

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Dublin City Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held \_\_\_\_\_

February 22, 2021

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Readler, Ms. O'Callaghan, Chief Paez, Mr. Stiffler, Mr. Earman, Mr. Hammersmith, Ms. Gilger, Ms. O'Malley, Ms. Martin, Ms. Burness, Ms. O'Malley and Mr. Dearth.

## ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to adjourn to executive session to consider the employment of a public employee.

Mr. Keeler seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Amorose Groomes reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She reiterated that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the State's emergency declaration, the meeting is being conducted via an online platform and live-streamed at the City's website and via the City's YouTube. This is allowed as a result of the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 197, which includes temporary changes to the Ohio Open Meetings Law. She reiterated her previous statement regarding the submission of any comments by the public prior to the meeting by e-mail to the Clerk or during the meeting via the form on the website. She emphasized that Council desires to accommodate public participation and comment to the greatest extent possible throughout this Pandemic.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments were received in advance of the meeting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Notice to Legislative Authority of a New D5A Permit for CHY Hotel LLC, dba Springhill Suites by Marriott, 4475 Bridge Park Ave & Patios, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

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

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved for approval of the Consent Agenda.

Vice Mayor De Rosa seconded the motion.

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

## SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES

*(Ordinances 48-20, 49-20 and 50-20 were tabled at the December 7, 2020 Council meeting at the request of the applicant and removed from the table at the February 8, 2021 Council meeting.)*

### **Ordinance 48-20 (Amended)**

**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 (600 Metro Place North, Dublin, Ohio Project)**



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Ms. O'Malley stated that nothing had changed from the first reading in November with the exception of the dateline and signature panels due to this project carrying over into 2021.

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

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

**Ordinance 49-20 (Amended)**  
**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 (600 Metro Place North, Dublin, Ohio Project)**

Ms. O'Malley reiterated that the only amendment to the Ordinance was the dateline and signature panels.

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

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

**Ordinance 50-20 (Amended)**  
**Authorizing and Approving an Energy Project Cooperative Agreement by and between the City of Dublin, Ohio, The Columbus Regional Energy Special Improvement District Inc., Dublin Witness, LLC and Twain Community Partners III 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., Dublin Witness, LLC, and Twain Community Partners III LLC, and Related Agreements, All of Which Provide for the Financing of Special Energy Improvements Projects (600 Metro Place North, Dublin, Ohio Project)**

Similar to the two previous Ordinances, the only amendment to this Ordinance is the dateline and the signature panels.

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

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

**Ordinance 02-21**  
**Rezoning of Approximately 11.37 Acres from R, Rural District to PUD, Planned Unit Development District for the Development of 30 Single-family homes with 2.62 Acres of Open Space on a Site Located at the Southeast Corner of the Intersection of Shier Rings and Cosgray Roads under the Provisions of Zoning Code Section 153.050 (Case #20-092Z/PDP)**

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to postpone Ordinance 02-21 to the March 8, 2021 Council meeting.

Mr. Reiner seconded.

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

Second Reading/Public Hearing for Ordinance 02-21 will be held at the March 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**Ordinance 03-21**  
**Amendments to Zoning Code Sections 153.002, 153.158-153.160, 153.162-153.163, 153.165-153.166, 153.170-153.178, and Appendices F and G to address the Architectural Review Board Development Requirements and Procedures and Historic Dublin Boundary. (Case 19-007ADMC)**



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Ms. Martin stated that Ordinance 03-21 is a request for review and approval of amendments to the City of Dublin Zoning Code requirements addressing the Architectural Review Board development requirements and procedures and Historic Dublin boundary. At the first reading of the ordinance on February 8, 2021, City Council requested Entertainment/Recreation, Indoor be conditionally permitted in the Historic Core and Historic South District in addition to the existing allowance in Historic Public. Staff also updated the proposed Zoning Code to reflect the request and incorporated use specific standard for Entertainment/Recreation, Indoor to ensure sensitivity to surrounding neighborhoods.

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

Ms. Fox asked about language in the *Location of Structures* section that states that, *accessory buildings must be a minimum of 20' behind the front façade of the primary structure*. Ms. Fox expressed concern that this may not always be possible in the Historic District, so she would like to add the language, "*at the discretion of the reviewing body*." Because of the limitations to some of these sites in the Historic District, she would like to allow some discretion to the reviewing body.

