the design. Mr. Earman stated that there is a large open area and the pools are separated by landscaping so there are opportunities. Mayor Amorose Groomes stated her assumption is that the play area would have a lot of colors, textures and shapes. Mr. Earman stated there is certainly a possibility of that, but that the design has not reached that level of detail just yet.

Ms. Alutto asked about residents who may not hold a pool pass. Would this art be accessible to them? Mr. Earman believes that it would be accessible.

Mr. Reiner stated that the Trabue Preserve is an interesting lineal path. There are a lot of nice possibilities. The North Pool is a destination in itself. He personally likes the Red Trabue option.

Ms. Alutto stated that she has spent a good deal of time at the Red Trabue. She stated that all the locations are interesting, but she agrees the North Pool is a destination on its own. Red Trabue is a fascinating place and Emerald Fields is nice also, so either of those would be a nice site.

Mr. Peterson noted the distribution of public art on the map that was presented. There is an absence of public art in the area of Red Trabue. The North Pool is already getting substantial funding for that project. He is most supportive of the Red Trabue location.

Mr. Keeler stated that there are opportunities for art at the North Pool, but Red Trabue Preserve allows a better opportunity for larger scale artistic expression.

Ms. Fox stated she agrees there is a gap at Red Trabue for art. It gives an opportunity to be a place of discovery and offers a unique experience for those who would visit.



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Vice Mayor De Rosa agreed. She stated that the North Pool is intriguing, and something could be incorporated. She asked if the splash pad would remain at the North Pool. Mr. Earman said it would remain. He explained some other features that will be incorporated for younger children. Vice Mayor De Rosa stated that she likes the Red Trabue location. In response to Vice Mayor De Rosa's question regarding whether or not the Dublin Arts Council Board had a preference for location, Mr. Guion stated that their preference was Red Trabue.

Mayor Amorose Groomes agreed that the North Pool site is intriguing, but stated that she would rather wait to see what areas lend themselves to discovery and engagement after the North Pool is built. She likes the Red Trabue Preserve and the history of Red Trabue himself as an avid outdoorsman, wildlife enthusiast and writer for the Columbus Dispatch who encouraged engaging with the outdoors. She likes the idea of taking inspiration from the area and the meaning of Red Trabue Preserve.

Ms. Alutto moved to select the M.L. "Red" Trabue Nature Preserve as the location for the next public art installation and to authorize beginning the artist selection process. Mayor Amorose Groomes seconded.

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

- Sweetwaters Master Sign Plan (Columbus Metropolitan Library)

Ms. Rauch stated that this item is a request for review and approval of an amendment to the Master Sign Plan for the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Dublin Branch and the Downtown Dublin Parking Garage to permit an additional sign for a tenant within the Library. The applicant is requesting the addition of an eight-square-foot projecting sign located adjacent to the east entry door, along North High Street. The projecting sign has a sidewalk clearance of 8 feet 3 inches and a maximum height to the top of sign at 11 feet 1 inch. The proposed sign meets the size and height requirements set forth by the Zoning Code and is internally illuminated with a brushed metallic background with a white and red acrylic push-through logo and white routed text. Staff recommended approval with no conditions.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked if this was identical to the sign they have in their other location. Ms. Rauch stated it is the same branding, but was unsure if the size was exactly the same. Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that over the years, there have been issues with single tenant parcels putting additional signs on buildings. How is this different? She sees it the same as Starbucks putting a sign on the front of Kroger. How do we deny some and allow others?

Ms. Rauch stated that in the Bridge Street Code there is a provision, which would allow a subtenant in a building to have a sign that would be reviewed and approved by the reviewing body.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that this feels different because it is a single tenant building. Discussion followed regarding how this scenario was different from the Bubble Tea location.

Ms. Rauch stated that staff would evaluate any of these requests on a case-by-case basis and would still be reviewed and approved by Council.

Mr. Reiner stated that there was a lot of discussion about these signs and the creativity that would be desired. He is fine with the sign as proposed.

Ms. Fox stated that Heritage Ohio mentioned that signage is extremely important to the success of business. She would like to allow more creativity in signs done in a tasteful manner and feels it is essential to business.

Mr. Reiner agreed. The intent for that density was to have creative signage and direct people to the business.

Ms. Fox stated that Planning and Zoning Commission members are pushing the envelope on creativity and encouraging people to provide more creative ideas.

Mr. Keeler stated that from a business standpoint, he would want to know where the business is located, so signage is important for that. He understands the concern over clutter, but imposing limits on how much signage is allowed on a certain space may solve that issue. It is important that signage identify businesses.

