CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 5:00 p.m.

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. Earman, Mr. Stiffler, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Rauch, Mr. Dearth, Ms. Gilger, Mr. Hammersmith, Ms. Weisenauer, Ms. Blake and Chief Paez.

Also present: Michelle Renda, Trading Places and Members of Boy Scout Troop 111

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of:

- Personnel Matters: Considering the appointment of a public official

Ms. Alutto seconded.
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

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited members of Boy Scout Troop 111 to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Troop Leaders thanked City Council and the City Manager for welcoming them to this meeting. The scouts are dedicated to their own development. They are working on citizenship of the community to better learn about being good citizens.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Small Business Saturday Proclamation

Mayor Amorose Groomes read the proclamation. Ms. Renda thanked Mayor Amorose Groomes and shared that her business is Trading Places located in the Dublin Village Shopping Center. Moving to Dublin has been a game changer. Small Business Saturday is very important. Small businesses are there to serve their community. She would love to see all of the Dublin businesses supported.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the consent agenda.

SECOND READING/ PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES

Ordinance 73-21

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.

Ordinance 75-21
Authorizing the Rescinding of the Merchandising Fund and Transferring the Fund Balance to the General Fund
Mr. Stiffler stated that there are no changes from the first reading of this Ordinance. There were no public comments.

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

Ordinance 76-21
Amending Chapter 51 and 52 Establishing User Fees and Capacity Charges for the Sanitary Sewer and Water Systems
Mr. Stiffler stated that there have been no changes from the first reading of this Ordinance. He followed up with additional information on the revenues and expenditures relative to the fund and what is driving the increases. Operating expenditures are increasing over the years. It is the debt expenditures driving this increase.
There were no public comments.
Vice Mayor De Rosa asked what would be a good approach if we never intend to meet the 25% system value. Mr. Stiffler stated that it is hard to find a fund balance policy on an enterprise fund, particularly on the capital side. This is something staff should explore.
Mayor Amorose Groomes referenced waterline projects in Muirfield and asked about large expenditures on this fund in the future. Mr. Stiffler stated that there should be some recurring maintenance once sewer lining in the area is finished but it will be less than currently programmed.

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 77-21
Declaring the Improvement to Certain Parcels of Real Property in the City's Bridge Street District to be a Public Purpose and Exempt from Taxation; Providing for the Collection and Deposit of Service Payments and Specifying the Purposes for which those Service Payments may be Expended; Specifying the Public Infrastructure Improvements Directly Benefiting the Parcels; and Authorizing Compensation Payments to the Dublin City School District and the Tolles Career and Technical Center
Mr. Stiffler stated that there have been no changes from the first reading of this Ordinance.
There were no public comments.

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.

There were no public comments.

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

Ordinance 79-21
Authorizing the Provision of Certain Incentives to Nurx, Inc. or one of its Affiliated Companies to Induce it or Such Affiliated Company to Lease a Facility to Create an Office and its Associated Operations and Workforce, all within the City; and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement
Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to postpone this Ordinance to the December 6, 2021 Council meeting.
Mr. Reiner seconded.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Ms. Fox, no; Mr. Peterson, yes; Mr. Reiner, no; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes.

Ordinance 80-21
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Real Estate Purchase Agreement for Certain Property Owned by Shepherd Land Holding Co. in Franklin County and Madison County, Ohio, Authorizing the Execution of Related Agreements and Documents and Appropriating Funds Therefor
Mr. Stiffler stated that there are two options to fund this purchase. The first would be to utilize the General Fund Balance to provide case for 100% of the cost and the second would be to advance funding from the General Fund to purchase a bond anticipation note. He provided revised income tax projections. Staff recommends cash funding the acquisition.
There were no public comments.
Ms. Alutto thanked Staff for the information.
Vice Mayor De Rosa stated that the cost of borrowing is lower than the cost of return so short-term financing makes more sense. Mr. Stiffler stated that there might be opportunities but he does not want to recommend short-term financing if there is cash available in the fund balance. Mr. Keeler added that the blended rate of earning is probably less than 1%.

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

Ordinance 81-21
Adopting Chapter 140 under Title XIII of the City of Dublin Codified Ordinances to Prohibit Discrimination of Certain Protected Classes
Ms. Readler stated that the version before Council includes amendments proposed by Equality Ohio in a document provided to Council and as further refined by Council.

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

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

Ordinance 83-21
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Infrastructure Agreement with Paragon Building Group, Ltd. and Union County, for the Hyland Glen Development
Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to postpone this Ordinance to the December 6, 2021 Council meeting.
Ms. Alutto seconded.