Ms. Martin stated that this language is a new provision in the amendment. It is intended to ensure that the accessory structure is subordinate, both visually and in terms of location, to the primary home. She noted that the Architectural Review Board is still the reviewing body and has the discretion, described by Ms. Fox, throughout the Historic District, so further revision would be needed.

Ms. Fox asked about the sign colors in the Historic District and that it is still limited to three colors. She added that the Historic District is looking for more vitality, so the three color limit may need to be reconsidered.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated she wouldn't be opposed to additional colors being available, but she would be opposed to unusual or overly bright colors. The number of colors is not as important as being consistent with the feel of the district.

Mr. Keeler agreed that earth tones in general would be better.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that they would have to bring forward a sign package for consideration in the event of development.

Ms. Martin stated that Mayor Amorose Groomes was correct and added that the proposed code allows for any applicant to bring forward a sign with an infinite number of colors to the Architectural Review Board for consideration. This allows for the creativity in the District, but still have a safeguard. Mr. Reiner stated that it is common to have only three colors to keep the unity in the area.

Ms. Fox asked if a Master Sign Plan is another layer of cost. Ms. Martin stated that it would not be another layer of cost due to the fee schedule for Historic Dublin properties being revised.

Ms. Fox asked about demolition requirements that state a replacement structure would need to be approved by the Architectural Review Board. Ms. Fox suggested adding the words, "*and a building permit has been granted*." She would like this wording added to safeguard against someone not following through and demolishing a structure, but then not putting a replacement structure there.

Ms. Fox noted that the *Administrative Departures* list of items does not include setback and she would like to see that added.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about how the surface area is calculated when considering window signs. Ms. Martin stated that it is a square or rectangle snapped around the entire image.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about sandwich board signs and whether or not the standards in the text will yield the results desired for the district. Ms. Martin stated that the standards have been revised to be more robust. In terms of creativity, the Code is intended to provide numerical and material requirements. The companion document, The Historic District Design Guidelines, does include additional detail and direction on sign design and character.

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



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## **Ordinance 04-21**

**Rezoning of 16 Parcels from Bridge Street District – Public (BSD-P) to Historic Public (HP), 5 Parcels from Bridge Street District – Historic Transition Neighborhood (BSD-HTN) to Historic Public (HP), 51 Parcels from Bridge Street District – Historic Core (BSD-HC) to Historic Core (HC) 24 Parcels from Bridge Street District – Historic South (BSD-HS) to Historic South (HS), 57 Parcels from Bridge Street District – Historic Residential (BSD-HR) to Historic Residential (HR), and 6 Parcels from Bridge Street District – Historic Core (BSD-HC) to Historic Residential (HR). (Case #20-1888Z)**

Ms. Martin stated that this rezoning is in conjunction with the code amendment in Ordinance 03-21. There have been no changes since the first reading of this Ordinance.

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

Mayor Amorose Groomes expressed appreciation for all the work that has been done in rezoning these areas out of the Bridge Street District.

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

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

### **Ordinance 05-21**

**Adopting and Enacting a Supplement (S-49) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, Ohio.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Ms. Readler stated that this supplement to the Dublin Code of Ordinances includes local legislation approved by City Council through December 30, 2020 and State legislation that is current through September 14, 2020.

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

Second Reading/Public Hearing will be held at the March 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

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

### **Resolution 07-21**

**Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the University Boulevard – Phase 2/ Shier Rings Road and Avery Road Intersection Improvement Project**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Hammersmith shared that on February 4, 2021, seven bids were received, publicly opened and read by Engineering staff for the University Boulevard – Phase 2 / Shier Rings Road & Avery Road Intersection Improvement project. Work included in this project consists of: the construction of 0.52 miles of University Boulevard and the reconstruction/realignment of 0.64 miles of Shier Rings Road, four roundabouts, one traffic signal, curb and gutter, medians, asphalt shared-use paths, sidewalks, water main, storm sewers, culverts, sanitary sewer, street lights, landscaping and an American Electric Power Ohio duct and vault system. This project also includes Phase 2 of the Cosgray Ditch relocation, the first phase was completed in December 2020. The location of this project is between Eiterman Road and Avery Road, providing access to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Outpatient Care facility currently under construction along the north side of University Boulevard. AEP Ohio intends to begin construction of the Amlin-Dublin 138 kV Transmission Line, which will run along the north side of Shier Rings Road and south side of University Boulevard and will take place simultaneously with this project. AEP intends to begin work in early 2022 with completion in the Spring of 2022.

