



# City of Green

Central Administration  
Building  
1755 Town Park Blvd.  
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## Meeting Minutes

### Committee Meetings

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Tuesday, November 26, 2024

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### I. Call to Order

Council President Meager called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

[TMP-4794](#) Approval of the November 12, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [11-12-24 Draft Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Council Member Noble, seconded by Council Member DeVitis, to approve the Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Council Member DeVitis, Council Member Meager, Council Member Noble, Council Member Neugebauer and Council Member Miller

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Babbitt and Council Member Speight

#### III. Committees (\*Chair, \*\* Vice Chair)

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

All members present.

#### THIRD READINGS

[2024-R65AA](#) **A RESOLUTION MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN CERTAIN FUNDS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING, AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** -(Introduced on 10/22/2024)(Amended November 12, 2024)(**Amended November 26, 2024**)

**Attachments:** [2024-R65 Amended 4th Quarter 2024 Supplemental Appropriations 11-26-24.docx](#)  
[2024-R65 4th Quarter 2024 Supplemental Appropriations Exhibit A \(3rd Reading\).pdf](#)  
[2024-R65 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

Councilman Neugebauer read in the legislation and gave a brief overview.

Finance Director Schmidt briefly went over the accounts that have requested additional funds to get through the end of the year.

No additional comments or questions. Will move to adopt at the regular meeting.

#### SECOND READINGS

##### [2024-R68](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS LAW FIRMS FOR INCOME TAX COLLECTION SERVICES, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 11/12/2024)**

**Attachments:** [2024-R68 Income Tax Legal Services.docx](#)  
[2024-R68 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

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

Finance Director Schmidt explained that the current agreements they have with these firms all end this year and they would like to renew those contracts with these firms for another 3 years, as the collections have been beneficial to the city.

Councilman Neugebauer explained that they are required to pass legislation for this type of professional services.

No additional comments or questions. Will request time at the regular meeting.

##### [2024-R69](#)

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (“TIRC”) REGARDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENTS AREA, AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREEN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 11/12/2024)**

**Attachments:** [2024-R69 TIRC Recommendations.docx](#)  
[2024-R69 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

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

Heather Russell, Economic Development Administrator, briefly went over the details of the legislation. She stated that they reviewed tax year 2023 and the following businesses: Seco, FedEx were reviewed and the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) recommended continuation. They reviewed 52 TIF's and they were all recommended for continuation, as

well.

Councilman Neugebauer commented that they have seen just over \$4 million in TIF revenue in 2024, and its an important part of the City's revenue stream.

Councilman Noble commented that he attended the TIRC meeting and found it interesting, all of the details and how the TIF's are beneficial.

No further comments or questions. Will request time at the regular meeting.

[2024-R71A](#)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 ANNUAL OPERATING APPROPRIATION FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND ALL OTHER FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GREEN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** -(Introduced on 11/12/2024) *(Amended December 10, 2024)*

**Attachments:** [2024-R71 Amended 2025 Annual Operating Budget.docx](#)

[2024-R71 Amended Exhibit A.pdf](#)

[2024-R71 Exhibit B.pdf](#)

[2024-R71 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

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

Finance Director Schmidt gave an overview of the budgeting process, timeline for meetings, and capital budgeting, etc. He provided a brief summary of the 2024 budget. He then went over the proposed 2025 Budget, he explained that there was a 5% increase in the operating budget from 2024. He reported that the main increases were Parks & Rec Dept. increase in salaries & benefits for the community courts, 3 full-time Zoning Inspectors and the increased TIF dollars.

Mayor Yeargin thanked the council members for being part of the budgeting process, it was helpful having them involved in the process and making suggestions, asking questions, etc.

No additional comments or questions at this time. Will request time at the regular meeting.

[2024-R72](#)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2025 ANNUAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GREEN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** -(Introduced on 11/12/2024)

**Attachments:** [2024-R72 2025 Capital Annual Appropriations.docx](#)  
[2024-R72 Exhibit A.pdf](#)  
[2024-R72 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

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

Finance Director Schmidt went over each project within the capital budget, as submitted. These items came from the CIP ranking process.

No additional comments or questions. Will request time at the regular meeting.

