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Dublin City Council

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Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held September 13, 2021 20

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Amorose Groomes, Vice Mayor De Rosa, Ms. Alutto, Mr. Keeler, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Reiner. Ms. Fox arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Readler, Ms. O'Callaghan, Mr. Ranc, Mr. Earman, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Farrar, Ms. Weisenauer, Ms. Blake, Ms. Ocheltree, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Meyer and Chief Paez.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to adjourn to executive session for the following:
• Personnel Matters – considering the employment of a public employee
Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Amorose Groomes reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Alutto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

• Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Mayor Amorose Groomes read a proclamation. The Norrod Family, whose lives were affected by childhood cancer accepted the proclamation. Ms. Norrod thanked Council for their support and the opportunity to raise awareness for childhood cancer.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of August 30, 2021 Regular Meeting

There was no request from Council to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Amorose Groomes moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Reiner seconded the motion.

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

POSTPONED ITEM:

Ordinance 43-21

Adopting the 2022-2026 Five-Year Capital Improvements Program

Mr. Stiffler stated that before Council for approval is the final CIP document as discussed in previous sessions. Staff recommended approval. There was no public comment.

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

SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES

Ordinance 54-21

Adopting and Enacting a Supplement (S-50) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, Ohio



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Ms. Readler stated that the section regarding low speed micromobility devices (scooters) have been removed as requested by Council at the first reading. Staff recommended approval.  
There was no public comment.

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

**Ordinance 55-21**  
**Amending the Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021**

Mr. Stiffler stated that there are no changes from the first reading. Staff recommended approval.  
There was no public comment.

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

**Ordinance 56-21**  
**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Easement with American Electric Power for the Installation of Supplemental Electric Service from Riverside Drive to Riverside Crossing Park**

Mr. Earman stated that there are no changes to this Ordinance from the first reading. Staff recommended approval.  
There was no public comment.  
Ms. Fox asked about the design of the landscaping along Riverside Drive and whether it was all the same design or different. Mr. Earman stated that the promenade Ms. Fox was referring to is further north, but this easement is already under construction, so it is separate.

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

**FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 57-21**  
**Authorizing the Provision of Certain Incentives to VARGO, Inc., to induce it to Purchase, or Cause the Purchase of, a Facility to Relocate Several Offices to a New, Single Office Within the City and to Expand that Office and its Associated Operations and Workforce Within the City; and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.  
Mr. Meyer stated that VARGO, Inc. has reached capacity at its Technology Center located in Dublin and its Corporate Headquarters in Hilliard, OH. As result, VARGO has been conducting a competitive real estate search for opportunities to establish a new headquarters. VARGO designs, implements and supports custom distribution center solutions that help companies reduce operating costs, improve efficiency and increase profitability. In addition to VARGO's expertise in engineering and equipment, the company's proprietary software allows clients to optimize warehouse activities and fulfillment and distribution systems. To meet expansion needs, VARGO is considering the acquisition and renovation of an approximately 26,000 SF facility located in Dublin. The acquisition will allow VARGO to consolidate its Corporate Headquarters and existing Dublin staff into one facility and accommodate projected future job growth. The Economic Development Agreement proposed is a payroll performance withholding incentive of up to \$163,972 and a \$50,000 facilities acquisition grant. The performance incentive is only applicable to existing Dublin Office VARGO employees and net new jobs; jobs relocating from other Central Ohio communities are not eligible for this incentive. The project retains twenty-six (26) existing employee positions within Dublin and is expected to bring twenty-eight (28) other Central Ohio employees to Dublin. VARGO also expects to create thirty-four (34) new employee positions within



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Dublin by December 31, 2027. Staff recommended approval at the second reading on September 27.

There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor De Rosa thanked staff for their work on this. She sees this company as a headquarters in smart technology and logistics and part of the Dublin family already. She stated that she looks forward to hearing from representatives from VARGO at the next hearing. Mr. Meyer stated that the CEO of VARGO is expected to attend.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for September 27, 2021.