Mr. Hammersmith stated that the Engineer's estimate for this project is \$17,700,000. The budgeted funds for the University Boulevard – Phase 2 / Shier Rings Road & Avery Road Intersection Improvement project in the 2021-2025 CIP are \$17,210,000.00. Pursuant to the EDA, OSU is responsible for 32.5% of the actual cost of the University Boulevard – Phase 2 portion of the Project. In addition to the University Boulevard



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contribution, OSU is responsible for contributing \$1,250,000 towards the Avery Road and Shier Rings Road Intersection Improvement. Additionally, the City has been awarded \$2,500,000 towards the Project from the State of Ohio Development Services Agency Roadway Development (629) funds. Finally, AEP Ohio will reimburse the City approximately \$1,245,000 for work associated with constructing an underground duct and vault system that will be used in the future to supply electric power along the University Boulevard – Phase 2 corridor.

Mr. Hammersmith shared that Miller Bros. Construction, Inc. submitted the lowest and best bid of \$13,098,481.00. University Boulevard is required to be substantially complete and open to traffic in May 2022. The intersection of Avery Road and Shier Rings Road is required to be substantially complete by December 2022. The final completion date for the project is January 2023. The communication methods used to communicate construction information with the residents and motorists throughout the duration of this project will be: road improvement updates via the website, social media channels and when appropriate, portable message board signs.

Mr. Hammersmith stated that staff has thoroughly reviewed the Miller Bros. Construction, Inc. bid. This contractor performed the first phase of the Cosgray Ditch relocation in the second half of 2020 and did so favorably. However, since this contractor has not performed a roadway construction project for the City of Dublin, staff made inquiries with references provided in their bid. The response received was very positive regarding their work quality and execution.

The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

Ms. Fox asked about dedicated bike lanes on University Boulevard and passage through the roundabout. Mr. Hammersmith stated that typically they transition the bike lane into the path system to get through the intersection and then once past the intersection, they are transitioned back into the roadway bike lane. He stated he will confirm that is the case.

Ms. Fox stated that it is important to give consideration to these multi-modal transportation lanes that we are designing to ensure we are able to accommodate future possibilities.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked if this is similar to other roundabouts we have in the City. Mr. Hammersmith stated that this scenario is somewhat unique to have the dedicated bike lanes.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked what may have contributed to the difference between the Engineer’s estimate and the actual bid. The advantage that the Miller Brother’s had is that they were doing work in that area which probably allowed them to be more competitive with their bid.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that she would like to see the bikes out of the roundabout for safety purposes. She thanked Director Mihalik with the Ohio Development Services Agency for their contribution of \$2.5 million from the Roadway Development (629) fund to this project.

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

**Resolution 08-21**  
**Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Memorandums of Understanding with the Franklin County Board of Elections for Use of Municipal Property in the Administration of Public Elections.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. McDaniel stated that this is an intergovernmental agreement between Franklin County Board of Elections and the City for use of the Development Building at 5200 Emerald Parkway and the Dublin Community Recreation Center at 5600 Post Road as polling places in our City as we have done for a number of years. He added that this resolution reaffirms the City of Dublin’s commitment to provide accessibility to the polls for voters with disabilities by maintaining compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.



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The Clerk and Ms. Burness noted that no comments have been received regarding this matter.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked if the new Council Chamber currently under construction would be added to this agreement at some point. Mr. McDaniel stated that it is up to the Board of Elections. This is something that can be discussed with them.

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

OTHER

- Dublin Link Lighting Policy

Mr. McDaniel stated that staff worked on an Administrative Policy regarding lighting the Dublin Link Bridge. This policy was modeled after the Empire State Building. The lighting policy picks up the main events throughout the year.

- Black History Month

February is Black History Month which is an annual celebration of the achievements of African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in United States history. Since 1976, every U.S. President has designated February as Black History Month. The 2021 Black History Month theme is black family, representation, identity and diversity. The City is recognizing Black History Month by promoting and previewing "The Emancipation" play currently running in the Abbey Theater. The City has also recognized Black History Month on social media platforms, and established a Culture Corner for Black History Month at the Dublin Community Recreation Center. The Economic Development Team and the Communications and Public Information Team worked together to promote Black-owned businesses that are based in Dublin. He encouraged everyone to pause this month and explore and celebrate Black History Month.