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

FIRST READING/PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES
Ordinance 84-21
Adjusting Ward Boundaries of the City of Dublin, as Required by Article 9.04 of the Revised Charter
Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Mr. Rogers stated that Council requested Staff to review uniting neighborhoods that were split by ward boundaries and also adjust boundaries to avoid carve-outs. The adoption of current adjustments reduces the imbalance. Staff recommended approval of the Ordinance at the next Council Meeting.
There was no public comment.
Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked staff for their work on this.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

Ordinance 85-21
Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Easement Purchase and Sale Agreement and Four Easement Agreements with AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Inc. as part of the Amlin-Dublin 138 kV Transmission Line Project
Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Mr. Hammersmith detailed the project covered in this Ordinance. Staff has insured the AEP Ohio plans are holding true to approved specifications previously approved by City Council. AEP Ohio has agreed to pay the amount provided by the City's appraiser. AEP is only acquiring property necessary to construct and maintain the project. Staff recommended approval of this Ordinance at the next Council Meeting.
There was no public comment.
Ms. Fox asked if there is opportunity to gain additional income within these easements by letting others use the easements for other purposes. Mr. McDaniel stated that there often are pole attachment rights that the City is trying to prohibit. Ms. Fox stated that the terms allowed for shrubbery and not trees. She asked if trees would be allowed because it is a boulevard. Mr. Hammersmith stated that they are allowed as long as they fit within certain height restrictions. Their interest is in having them not interfere with transmission lines.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

outlined the recommendations for the MUR-4 Plan. This has a robust review process. Ms. Rauch outlined what is included into the proposed zoning code amendment.
There was no public comment.
Mr. Reiner asked about mechanical screening. Ms. Rauch stated that this is specific to how it is measured as it relates to building height. Mr. Reiner stated that the height of building should not be affected by the screening. To penalize the builder is not the right thing to do.
Ms. Fox stated that there is an opportunity for a pitched roof on this building. Planning and Zoning felt that allowing the building height to be raised because of mechanicals was not fair after such substantial negotiations over the height.
Vice Mayor De Rosa asked about building height allowances and if this is the only instance in the City where screening is part of the building height. She asked why this provision would have to be required.
Ms. Fox stated that the concern was that the roof height would be raised for mechanical screening after much deliberation on the building height.
Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission would review this and could dictate where the mechanicals were placed on the roof such that they were not adjacent to residential units. She would like Planning Commission to be sensitive to placing mechanicals such that screening is not required next to residential lots.
Ms. Alutto stated that she does not want to govern by exception and make this different from the rest of the City.
Mayor Amorose Groomes asked for schematics of what this could look like from adjacent parcels prior to the next reading of this Ordinance.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

Ordinance 87-21
A Rezoning of 27 Parcels from Community Commercial District (CC), Suburban Office, and Institutional District (SO) and Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Mixed Use Regional District 4 (MUR-4) (Case #21-087Z)
Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Ms. Rauch explained that this is the subsequent area rezoning that would allow for the implementation of the code from Ordinance 86-21.
There was no public comment.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

Ordinance 88-21
To Establish Appropriations based on the 2022 Operating Budget of the City of Dublin, State of Ohio, for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022
Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Mr. Stiffler stated that this establishes the appropriations that were approved as part of the first year of the CIP and the operating budget. Staff recommended approval at the hearing on December 6.
There was no public comment.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked about the ending cash balance. Mr. Stiffler stated that is based on the revised budget. The revised budget currently has expenditures outpacing budget by about $35 million. The current general fund variance is negative $2.7 million. A lot of it is due to transfers that are not needed. They were approved for actions that did not occur.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

Ordinance 90-21
Amending Section 31.07 "Campaign Contribution Limits" and Amending Section 31.08 "Campaign Finance Disclosure" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Ohio to Update the Campaign Contribution and Finance Disclosure Regulations
Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Ms. Readler provided a brief explanation and background of the City's campaign contribution and finance disclosure regulations. She stated that the City of Dublin created its own regulations related to campaign finance for City Council candidates. The Code limits the amount of campaign contributions that an individual running for City Council may receive. Code indicates that no candidate for a Ward seat can receive a contribution more than $150 and no candidate for an At-large seat may receive more than $250. These amounts have not been updated for 12 years. The Code indicates that Council may consider basing any increase on the consumer price index. The Ordinance would increase the amounts to $185 and $310 respectively. It also authorizes the Clerk of Council to automatically update the limits every four years based on the average of the previous four years of the Consumer Price Index. The draft ordinance amends dates of submission of disclosure statements to 12 days prior to the election and 38 days after the election. All forms are required to be filed on the State of Ohio forms.
There were no public comments.
Vice Mayor De Rosa thanked Ms. Readler for helping to simplify the process. This keeps the same level of disclosure but aligns with county requirements.

Second Reading/Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS
Resolution 67-21
Requesting the Delaware, Franklin and Union County Auditors to draw money that may be in the County Treasuries and to Issue a Draft to the Director of Finance of the City of Dublin or any money that may be in the Accounts for the City of Dublin
Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Mr. Stiffler stated that this is a routine ordinance that allows the City to have access to its money earlier than would otherwise be distributed. Staff recommended approval.
There were no public comments.

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

Ms. Fox asked how stone veneers hold up. Mr. Hammersmith stated that typically there is no problem with lamination. Staff has changed the process to require a diamond mesh. This provides a physical attachment to the wall itself. The issue with this wall was that the concrete nails were too short to adhere to the concrete. Ms. Fox asked about the cost difference between an actual stone wall and the stone veneer. Mr. Hammersmith stated that it is quite significant. A stone wall requires a stone ledge and is hand fit. Ms. Fox asked if there is any fading. Mr. Hammersmith stated that there is not.