**Ordinance 58-21  
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for Certain Property Owned by Mitchell E. and Kimberly S. Haaf located at 6191 Cosgray Road in Franklin County, Ohio, Authorizing the Execution of Related Agreements and Documents, and Appropriating Funds therefor.**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. McDaniel stated that the City has engaged in discussions with Mitchell E. and Kimberly S. Haaf to purchase property owned by them comprised of approximately 0.89 acres of land located at 6191 Cosgray Road. The City recently acquired 93.54 acres of land surrounding the premises owned by Denise Jewett. Acquisition of the premises will maximize the future development of the Jewett property. After negotiations with the owners, the purchase price of the premises has been determined to be \$149,000. The price of the premises is consistent with purchases made in the immediate area, including the Jewett acquisition.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that this acquisition will make for a very nice parcel of land for future use. She thanked the Haaf family for their partnership.

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Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to waive the Council Rules of Order to consider Ordinances 59-21 and 60-21 together.

Ms. Alutto seconded.

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

**Ordinance 59-21  
Authorizing the City Manager to execute an easement with property owner Jack G Weber III and Nichole L. Weber along the Indian Run Meadows Planned Use Development Corridor for Landscape Maintenance**

**Ordinance 60-21  
Authorizing the City Manager to execute an easement with property owner Anthony L. Sallustro along the Indian Run Meadows Planned Use Development Corridor for Landscape Maintenance**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinances.

Mr. Earman stated that these two Ordinances are associated with the Greenway Corridor Program that was initiated by City Council last year for the properties adjoining Avery-Muirfield Drive in the Indian Run Meadows Subdivision.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked the residents partnering with the City on this project to improve the greenways in our City.

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INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 53-21

Accepting the Amounts and Rates and Authorizing Tax Levies

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Stiffler stated that this is a routine resolution. Each year, the Franklin County Budget Commission determines the amount of property taxes to be collected and remitted to the City based on the City’s millage rates, both inside and outside the “10 mill limit” as adopted by City Council in the 2022 Tax Budget. This resolution must be filed with the Budget Commission (in Franklin, Delaware and Union Counties) on or before October 1.

There was no public comment.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed 2022 Council Meeting Calendar

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that the proposed 2022 calendar is in the packet for Council review. She stated that this calendar is up for discussion at this meeting and will be on the next Council agenda for adoption. She proposed one meeting change which was to change the March 14 meeting date to an evening the week prior. The Clerk of Council will change that date and bring the revised calendar back to Council at the September 27 meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McDaniel stated that in tomorrow’s City Manager Update, information will be included regarding feedback that the City has received pertaining to the recently passed sign ordinance.

The other item that Mr. McDaniel noted would be in the City Manager Update packet is an update regarding the entryway to Post Preserve. Recent evaluation and discussions with ODOT have allowed the access point to remain, with a restriction to right turn only movements (right-in/right-out).

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Committees

Administrative Committee: Vice Mayor De Rosa thanked everyone for a great Council retreat. She thanked staff for their assistance.

Public Services Committee:

Ms. Fox stated that the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Reiner shared that there are three Sundays at the Scioto concerts left this year. He encouraged the public to attend as there is a great line up of musicians.
- Mr. Keeler stated that he enjoyed the retreat and being able to spend time with his colleagues. He appreciated the hard work and great conversations.
- Ms. Fox thanked the Washington Township Fire Department for the 9/11 memorial service. She stated it was touching and reverent. She also reminded the public of the Suicide Prevention Town Hall that will be held this Wednesday, September 15. She appreciates the Police Department bringing this topic to the forefront to discuss.
- Vice Mayor De Rosa stated that she appreciated the 9/11 memorial service. She thanked staff for the work on the Post Preserve project as it is very



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- important to the residents. She thanked the Glacier Ridge Metro Park partners in our community for the lovely park that is nicely groomed.
- Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked Council for their time in retreat and the important discussions. She thanked Dr. John Marchhausen for inviting her to participate in the culture development workshop. She shared that she attended a meeting on behalf of MORPC that was an executive strategy network in engaging the business community in supporting a form of transit rail that could incorporate either Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati or perhaps Pittsburgh-Columbus-Chicago. With the potential transportation budget that could be coming out of Washington D.C. in the near future, MORPC is taking an aggressive stance to be ready to respond when dollars are made available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Mayor – Presiding Officer

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Clerk of Council