- Log Cabin Reconstruction Location

Mr. Earman stated that staff has evaluated the preferred site locations for the reconstruction of the two-story log cabin that was discovered in the home on Riverside Drive in 2018. Based on the general location of the property on which the cabin was originally constructed, the two preferred park locations include Thaddeus Kosciusko Park and Ferris-Wright Park. Each park offers various elements for consideration such as historical references, open space availability, programming opportunities, etc. Mr. Earman noted that there would be a need for public restrooms if any programming were to be planned and Thaddeus Kosciusko Park does not have public restrooms. As part of the evaluation process, staff consulted with the Dublin Historical Society and their unanimous recommendation for a location is Ferris-Wright Park based on the park's programming opportunities and the concern the cabin would become a "static display" at Thaddeus Kosciusko Park.

Mr. Keeler stated that his preference is Ferris Wright Park due to the restrooms, large space and no trees would need removed. He noted the location is not ideal, as Thaddeus did occupy the cabin at one time.

Ms. Alutto stated that it makes the most sense at Ferris Wright Park given the size and location.

Ms. Fox asked if there was discussion about putting it in any park, such as Coffman.

Mr. Earman stated that there was conversation with Mr. Holton, Dublin Historical Society, and they decided that the cabin was better placed on the East Side of the River since that is where it was discovered. Ms. Fox stated that, of the two locations offered, she would prefer Ferris Wright. She added that her hope is that this re-creation could be an educational opportunity. Mr. Earman stated that there is a lot of interpretive work being done. Ferris Wright Park celebrates the Native American mounds constructed there, but it also celebrates the various settlers throughout time. There is an opportunity for childrens camps and educational programming.

Ms. Fox suggested offering the Tolles Technical Students the opportunity to be involved in a historic reconstruction such as this. Mr. Earman agreed and added that they will video the reconstruction process so it is saved in archive.



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Mr. Reiner stated that he is hopeful that with this reconstruction, information will be provided to educate residents regarding why the pioneers chose the site. There was always a logical reason for their settlement. Mr. Earman stated that staff has been approached by a company that does that kind of research and staff is hopeful they will come up with some good information. Ms. Fox agreed that it would be interesting to discover why it was built where it was built.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked if there was any connectivity to these two parks. Mr. Earman stated that not directly. Vice Mayor De Rosa stated that it feels more natural to put it in the other location. She stated that she understands the logistics of parking, amenities, etc. She expressed that it seems more appropriate at Thaddeus Kosciusko Park.

Mr. Keeler agreed. He added that if we posed the question to the Historical Society, "in a perfect world, would you still choose Ferris Wright Park," he is wondering what the response would be. There is more of a connection to the other park, but it is not currently feasible. Ms. Alutto agreed that it is more appropriate at the Thaddeus Kosciusko Park.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that she had suggested looking at other sites when she saw the suggested sites at the agenda meeting. She stated she does not feel this is appropriate at Ferris Wright Park due to the mingling of Native American mounds and early American settlers. They are two different studies. She would rather not put the cabin up than put it up in the wrong location and have it stay there forever. She stated that Thaddeus Kosciusko Park may or may not be ideal, but it does have the amenities that would have been consistent with when this cabin existed, such as the woods and water nearby. If it must be reconstructed now, she stated she would recommend Thaddeus Kosiusko Park and then create a master plan to get the amenities in the park that are needed to support it.

Ms. Alutto agreed that she would rather wait to find the right location. Ms. Fox agreed with waiting also. Mr. Keeler added that it is important to have the Historical Society's input. He stated that visibility and accessibility is very important also to maximize its educational value to the community.

Mr. Reiner suggested a possible location could be the Riverside Crossing Park by Bridge Street. He stated that it puts it back in the proximity to the river and will be in an area with high tourism.

Mr. Earman suggested that staff continue to research locations and the possibility of master planning some amenities and report back to Council. He added that there is grant funding tied to this project, so he will also check the timeframes associated with that.