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

Resolution 69-21
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with United Steelworkers of America regarding Wages, Hours, and Terms and Conditions of Employment for Employees within the Maintenance Worker, Fleet Technician I, Electrical Worker and Custodial Worker Bargaining Unit
Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Ms. Miglietti stated that the term has been tentatively agreed to for Article 22 and 32 and expires December 31, 2022. Staff recommended approval.
There were no public comments.

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

Resolution 70-21
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for Public Health and Plumbing Services with the Board of Health for Franklin County General Health District for 2022
Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Mr. McDaniel stated that this Resolution is for public health services for the City of Dublin. The Board of Health provides services for all of Dublin. The per capita rate is $9.32. He recommended approval. He complimented Franklin County on the work they do.
There were no public comments.

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

Resolution 71-21
Waiving Competitive Bidding and Declaring Sole Source and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Design and Construction Agreement with Structural Erectors to Reconstruct a Historic Two-Story Cabin
Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Mr. Earman stated that the project includes the reconstruction of the two-story cabin that was found within the walls of an existing residence along Riverside Drive for a total amount of $400,000. City Council previously voted to reconstruct the cabin at the

Resolution 72-21
Establishing a Community Inclusion Advisory Committee
Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Mr. McDaniel stated that City Council established both the Chief's Advisory Group and the Community Task Force. The Community Task Force, with input from the Chief's Advisory Committee, provided a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Framework. Council asked staff to consider establishing an advisory committee in accordance with DEI Framework Priority 1, General Recommendations. This Resolution establishes the Community Inclusion Advisory Committee. The Resolution directed the City Manager to identify and recommend eleven Dublin residents for consideration by City Council for initial appointment by separate Resolution no later than February 28, 2022. Staff recommended passage of Resolution 72-21. Mr. McDaniel suggested a change under Terms to account for the staggering of terms.
There were no public comments.
Vice Mayor De Rosa recognized and expressed appreciation for staff and the Community Task Force's work. She also appreciates the eleven-member makeup of the group to get a wide spectrum of perspectives.
Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about attendance. Mr. McDaniel stated that current attendance policies are not consistent with each other. He suggested that he would consult with the Mayor if someone can no longer serve. It turns into a vacancy rather than a disciplinary issue for volunteers.
Ms. Fox stated that she likes that the Powers & Duties allow for open suggestions. Mayor Amorose Groomes asked at what intervals the group check back in with Council. Mr. McDaniel stated that the intent is no less than semi-annual especially in the first year or two. Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that initially she would expect frequent check-ins. Mr. McDaniel stated that he thinks it is incumbent upon staff to monitor and advise on whether or not any advisory committee should report back to Council.

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

OTHER BUSINESS
- Updates to the Human Resources Policy in the Code of Ordinances Chapter 33

Ms. Miglietti stated that subsection 33.07 provides the process by which the chapter is amended. It calls for the amendments to be reported to Council and, unless Council amends or disapproves such amendments, they shall become effective 30 days after such report. Staff is recommending that City Council allow the proposed amendments to go into effect after 30 days.

STAFF COMMENTS
Mr. McDaniel shared that there is a public meeting on December 1, 2021 for discussion with residents in regards to proposed Franklin Street improvements. He thanked Ms. Ocheltree for her great work for the City since this is her last meeting before taking her new position with the City of Powell.

COUNCIL REPORTS
- **Committees**

conversation at the November 10 meeting. The Frantz Road shared micro-mobility study was presented. Staff gave some interesting options on the possibility of utilizing shared use path versus restructuring Frantz Road. It has been recommended that Dublin utilize a pilot program beginning in May 2022 for one year to see how shared use paths are utilized with micro-mobility options. Feedback from the Committee was that the boundaries were not large enough. The Committee also requested information on COTA ridership. Engineering and Community Events both shared division updates.

- **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Ms. Fox reported that on November 16 at the Dublin Golf Club, Denise King, Washington Township trustee will be celebrating her retirement. She has been a strong proponent of providing training and resources to the Fire Department. She has been a life-long proponent of the environment in Dublin.

Mr. Keeler reported that he attended the Logan/Union/Champaign County Regional Planning Commission annual meeting and there is a rumor that Jerome Township is interested in slowing growth.

Mr. Reiner reported that the finalists for the ML Red Trabue reserve public artwork will be visiting November 19 from Long Island, New York, Portland, Oregon and Brooklyn, New York. This is a group of highly talented artists. Mr. Reiner thanked everyone for attending the Veterans Ceremony on November 11. He thanked Colonel Jeff Noble, Dublin City School and City Staff.

Mayor Amorose Groomes reported that there was a MORPC meeting and the LinkUs program and the inclusion of Dublin will be significant.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE
Vice Mayor De Rosa mentioned the third grade students and Wyandot Elementary and shared how much she enjoying speaking with them about government. She congratulated Ms. King and thanked Mr. Reiner, Mr. McDaniel and staff for a wonderful Veterans Day celebration.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Mayor – Presiding Officer

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Clerk of Council