#### 2024-R74

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREEN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JOINT BUS GARAGE AND STORAGE FACILITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 11/12/2024)**

**Attachments:** [2024-R74 Joint Bus Garage & Storage Building Legislation.docx](#)  
[2024-R74 Exhibit A.pdf](#)  
[Green School Board Resolution.pdf](#)

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

Mayor Yeargin explained that this project is going to help solve several different problems, a bus garage has been an ongoing need of the Green Schools for a long time and to keep the garage at the same site, they needed the city's help since they own some of the land. The second fix would be that the Service Dept has a number of pieces of equipment that require indoor storage, and the current storage facility is in disrepair. The third need was ADA compliant restrooms at Kleckner field, as well. By partnering with the school district, they are able to save money and check boxes on all three items. He reiterated that this would be highly beneficial to the city. He clarified that Council had already approved consolidation plat for the land and they had initially anticipated doing this project sooner, however they ran into some issues with the architect. The schools are taking on the cost at a 75%-25%. He also reported that the community courts are coming in under budget, so any funds that are not used on that will go toward this project.

Councilman Neugebauer commented that taking the extra time on this project, has made for a much better project so they have benefited from the delay in this project. He commented that he was very happy with the number of restrooms proposed.

Director Carr provided a rendering of the proposed facility and the site. She went over the layout and the restrooms sizing. She advised that the Parks Board has made a motion of support for this project, and are pleased with the restroom facilities.

Law Director Dean went over the details of the contract and explained the process.

Councilman Meager asked about the timing and what the plan was for restrooms until this has been constructed. Service Director Carr stated that they would rent port-o-potties that are ADA compliant and have them on site until construction is finished.

No further comments at this time. Will request time at the regular meeting.

#### Committee Business

None.

#### B. Environment and Parks Committee (Speight\*, Neugebauer\*\*, Noble)

Speight absent. Neugebauer & Noble present. Councilman Neugebauer chaired the committee.

#### SECOND READINGS

[2024-13A](#) **AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 97.12 “SMOKING IN CITY BUILDINGS OR VEHICLES” AND AMENDING SECTION 97.13 “SMOKING AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN ALL CITY PARKS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREEN. -(Introduced on 11/12/2024) (Amended December 10, 2024)**

**Attachments:** [2024-13A Amend 97.13 Smoking Ordinance.docx](#)

Councilman Neugebauer read in the legislation and gave a brief summary. He advised that they would be holding discussion on this item as they are awaiting several amendments from the Law Department.

Committee and council ok with holding discussion until the next meeting. Will request time at the regular meeting.

#### Committee Business

Service Director Carr gave several parks updates; Pickleball courts would be shut down this week and the only restrooms still open through the winter will be the lower restroom at Boettler Park and Central Park.

She also commented on the most recent Eagle Scout project which was a chimney swift box for the birds nesting in the middle school chimney that will be displaced when they demo the building soon.

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

Babbitt absent. Miller & DeVitis present.

FIRST READINGS

[2024-R77](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT, UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (“AFG”), IN THE CATEGORY OF OPERATIONS AND SAFETY - EQUIPMENT, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE HOSE AND VARIOUS FIRE HOSE NOZZLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

-(Introduced on 11/26/2024) \*\*SECOND READING PASSAGE REQUESTED\*\*

**Attachments:** [2024-R77 AFG Application -Fire Hose & Nozzles.docx](#)  
[2024-R77 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

Councilman DeVitis read in the legislation and gave a brief summary. The administration is requesting second reading passage, therefore discussion would be held on first reading.

Chief Funai went over the federal grant parameters. The request for second reading is due to close of grant period being prior to the third reading. He went over the hose and nozzles they would seek to replace should they receive the grant and why it would be beneficial.

Councilman DeVitis asked if the hose they would be replacing their other hose that was close to the end of its useful life. Chief explained that yes, most if of it is hose that is due to be replaced, some would be replaced a little early but it would allow for all their hose to be the same type and standard.

Councilman Miller commented that he appreciates the creative ways they find to obtain other funding to replace these types of equipment.

Councilman Neugebauer commented that he appreciates them seeking the

federal grants and funds.

