

Dublin City Council

January 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Amorose Groomes called the Monday, January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Dublin Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Kramb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Newly elected Council Member representing Ward 1, Amy Kramb took the oath of office, administered by Ms. Amorose Groomes. Ms. Kramb was accompanied by her family members.

Re-elected Council Member representing Ward 2, Jane Fox took the oath of office, administered by Timothy Redman, Attorney at Law. Ms. Fox was accompanied by her family members.

Re-elected Council Member representing Ward 3, John Reiner took the oath of office, administered by his daughter, Genevieve Mills, Attorney at Law.

Re-elected Council Member representing Ward 4, Cathy De Rosa took the oath of office, administered by Jennifer Readler, Attorney at Law. Ms. De Rosa was accompanied by her family members.

ROLL CALL

Present were Ms. Alutto, Ms. Amorose Groomes, Ms. De Rosa, Ms. Fox, Mr. Keeler, Ms. Kramb and Mr. Reiner.

Staff members present were Mr. McDaniel, Ms. Readler, Ms. O'Callaghan, Mr. Ranc, Mr. Rogers, Chief Paez, and Ms. Weisenauer.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Amorose Groomes moved to adjourn to executive session to consider the appointment of a public official.

Mr. Keeler seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

Ms. Amorose Groomes moved to nominate of Council Member Jane Fox to a two-year term as Mayor.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Ms. Alutto moved to nominate of Council Member Cathy De Rosa to a two-year term as Vice Mayor.

Ms. Amorose Groomes seconded the motion.

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

OATHS OF OFFICE

- Mayor

Ms. Fox took the oath of office, administered by Mr. Redman. She was accompanied by her family members.

- Vice Mayor

Ms. De Rosa took the oath of office, administered by Ms. Readler. She was accompanied by her family members.

(Council recessed briefly.)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Weisenauer stated that an online comment was received. She read the comment into the record.

Sandy Grimwade, Tarton Drive, Dublin wrote:

For I would like our great council to consider amending the city charter so only those who are voted at-large may be considered for mayor and vice-mayor candidacy. If a council member is elected to such a position as a ward representative only a small percentage of the city has actually voted for them. I think it is not the best representation of our democracy. Please take this recommendation into serious consideration. It is we the people who you are elected to serve and we should all have the ability to vote such a figure to our fine city.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of December 7, Special Council Meeting
- Notice to the Legislative Authority regarding the Addition of a New Member to the LLC for Kona Craft Kitchen LLC, 6757 Longshore Street, Dublin, Ohio 43017. They have a D5A Permit.
- Notice to the Legislative Authority for a New D5A Permit to Stonehenge F & B LLC, 5021-5227 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

Hearing no request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, Mr. Reiner moved to approve the four items on the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 91-21

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire Certain Property Located at 7250 Riverside Drive, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 273-008411-00 From Hamdy A. Helal and Azza A. Elmorsy, Husband and Wife, for the Public Purpose of Constructing a New Waterline Extension, and Shared-Use Path Which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge

Mr. Ranc stated that there have been no changes since the first reading of this Ordinance. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

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

Ordinance 92-21

Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire Certain Property Located at 7410 Riverside Drive, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 273-008663-00 From Billy Gene Laney, Trustee of the Billy Gene Laney Revocable Living Trust Created May 18, 2011, for the Public Purpose of Constructing a Shared-Use Path Which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge

Mr. Ranc stated that there have been no changes since the first reading of this Ordinance. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

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

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING – ORDINANCES

There were no first readings of Ordinances.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions for consideration.

OTHER

- North Riverview Street Properties – Advisory Committee Process

Ms. O'Callaghan provided an update on the properties purchased by the City on North Riverview Street. At the March 1, 2021 City Council Work Session, staff provided an overview of the zoning, historical significance, and overall condition of each property. Staff also presented next steps and proposed the formation of an Advisory Committee to help guide the process moving forward and City Council was supportive of such a process. The Advisory Committee will report back to Council as a whole. Staff envisions a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process with the Advisory Committee providing input into the development of the RFP and recommending the RFP to Council for approval to advertise. The Advisory Committee will also review and evaluate proposals received and recommend a selection, or multiple selections, to Council for approval before an opportunity is awarded. City Council designated Mayor Fox and Council Member Keeler to serve as Council's representatives on the Advisory Committee.