- Dublin Arts Council Update and Public Art Master Plan – Public Services Committee Recommendation

Mr. Earman reported that in 2019, the original Public Art Master Plan was adopted by the DAC board of directors and was advanced to the Public Services Committee of City Council (PSC), where it was viewed favorably. This Plan was slated to be brought to City Council with a recommendation for approval in spring of 2020; however, the priorities of Council's agendas were interrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In February 2021, DAC and City staff made revisions to the original document to better align with the changes in context of the emergency situation. The version for consideration at this meeting was an updated version that takes these new conditions into consideration. Dr. Guion provided an update on the Dublin Arts Council. He thanked Council for their continued support. He reported that they continue to seek federal and state funding in addition to their other funding sources to realize their programming goals for the community. They received a National CARES grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and CARES funds from the Ohio Arts Council. The "ARTifacts Created at Home" exhibition is currently being assembled and is ready for install. The exhibition opens March 9 and runs through April 16. Approximately 150 artworks were received from the community. Matthew Mohr, a Nationally recognized artist and Dublin resident, will reveal his new kinetic sculptures as part of the exhibition. Dr. Guion shared that they moved the Sundays at Scioto concert series to mid-August through early October working closely with the Franklin County



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Department of Health guidelines. The DAC has been invited to submit a bi-monthly Arts and Culture feature for Dublin Life Magazine through 2021. They are exploring additional curbside concerts and pop-up art experiences. The Public Art Master Plan was prompted by:

- Need to formalize public review process for public art ideas, donations and initiatives in Dublin;
- Allows individual voices in the community to be heard; and
- Adheres to national best practices in public art.

This Public Art Master Plan was developed in collaboration with the City of Dublin staff and led by noted Los Angeles public art consultant Helen Lessick. The Plan is a guiding document designed to inform program development and growth. Dr. Guion shared a timeline of the Master Plan process. The goals of the Plan are to:

- Position Dublin as the premiere City for public art;
- Emphasize Dublin’s cultural identity and enhance community pride and civic engagement through prioritized public art projects;
- Provide for strategic growth of community investment across the City;
- Provide a framework for creativity and innovation in civic art;
- Identify art sites across the visual landscape for maximum impact;
- Enhance public art’s role in parks and community development, and to cultural tourism, creative placemaking and quality of life;
- Provide for the public art in development projects by early planning for art; and
- Support the public art effort through education and collection maintenance.

Dr. Guion summarized by stating that this Plan streamlines the partnership and process between DAC and the City to revitalize the Art in Public Places Program and to address public art commission opportunities. It also establishes the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) to provide advisory review and recommendations to City Council regarding Dublin’s public art collection, programs, proposals and sites. It redefines public art to include artist-led permanent, temporary community and participatory artworks, using best-in-21<sup>st</sup> century practices.

Dr. Guion thanked City Council for their leadership and support.

Ms. Fox stated that as she reflects on this last year, she has seen so much interaction with the community with art. She expressed appreciation for his art and wellness programming. She expressed support for the Public Art Master Plan.

Mr. Reiner thanked Dr. Guion for his work, and the work of his staff, in engaging the community during a crisis.

Ms. Alutto thanked Dr. Guion and stated that she was impressed by how thorough this plan is and the thoughtfulness that went into it. This plan is a roadmap for Public Art. Vice Mayor De Rosa asked Dr. Guion how he thought art may change as a result of this past year, and what it might look like in five years, ten years, etc. Dr. Guion stated that looking into the future, it is exciting for the cultural industry. He added that a comment he heard recently from the Wexner Center was that it may be time for a renaissance in the arts. He expressed optimism and hope for the arts.

Mayor Amorose Groomes expressed her gratitude for Dr. Guion’s work and the long term vision that this plan offers.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the Public Arts Master Plan.

Mr. Keeler seconded.

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

- Rapid 5 Project

Ms. O’Callaghan stated that ULI Columbus, MORPC, and the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks are teaming up to work with local governments, the business community, and residents to develop the vision for a waterway system consisting of five rivers that span across Franklin County: Big Darby Creek, Scioto River, Olentangy River, Alum Creek, and Big Walnut Creek. The RAPID (Rivers And Parks Imagination Design) 5 Project is a planning process that will span jurisdictions, neighborhoods, and institutions to build a framework around our waterways to create a vision for one regional park network connecting recreation, energy, and Central Ohio’s communities.