Councilman Noble asked what kinds of monies they typically received from these AFG grants- Chief stated that they have received varying amounts of monies from this grant, and have bought things like a new truck, as well as SCBA's.

No additional comments or questions at this time. Will request time at the regular meeting.

Committee Business

None.

D. Planning, Community and Economic Development Committee (Noble\*, Speight\*\*, Babbitt)

Babbitt & Speight absent. Noble present. Council President Meager joined committee for quorum.

[2024-12A](#)

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING CONWAY DRIVE.** -(Introduced on 10/8/2024)(Amended December 10, 2024)

**Attachments:** [2024-12A Conway Drive Vacation Legislation.docx](#)

[2024-12 Amended Exhibit A.pdf](#)

[2024-12 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

Councilman Noble read in the legislation and gave a brief overview.

Director Wiethe explained that the did take the vacation plat back to PZC after the applicant had changed the plat and split it equally, as required by law. The PZC did recommend the new amended plat favorably.

Matthew Weymouth, 7 Brew Coffee-

He explained that they did reach an agreement that they would take care of any upkeep on the strip of land between the properties.

Planning Director Wiethe commented that the other property owners may be willing to work with 7 Brew and they have some calls out to them.

Councilman Noble commented that there is an option for council to take time on this, and wait until the additional council members were present.

Councilman Meager commented that he appreciated Mr. Weymouths efforts. He commented that should this be approved and they include the additional land, that it would be more than 1 acre and they wouldn't need a variance. Councilman Noble reiterated that any variances required would not come back to Council-

they would only go to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilman Noble commented on the zoning processes and when projects would come before City Council and when they would not.

Further discussion ensued.

Councilman Neugebauer reiterated that PZC only approved a vacation plat—nothing necessarily about the project. He mentioned he has issues with the project and is not in support of it.

Councilman Miller commented that he has reservations with the project, as well.

Mr. Weymouth commented that he feels they should vote on the plat, as it is and let the other bodies handle the project and make the vote about the project.

Councilman Noble commented that he feels taking time would be in the best interest of the applicant.

Will request time at the regular meeting.

#### Committee Business

Councilman Noble commented that a new updated version of the comprehensive plan is currently on the website and the Planning Dept is still taking comments and they hope to have it ready for the PZC on their Dec 18 meeting.

Planning Director Wiethe gave a brief update on a few project sites in the city that have active dirt moving.

#### E. Rules and Personnel Committee (Miller\*, DeVitis\*\*, Meager)

All members present. No items of legislation; did not meet.

#### Committee Business

#### F. Transportation, Connectivity and Storm Water Committee (Meager\*, Noble\*\*, Neugebauer)

All members present. No items of legislation; did not meet.

#### Committee Business

#### G. Intergovernmental & Utilities Committee (Babbitt\*, Miller\*\*, Speight)

Babbitt and Speight absent. Miller present. Council President Meager attended the committee for quorum.



## SECOND READINGS

[2024-R73A](#) **A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BARBERTON FOR PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** -(Introduced on 11/12/2024) *(Amended December 10, 2024)*

**Attachments:** [2024-R73 Amended Barberton Prosecutor Agreement.docx](#)  
[2024-R73 Amended Exhibit A.pdf](#)  
[2024-R73 Request for Legislation.pdf](#)

Councilman Miller read in the legislation and gave a brief summary.

Law Director Dean commented that this is a housekeeping item; They do this every 3 years to continue the prosecutorial services, which helps save the city money. She explained there was a typo found in the agreement and they will have that fixed by the next meeting.

Councilman Neugebauer asked if there were any other costs associated with using Barberton court?

Finance Director Schmidt stated that at the end of the year Barberton has the ability to charge the city back for any traffic fines they've received, which they typically do.

Councilman Noble asked how many hearings Barberton does on average for Green. Finance Director Schmidt stated he could look that up.

Councilman Miller asked if there were any changes to this agreement vs. past years. Law Director Dean stated no, the big jump was last year.

No additional comments. Will request time at the regular meeting.

## Committee Business

None.

## IV. Adjournment

Council President Meager adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichole Messner, MMC, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher "CJ" Meager, President

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