During the April 26, 2021 City Council Meeting, staff provided an update on the acquisition of the properties and the formation of the Advisory Committee. Staff indicated the following individuals were selected and agreed to serve on the Advisory Committee:

Mayor Fox
Council Member Keeler
Gary Alexander, Architectural Review Board Member
Tom Holton, President, Dublin Historical Society
Frank Leary, Bridge Park West Homeowners Association Representative
Megan O'Callaghan, Deputy City Manager/Chief Finance and Development Officer
Brad Fagrell, Director of Building Standards
Jennifer Rauch, Director of Planning

Staff also indicated the Advisory Committee will be supported by a historic preservation consultant and Law Director on an as-needed basis and will start their work after the City closes on the properties. Council was supportive of the creation of the Advisory Committee and process.

Following the City's closing on the properties in late October 2021, staff contacted the Advisory Committee members and confirmed their interest in serving on the Advisory Committee. Staff plans to convene the Advisory Committee for their first meeting to include a visit to the properties and walk-through of the structures in late January 2022. There were no public comments.

Council had no questions regarding the process or next steps.

- Work Session Schedule for 2022

Mr. Rogers provided proposed dates for work sessions in 2022 for Council's consideration. Ms. Alutto has a conflict on the January and February dates, so staff will provide new dates to Council.

Mr. Reiner moved to approve the dates on the work session schedule for 2022 absent the two dates yet to be scheduled in January and February.

Ms. Alutto seconded.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. McDaniel congratulated the re-elected and newly elected Council members. He also congratulated new and re-elected Council leadership. He thanked Council Member Kramb for spending time with staff to introduce her to City operations.

He also shared that the State of the City is planned for March 10, 2022 at the Wendy's International Conference Center.

He stated that several events will be coming around St. Patrick's Day and more information will be coming on those. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Fox wished Mr. McDaniel a happy birthday. Ms. Weisenauer was also acknowledged for her birthday.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND OTHER ENTITY LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Fox read the proposed new Committee Chairs and members as well as Council representatives to various entities:

- Administrative Committee: Vice Mayor De Rosa, Chair; Members Ms. Alutto and Ms. Kramb
- Community Development Committee: Mr. Reiner, Chair; Members Mr. Keeler and Ms. Amorose Groomes
- Finance Committee: Ms. Alutto, Chair; Members Mr. Keeler and Ms. Amorose Groomes
- Public Services Committee: Ms. Kramb, Chair; Members Vice Mayor De Rosa and Mr. Reiner
- Planning & Zoning Commission liaison: Ms. Amorose Groomes
- Dublin Arts Council representative: Mr. Reiner
- Dublin Board of Education Council liaison: Ms. Alutto and Mayor Fox
- Dublin Bridges liaison: Vice Mayor De Rosa
- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission: Ms. Amorose Groomes
- Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission: Mr. Keeler
- US 33 Corridor representatives: Vice Mayor De Rosa and Mr. Keeler
- Veterans Committee: Mr. Reiner
- Washington Township liaison: Ms. Kramb

Mr. Reiner moved to approve the appointment of the Council committee chairs, members, and representatives to entities as read.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Alutto stated she is looking forward to spending a new year with everyone.

Ms. Amorose Groomes congratulated the re-elected Council members and the newly elected Council member. She also congratulated Council leadership and stated that she looks forward to a great couple years.

Vice Mayor De Rosa welcomed Ms. Kramb and congratulated Mayor Fox. She looks forward to a great year.

Ms. Kramb stated that she is grateful to be sitting among Council and was appreciative of the warm welcome.

Mr. Keeler welcomed Ms. Kramb and wished everyone a happy new year.

Mr. Reiner wished Mr. McDaniel and Ms. Weisenauer a happy birthday. He thanked Ms. Amorose Groomes for all her hard work as Mayor. He congratulated Mayor Fox and Vice Mayor De Rosa.

Mayor Fox welcomed Ms. Kramb. She is grateful to her Ward for re-electing her so she can continue in public service. She stated she is humbled and honored to have the support of her fellow Council Members to represent them and promote the shared goals and visions of this Council. She shared that politics should not define government, public service should. She stated that the work she has witnessed from her fellow Council

Members models what committed public service looks like. She thanked her colleagues for upholding true statesmanship. She stated that they are wise, skillful and respected in these positions. She thanked staff for their work. She thanked Ms. Amorose Grooms and Vice Mayor De Rosa for the work they put in for the last two years during the pandemic. She thanked Ms. Amorose Grooms for her encouragement and friendship. She stated to her children, grandchildren and everyone watching, the importance of public and community service. She quoted Desmond Tutu who said, "do your little bit of good where you are, its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor – Presiding Officer

Clerk of Council