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The visioning process will kick off this spring and conclude in the summer. The total project cost is estimated to range between \$400,000 and \$500,000. The project's main deliverables will include a booklet that contains each corridor's future visuals, storytelling and messaging, as well as a public roll-out event. MORPC will serve as the RAPID 5 Project Administrator. As part of the visioning process, the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) will serve as the Prime Consultant to oversee five architectural firms that will each create appealing and creative visuals of one of the river corridors to demonstrate how these corridors could be transformed into greenspaces and regional connections. Staff views this project as a tie-in to help inform the Dublin 2035 Framework Plan. The vision of the interconnectivity of these major waterways and trails within Franklin County will inform the updates to the Community Character and Environment within the existing Community Plan, as well as addressing waterways, watersheds, greenways, trails, and connectivity.

Staff recommended Dublin's participation in the project and recommended contributing \$20,000 toward the project. Dublin will be identified as a project partner and will have a staff member liaison to the project.

Mr. Reiner stated he has always had concern for Big Darby and the conservation of the species that live in that river that do not exist elsewhere and the proximity of the farmland to the river. Will this project discuss any of these issue? Ms. O'Callaghan stated that this project is a visioning effort and the goal is to demonstrate how the corridors can be transformed into greenspaces and regional connections. Because this is a visioning effort and involves engagement, she stated her belief that those topics will come up.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that when the Executive Committee of MORPC considered this, there was significant consideration given to water quality, water testing and creating greenways adjacent to the blue ways.

Vice Mayor De Rosa stated that she gained appreciation for the scale of this project when she was reading the materials. Ms. O'Callaghan stated that participating in the study is a great opportunity.

Mr. McDaniel stated this project is about taking inventory of what we have relative to these waterways and associated protections, pathways, recreation, that various communities and entities have put together. This project is the opportunity to take all of that into consideration as one comprehensive look.

Vice Mayor De Rosa stated that she is excited for this project and asked if Dublin residents will have the opportunity to participate in the public engagement portion.

Ms. O'Callaghan stated that she did not know yet how the engagement process will work. Mr. McDaniel stated his understanding was that they would be working on the inventory first. He added that MORPC is very good at public engagement.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to authorize the spending of \$20,000 to participate in the RAPID 5 Project.

Mr. Reiner seconded.

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

• DORA Update

Ms. LeRoy provided a brief presentation regarding an update with DORA. The goal is to enhance the outdoor dining and entertainment experiences, while encouraging more business for participating restaurant and retail establishments in the area. Ms. LeRoy stated that there was a Bill that did not pass last year, so the rule remains at no more than two DORAs are permitted in a city of 35,000-50,000. City Council sets the days, hours, boundaries and can be changed at any time by adopting a new resolution. She shared a map showing the surrounding communities that have a DORA. She shared results from a survey conducted last summer that showed great support for the DORA, however there were concerns expressed as well. Ms. LeRoy stated that last year staff suggested doing a pilot project for a DORA. She shared what a timeline may look like to begin and evaluate the pilot. She announced that there is a public input meeting on March 3, 2021 and 150 have responded to participate in the meeting. After the public input meeting, staff would make a formal application to City Council. Two weeks of advertised notices is required before the resolution is considered by City



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Council After the notice period, Council would consider the application and then implementation would follow. She suggested testing this in the summer months. Council would then evaluate the success of the pilot in August. Ms. LeRoy proposed that the days and times of the pilot would be for special events approved by Council and Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between the hours of 5:00p.m. and 10:00p.m. She shared the boundary maps for the proposed pilot. They showed two separate DORAs, one in Bridge Park and one in Historic Dublin, that exclude the Dublin Link Bridge and the park areas.

She noted that the Darby Lot and the lot behind La Chatelaine were included in the DORA to provide the option of live entertainment.

She also noted that the sidewalk on Riverside Drive is not included so it is mainly along Long Shore.

The public meeting presentation will address any public comments or questions and e-mails that have already been received and staff will be able to answer questions from the participants. Staff will compile the information from the public meeting and bring back to Council.

