

# **City of Green**

Central Administration
Building
1755 Town Park Blvd.
PO Box 278
Green, OH 44232

### **Meeting Minutes**

# **City Council**

Barbara Babbitt - Ward 1
Christopher J. Meager - Ward 2
Rick Miller- Ward 3
Jeff Noble - Ward 4, President
Justin Speight - At-Large, Vice President
Clark A. DeVitis - At-Large
Gerard Neugebauer- At-Large
Nichole Messner, MMC- Clerk of Council

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

7:00 PM

**Council Chambers** 

I. Call to Order

Council President Noble called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call of Council Members

Present: 6 - Clark A. DeVitis, CJ Meager, Jeff Noble, Gerard Neugebauer, Justin Speight and

Rick Miller

Absent: 1 - Barbara Babbitt

IV. Council Study Session

TMP-4819 Approval of the December 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

<u>Attachments:</u> 12-10-24 Draft Council Meeting Minutes.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member Meager, to approve the Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

TMP-4848 Approval of the January 6, 2025 Council Organizational Meeting Minutes

Attachments: 1-6-25 Draft Council Organizational Meeting Minutes.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member Meager, to approve the Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

TMP-4847 Approval of the November 2024 Electronic Financial Report, Subject to Audit

Attachments: November 2024 Electronic Financial Report.pdf

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A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to approve subject to audit the Financial Statement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

## \*\*Jaclyn Beckwith of the Green Community Fund presenting an update and grant application process.

Ms. Beckwith gave a brief presentation regarding the Green Community Fund and the grant application process.

### V. Public Report

None.

#### VI. Public Hearings

2024-R75

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR STONEY CREEK ESTATES PHASE IV, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 11/26/2024) \*\*A PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS\*\*

Attachments: 2024-R75 Stoney Creek Estates Phase IV Street Lighting

District.docx

2024-R75 Exhibit A.pdf 2024-R75 Exhibit B.pdf 2024-R75 Exhibit C.pdf

2024-R75 Request for Legislation.pdf

7:07 pm Councilman Speight opened the public hearing.

Planning Director Wiethe reported that this was 6 street lights for lighting purposes. That the developer assumes the cost of installation and there would be a monthly cost spread among the 30 lots that would be assessed to the property owners.

Councilman Speight commented there were street lights in other phases of this subdivision. Planning Director Wiethe replied that yes this is a continuation of the lights within the phases.

No additional comments or questions.

Councilman Speight closed the public hearing at 7:09 pm.

2024-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157, SECTION 157.085: TABLE OF ALLOWED USES (TABLE 157.085-1) TO ADD DRIVE -THROUGH FACILITIES AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE I-1

(GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT. -(Introduced on 12/10/24) \*\*A
PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 @ 7:00

PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS\*\*

Attachments: 2024-14 Chapter 157 Section 157.085 Table of Allowed Uses Drive

thru facilities.doc 2024-14 Exhibit A.pdf

2024-14 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman DeVitis opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Councilman DeVitis read in the legislation.

Director Wiethe stated the applicant brought this forward to the Planning Dept. They wished for drive-thrus to be a permitted use, however Planning and PZC decided it should instead be a conditional use. He felt allowing it in an industrial zone made the most sense. PZC voted in favor of this change.

Tom Wiesse, Skipper Group-

They brought this forward since restaurants were already allowed within the industrial zone and thought it may have been an oversight not adding drive-thrus.

Councilman Neugebauer asked what types of drive-thrus this would include. Planning Director Wiethe stated bank drive thru/ATM, restaurant drive-thru, etc. He explained that drive-thrus saved a lot of restaurants during Covid and now many places don't open there dining room or interiors anymore. He explained this would help with different types of businesses and additional marketing options.

Councilman Noble commented that he was at the meeting- and saw the discussion on this. He feels there may be another category in the code necessary to categorize more of a fast-food restaurant rather than bank drive thru, etc. Planning Director Wiethe disagreed, stating that their stacking regulations help with this area as well.

Councilman Speight clarified that this change has no connection to the previous project the recently reviewed. Planning Director Wiethe stated no.

No further comments or questions.