Mayor Amorose Groomes clarified that there would not be additional signage on the doors. Ms. Rauch stated that was correct.

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Mr. Reiner moved to approve the amendment to the Master Sign Plan.  
Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

## STAFF COMMENTS

- Mobility Update and Direction. Staff recommends referring this subject to the Public Services Committee for further discussion and review. He stated it will be interesting to see how this works with the current restrictions.  
Vice Mayor De Rosa moved to refer this topic to the Public Services Committee.  
Ms. Alutto seconded.

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

- Mr. McDaniel shared a photo that was taken with the Irish Coast Guard members who were in town for the St. Patrick's Day parade. He gave a brief description of the Irish Coast Guard and their duties. He appreciated them coming and bringing the culture here. All parades were canceled, but it was a nice visit.
- Mr. McDaniel invited Mr. Stiffler to come forward to share the results of the recent bond sale. Mr. Stiffler stated that they were able to go to market on March 11 and competitively sell bonds. We received a true interest rate of 2.44%, which is historically very good. The coupon rate on these bonds will be 3%, which is significantly less than the 5% that was budgeted.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee: Vice Mayor De Rosa shared that there are a few finalization items on the retreat report and then she will send it to Council.

COTA: Vice Mayor De Rosa thanked the COTA team for responding to community needs. They are making service line changes and route time changes to match demand and need.

MORPC: Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that William Murdoch communicated that they will be looking at consolidating municipal efforts and best practices to help smaller communities.

Dublin Schools: Mr. Peterson thanked Dr. Hoadley for his leadership and organization. Thanked everyone at the schools for the hard work.

Washington Township: Ms. Fox stated that Board of Trustees have closed all township facilities. Public meeting room scheduling is suspended as well as car seat installation services, firehouse tours and fingerprinting services. The community classes have been postponed. They have their emergency action plan in place.

Complete Count Committee: Ms. Alutto stated that they have canceled all meetings, but reminded the public to participate in the census. Information has been mailed, so when it is received, please participate.

## COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Keeler stated that this is uncharted territory, but we are plowing ahead. He asked if staff has explored other options for conducting meetings.

Ms. Reader stated that the Attorney General issued an opinion on Friday stating that the in-person participation requirement in public meetings could be suspended during this pandemic. It was not an official opinion, but he will be talking to the Governor about

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formalizing that opinion. There are other states that have also done this. There will be more information to come.

Mr. McDaniel stated that they are exploring possibilities of leveraging technology. He encouraged the public to watch the website for information and to feel free to submit comments to via email at any time.

Ms. Fox agreed it is an unusual time, but once we move past the technicalities of making sure that everyone is safe and protected, this is an opportunity to think about mental health and avoiding isolationism. Mr. McDaniel agreed and stated that we are working with the schools on that issue of helping homebound residents. Ms. Fox stated that the goodness of people usually rises up in times of uncertainty. She asked residents to look in on their neighbors.

Mr. Reiner thanked Mr. McDaniel for his leadership. He asked that we all keep the business owners in our prayers as they go through a very stressful time.

Ms. Alutto stated that she agrees with Ms. Fox's comments and shared a story of seeing a sign offering help to others. If they have an elderly friend or neighbor, offer to help, talk to them so they feel engaged. Also she noted that the free lunches and breakfasts are available to all children who show up with an adult. The unemployment rules have changed so there is no longer a waiting period. There are opportunities for small businesses and non-profits to secure low interest loans to keep them afloat. There are many things happening to try to help the situation at both the federal and state levels.

Mr. Peterson shared that he just received word that Judge Frye has denied the Governor's temporary restraining order for the election. The election will take place. He also thanked Mr. McDaniel for his leadership. He added that a local business has determined how they will continue to provide services for people and that gave him a sense of comfort. Mr. McDaniel stated that in light of the Judge's ruling, he wanted to remind the public that there are two polling sites at City facilities and they will be open for voting.

Vice Mayor De Rosa thanked Mr. McDaniel and staff. She stated that she is confident that as things continue to change we will respond accordingly. She encouraged people to enjoy the walking paths and be outside, while still practicing social distancing. She also stated that she will be taking the opportunity to catch up on writing letters to friends during this time.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that she attended a ribbon cutting at Urban Air. She echoed that these are trying times for small businesses. Economic Development will be circulating information that is available to small businesses. She stated that small businesses fuel the economic engine in the City of Dublin.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Mayor – Presiding Officer

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Acting Clerk of Council