Ms. Burness read the comment received from:

Tracie Bourquin, 5569 Fawnbrook Lane, wrote in two submissions:

*(First Submission) While I understand businesses are struggling and would like to be supportive of them, I am very concerned about the effects a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area would have on our community. I am concerned that a DORA would increase public intoxication and lead to more disruptive and dangerous behavior. This in turn would require more police intervention. I am also concerned it would increase alcohol consumption and drunk driving thus endangering all of our families. I believe it would also put existing establishments that are outside of this area at a considerable disadvantage. These businesses that have existed in Old Dublin have already faced incredible challenges since the Bridge Street Project began. First they were burdened with city construction projects that made some of them nearly inaccessible while the parking lots and roads were built and redesigned in historic Dublin. Then, they had to deal with new competition from all of the new businesses in Bridge Street. Finally, just when they were "catching their breath," COVID hit. Adding yet one more disadvantage like having them compete with DORA across the river will likely be the fatal blow to some of these establishments. I doubt some of them will survive this final hit. Do you really want this? Additionally, I value the family-oriented environment and reputation of our city and believe this would diminish that considerably. I think adding a DORA in Dublin is a mistake and will create far more problems that it solves. I believe it is very short sighted to think that it will help our community. I think in the long-run there will be far more problems created by developing it.*

*(Second Submission) I submitted the feedback below just a short while ago for the upcoming meeting, but looking at the map again, I am not sure whether the Bridge Street area is included in the DORA or not. If it is included, then the points regarding them would not apply. I am still against based on the other items I have discussed. Thanks for considering my thoughts. I am sorry for any confusion.*

Mr. McDaniel stated that some comments have been received through the Contact City Council or Contact City Manager on the website and those will be forwarded to Council as well.

Mr. Keeler stated that he will reserve any comment until after the public input meeting. He asked Ms. LeRoy if a beverage is purchased in one establishment, you can leave that establishment and go to any retail location that is in the DORA, but not another establishment that serves alcohol, is that correct? Ms. LeRoy stated that retail locations can decide if they want to be in the DORA or not, so staff has suggested a sticker or something to indicate to patrons whether or not they are participating in the DORA. Mr. Keeler was confused by that when he patroned a DORA area. He would like to hear other communities' input on that. Ms. LeRoy will check with other communities.



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Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about enforcement, particularly with regard to the pedestrian bridge. She stated that she can see strolling on the bridge as desirable to people, but it is not in the DORA and when you get across the bridge, there is a different DORA. She asked that the public input meeting address some of these issues. Ms. LeRoy stated that enforcement will be a portion of the meeting. Ms. Fox stated that she sat in on a conversation about DORAs last year and one of the communities mentioned having a designated cup for DORA purposes with the rules printed right on the cup.

Ms. Fox stated that over by Franklin Street, the boundary shows it is over a house. Ms. LeRoy stated that she will exclude that property and that it was an oversight. Ms. Fox suggested that, when thinking about boundaries, the Historic District Task Force report mentioned the desire to invigorate the area down to the Chamber building. She suggested looking at ways to incentivize the area. Mr. McDaniel stated that they did consider the area in question, but that there weren't areas to walk in and out of. He stated that he understands wanting to incentivize and can move the boundary down to the Chamber building if that is Council's direction.

Ms. Fox stated that she would like the question to be raised with the business owners in the area. She stated she can understand not doing it during the pilot, but it should be a discussion after the pilot.

Mr. McDaniel stated that it has been part of the discussion.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked about how those who cannot attend the public input meeting can still see or hear the discussion. Ms. LeRoy stated that it will be live-streamed and available after the meeting on YouTube. She added that there will be a comment section that will be left up for anyone to provide comment.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked if other communities are using a DORA solely as an alcohol beverage type of activity or if there were any thought to other refreshments and entertainment and encouraging movement. She stated the point is vibrancy and connectivity, so are there other considerations as we think about this to encourage vitality.

Ms. LeRoy gave the example of Hilliard with their DORA originally had it for only one night and they would include live entertainment. Then last year, they extended the days, but did not allow entertainment because of gathering restrictions. She stated that Worthington shops have specials going on during their DORAs.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked if DORAs have attracted food trucks and if so, there needs to be some sort of plan in how to deal with those.

Ms. LeRoy stated that the other communities have not reported this as an issue, but there is a food truck ordinance can be reviewed to see what can be done.

Mr. McDaniel stated that last year we were concerned about gatherings and outdoor seating was added to try to help restaurants, but the ability to help expand eating areas and benches could add value as people are walking or waiting to get in somewhere.