Councilman DeVitis closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

#### VII. Reading of Correspondence

Clerk of Council Messner read in the correspondence.

TMP-4838 November 6, 2024 Design Review Board Minutes

Attachments: 11-6-24 Meeting Minutes.pdf

TMP-4839 November 20, 2024 Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes

Attachments: 11-20-24 Meeting Minutes.pdf

TMP-4840 December 18, 2024 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Agenda

Attachments: 12-18-24 PZC Agenda with attachments.pdf

TMP-4841 Planning Department December 2024 Monthly Financial Summary

Attachments: December Monthly Summary Planning Dept..pdf

TMP-4842 November 13, 2024 Civil Service Commission Minutes

Attachments: November 13, 2024 CSC Minutes.pdf

TMP-4843 November 5, 2024 Parks & Recreation Board Minutes

Attachments: PRBMeeting Minutes 2024-11-05.pdf

TMP-4844 January 8, 2025 Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Agenda

Attachments: PRB Meeting Agenda 2025-01-08.pdf

TMP-4845 December 3, 2024 Veterans Advisory Commission Minutes

Attachments: VAC Meeting Minutes 2024-12-03.pdf

TMP-4846 January 7, 2025 Veterans Advisory Commission Meeting Agenda

<u>Attachments:</u> VAC Meeting Agenda 2025-01-07.pdf

VIII. New Legislation - Items on First Reading

The Clerk of Council read in the new legislation. Council President Noble referred

each piece to the appropriate committee.

2025-R01 A RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, ESTABLISHING A RATE OF COMPENSATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -Referred to

the Rules and Personnel Committee

Attachments: 2025-R01 Deputy Service Director Position.docx

2025-R01 Exhibit A.docx

2025-R01 Request for Legislation.pdf

2025-R02 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO MAKE

IMPROVEMENTS TO MULTIPLE ROADWAYS STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAT TO DEDICATE SAID ROADWAYS, ASSESSING A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -Referred to the

Transportation, Connectivity and Storm Water Committee

Attachments: 2025-R02 Prestwick Estates legislation.doc

2025-R02 Exhibit A.pdf 2025-R02 Exhibit B.pdf 2025-R02 Exhibit C.pdf

2025-R02 Prestwick Estates legislation.doc

**2025-R03** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF GREEN MAYOR'S

REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO ASSIGN

A SINGLE UNIFIED ZIP CODE FOR THE ENTIRE CITY OF

GREEN, THAT IS IDENTIFIED EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE CITY OF GREEN FOR POSTAL DELIVERY PURPOSES, AND DECLARING

AN EMERGENCY. -Referred to the Intergovernmental and Utilities

Committee \*\*SECOND READING PASSAGE REQUESTED\*\*

Attachments: 2025-R03 Resolution of Support to PO zip code.docx

Councilman Speight explained that they had discussed this item on first reading by the Administrations request. He advised that members of Committee and Council were in support of the resolution and of first reading passage. He made a motion to adopt.

A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member Miller, to bypass Committee deliberations the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to bypass the three reading rule the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member Meager, to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

2025-01 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND

OPERATION OF ANY BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE

WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREEN, LICENSED AS AN ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATOR PURSUANT

TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 3780. -Referred to the Planning and

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**Economic Development Committee** 

<u>Attachments:</u> 2025-01 Ordinance Prohibiting Sale & Distribution of marijuana.docx

2025-02 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 138.06: "ILLEGAL

CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA" OF THE CODIFIED

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREEN. -Referred to the Planning and

**Economic Development Committee** 

Attachments: 2025-02 Ord Repeal Sect 138.06 Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana.docx

2025-03 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 UPDATE OF THE CITY OF

GREEN LONG RANGE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.

-Referred to the Planning and Economic Development Committee \*\*A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS\*\*

Attachments: 2025-03 2024 Land Use Comp Plan Legislation.docx

2025-03 Exhibit A.pdf

2025-03 Request for Legislation.pdf

#### IX. Report of Council Committees

A. Finance (Neugebauer\*, DeVitis\*\*, Meager)

Councilman Neugebauer gave his committee report.

**2024-R72A** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025

ANNUAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GREEN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on

11/12/2024)(Amended January 14, 2025)

Attachments: 2024-R72A 2025 Capital Annual Appropriations.docx

2024-R72 Amended Exhibit A.pdf 2024-R72 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman Neugebauer read in the legislation and gave a brief summary of the

discussion that took place during committees.

No further comments or questions. A motion was made to adopt.

A motion was made by Council Member Neugebauer, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

#### THIRD READING ITEMS

2024-R76 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN TO ENTER

INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOLF CART EQUIPMENT AND GPS EQUIPMENT FOR USE AT THE

RAINTREE GOLF AND EVENT CENTER, MAKING AN

APPROPRIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced

on 11/26/2024)

Attachments: 2024-R76 Raintree Golf Cart Equip Lease.docx

2024-R76 Exhibit A.pdf 2024-R76 Exhibit B.pdf

2024-R76 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman Neugebauer read in the legislation and gave a brief summary of the discussion that took place during committees.

No further comments or questions. A motion was made to adopt.

A motion was made by Council Member Neugebauer, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

2024-R78 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN TO

CREATE A GREEN DRUG TASK FORCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WITH THE GREEN SCHOOLS FOUNDATION AND CITY OF GREEN OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS TO PROVIDE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING GREEN STUDENTS TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION, AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 11/26/2024)

Attachments: 2024-R78 Drug Task Force Scholarship Legislation.docx

2024-R78 Exhibit A.pdf

2024-R78 Request for Legislation.pdf

Written legal opinion re use of Opioid Settlement funds.pdf

Councilman Neugebauer read in the legislation and gave a brief overview of the discussion that took place during committees.

No further comments or questions. A motion was made to adopt.

A motion was made by Council Member Neugebauer, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

B. Environment & Parks (Miller\*, Speight\*\*, Babbitt)

Did not meet.

#### C. Public Safety (Babbitt\*, Miller\*\*, DeVitis)

Councilman Miller gave his committee report.

#### LICENSE ITEMS

Councilman Miller read in all of the liquor license requests.

No further comments or questions. A motion was made to not request a hearing on any of the license requests.

TMP-4849 Fresh Food Deli Inc- New D3 Liquor License

5 E. Caston Rd. Green, OH 44319

Attachments: Fresh Food Deli 5 E Caston-New Liquor License.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to not request a hearing the License. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

TMP-4850 Mama Lupe LLC. New D1 & D2 Liquor License

DBA Mama Lupe Mexican Grill 4195 Massillon Rd. Suite 217

Green, OH 44685

Attachments: Mama Lupe LLC 4195 Massillon Rd- New Liquor License.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to not request a hearing the License. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

TMP-4852 Sadguru Krupa LLC. -D5A Liquor License Transfer

DBA Residence Inn Akron 897 Arlington Ridge E & Patio

Green, OH 44312

Attachments: Residence Inn Akron- Liquor License Transfer.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to not request a hearing the License. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

TMP-4851 Hotel Equities Group LLC. -New D5A Liquor License

DBA Residence Inn Akron 897 Arlington Ridge E Green, OH 44312

Attachments: Residence Inn Akron 897 Arlington Ridge- New Liquor License.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to not request a hearing the License. The motion carried by the following

vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

TMP-4853 Green Drive Thru LLC- D5 Liquor License Transfer

Excl Bsmt

2255 Greensburg Rd. Green, OH 44685

Attachments: Sai Vicchu LLC 2255 Greensburg Rd Liquor License Transfer.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to not request a hearing the License. The motion carried by the following

vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

TMP-4854 Sai Vicchu LLC -New C1 & C2 Liquor License

2255 Greensburg Rd. Green, OH 44685

Attachments: Sai Vicchu LLC 2255 Greensburg Rd. New Liquor License.pdf

A motion was made by Council Member Miller, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to not request a hearing the License. The motion carried by the following

vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

D. Planning, Community & Economic Development (DeVitis\*, Neugebauer\*\*, Speight)

Councilman DeVitis gave his committee report.