Mr. Reiner agreed that the use of space should be explored. He added that 89% of the people thought this was a great idea. He stated that Marysville has reported no police related issues. He stated that he was aware that people thought the Bridge Street development would strip Historic Dublin of business, but in speaking with restaurant owners in the Historic District, he has found that the synergy has worked in their favor.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McDaniel stated that this was Sue Burness's last Council meeting. She will be moving to Florida for an opportunity there. She has been with the City of Dublin for 10 years. He thanked her for her work and the dedication to her job.

Ms. Burness thanked Council and Mr. McDaniel for everything they have done for her as an employee and a resident. Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that she is moving to a lovely area of Florida. She thanked her for her dedication to her job.

Mr. Reiner wished her well.

Vice Mayor De Rosa thanked her for her work.



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Ms. Fox stated that Sue Burness will be missed.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administrative Committee: Vice Mayor De Rosa provided the following update:

- she and Mayor Amorose Groomes met with the Board and Commission members and will be providing a summary of those discussions and ideas to Council;
- the Administrative Committee met on February 9 and discussed resident engagement and board and commission recruitment. The first week of March we will be conducting interviews for vacancies.

Finance Committee: Ms. Alutto provided the following update:

- Rent forgiveness for Subway will continue through March;
- Stormwater Maintenance recommendation from CSAC was discussed at length and information will come to Council after the next Finance Committee meeting;
- 2020 budget review was completed - 103% in revenue compared to revised budget and 80% in expenditures compared to the revised budget; and
- Fund 401 and Fund 402 discussion – the committee is likely to recommend a rollover for Fund 401 after they receive information requested of staff.

MORPC: Mayor Amorose Groomes reported that:

- A housing strategy meeting that was held last week and additional meetings will be held in the upcoming weeks; and
- They will be meeting with all of the Congress people who represent the districts that the MORPC visioning area covers.

33 Corridor: Vice Mayor Amorose Groomes reported the following:

- Welcomed new Union County Commissioner Dave Burke;
- Discussion held regarding developments up and down the corridor in terms of roadway improvements and almost every intersection between Dublin and onto Marysville is seeing some type of enhancement over the next three years;
- Residential and commercial development up and down the corridor has not slowed during pandemic; and
- Andy Keeler's first meeting will be the next meeting.

Dublin Arts Council: Mr. Reiner reiterated the "ARTifacts Created at Home" exhibit will begin March 9.

Board of Education: Mr. Peterson reported that:

- Dr. Hoadley is expecting full in-person instruction to begin on March 15. The majority of employees have received their first dose of vaccine and will receive the second dose before March 15;
- COVID numbers continue to decline;
- They are working on designing summer programming for students and are consulting with other school districts to decide how best to accomplish this;
- Eversole Run Middle School has a mascot – the Golden Eagles. The new school will be open in August; and
- They are in the process of hiring a Director of Diversity and received 150 applicants.

Washington Township: Ms. Fox reported that Washington Township has been approved to be a COVID-19 vaccine program provider. It is unknown when they might get vaccine supplies.

Dublin Bridges: Ms. Fox reported that Dublin Bridges, Welcome Wagon and the Dublin Food Pantry are putting the CARES dollars provided to them to good use in the community. She is hopeful that a second round of CARES money becomes available.



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Veterans Committee: Mr. Reiner thanked everyone who attended the funeral for fellow veteran Pat Monahan. He will be missed.

**COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE**

Ms. Fox encouraged her fellow Council Members to tour the new Council Chamber currently under construction. She also provided information for new opportunities for appointments for vaccine.

Mr. Peterson wished Sue Burness all the best in her new position in Florida.

Ms. Alutto stated that she and Mr. Keeler did tour the Council Chamber and thought it was outstanding. She looks forward to what opportunities this new civic space will provide. She wished Sue Burness the best in her new position.

Vice Mayor De Rosa offered Sue Burness the best of luck. She also stated that the corporate citizens in Dublin will miss her also. She thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the Economic Forecast Breakfast, it was well done! OhioHealth provided an update on vaccines that was very good information. She also took a tour of the new Council Chamber and thought it was fantastic.

Mayor Amorose Groomes wished Sue Burness good luck and stated that Dublin is always home.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Mayor – Presiding Officer

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Acting Clerk of Council