#### SECOND READING ITEMS

2024-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157, SECTION 157.085:

TABLE OF ALLOWED USES (TABLE 157.085-1) TO ADD DRIVE -THROUGH FACILITIES AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN THE I-1 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT. -(Introduced on 12/10/24) \*\*A

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thru facilities.doc 2024-14 Exhibit A.pdf

2024-14 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman DeVitis read in the legislation and gave a brief overview of the discussion

that took place during this evenings public hearing. Time was requested and granted.

### E. Rules and Personnel (Noble\*, Babbitt\*\*, Miller)

Councilman Noble gave his committee report.

#### SECOND READING ITEMS

2024-R79 A RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT

PLANNING DIRECTOR IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 12/10/24)

Attachments: 2024-R79 Assistant Planning Director Position.docx

2024-R79 Exhibit A.pdf

2024-R79 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman Noble read in the legislation and gave a brief summary of the discussion that took place during committees.

No additional comments or questions. Time was taken.

**2024-R80** A RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITION OF PLANNING

ADMINISTRATOR IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 12/10/24)

<u>Attachments:</u> 2024-R80 Planning Administrator Position.docx

2024-R80 Exhibit A.pdf

2024-R80 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman Noble read in the legislation and gave a brief summary of the discussion that took place during committees.

No additional comments or questions. Time was taken.

F. Transportation, Connectivity & Storm Water (Meager\*, Noble\*\*, Neugebauer)

Did not meet.

G. Intergovernmental & Utilities (Speight\*, Meager\*\*, Noble)

Councilman Speight gave his committee report.

#### THIRD READING ITEMS

2024-R75 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT

FOR STONEY CREEK ESTATES PHASE IV, AND DECLARING AN

EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 11/26/2024) \*\*A PUBLIC HEARING IS

SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL

CHAMBERS\*\*

Attachments: 2024-R75 Stoney Creek Estates Phase IV Street Lighting

District.docx

2024-R75 Exhibit A.pdf 2024-R75 Exhibit B.pdf 2024-R75 Exhibit C.pdf

2024-R75 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman Speight read in the legislation and gave a brief summary of the public hearing that was held this evening. Time was requested and granted.

#### SECOND READING ITEMS

2024-R81 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN TO ENTER

INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, AND THE SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF FIRE STATION #2, LOCATED AT 393 EAST TURKEYFOOT LAKE ROAD, GREEN, OHIO, AND

EAST TURKETFOOT LAKE ROAD, GREEN, OHIO, AND

**DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** -(Introduced on 12/10/24) \*\*SECOND

READING PASSAGE REQUESTED\*\*

Attachments: 2024-R81 Fire Station #2 & SC Lease.docx

2024-R81 Exhibit A.doc.pdf

2024-R81 Attachment.pdf

2024-R81 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman Speight read in the legislation and gave a brief summary of the discussion that took place during committees. No further comments. Committee ok with second reading passage. A motion was made to adopt.

A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member Meager, to bypass the three reading rule the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

A motion was made by Council Member Speight, seconded by Council Member Meager, to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

2024-R82 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN TO

TRANSFER A PARCEL OF LAND FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES, TO THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 12/10/24)

Attachments: 2024-R82 Transfer of Parcel for Sanitary Sewer.docx

2024-R82 Exhibit A.pdf

2024-R82 Request for Legislation.pdf

Councilman Speight read in the legislation and gave a brief summary of the discussion that took place during committees. No further comments or questions. Time was taken.

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Speight, to enter executive session at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Speight, to to adjourn executive session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

X. Mayor's Report

Mayor Yeargin gave his report.

XI. Unfinished Business

None

XII. New Business

Reminder that there would be no council meeting held on Tues Jan 28- State of the City would take the place of that meeting on Thursday, Jan 30.

XIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member Meager, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ave: 6 - DeVitis, Meager, Noble, Neugebauer, Speight and Miller

<sup>\*\*</sup>Executive Session to discuss pending litigation matters\*\*

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ATTEST:
NICHOLE MESSNER, MMC, CLERK OF COUNCIL
APPROVED:
JEFF NOBLE, PRESIDENT

Upon approval by City Council, this official written summary of the meeting minutes shall become a permanent record and the official minutes shall consist of a permanent video recording, in accordance with Green City Council Ordinance 2014-12, adopted on November 25, 2014.

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