



# City of Green

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

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

**Barbara Babbitt - Ward 1**  
**Christopher J. Meager "C.J." - Ward 2**  
**Rocco Yeargin, President - Ward 3**  
**Matt Shaughnessy - Ward 4**  
**Richard Brandenburg - At-Large**  
**Clark A. DeVitis - At-Large**  
**Dave France, Vice President - At-Large**  
**Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council**

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### I. Call to Order

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

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Roll Call of Council Members

**Present:** 7 - Barbara Babbitt, Richard Brandenburg, Clark A. DeVitis, Dave France, Matt Shaughnessy, Rocco Yeargin and CJ Meager

#### IV. Council Study Session

[TMP-3404](#) Approval of the April 13, 2021 Council-Committee Minutes

**Attachments:** [4-13-21 Council-Committee Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Meager

#### **\*\*Akron-Summit County Public Library Presentation- Pam Hickson-Stevenson, Executive Director**

Mrs. Pam Hickson-Stevenson gave a brief presentation on the upcoming Akron-Summit County Public Library Issue 10.

#### V. Public Report

Pat Carleski, 3878 Greenfield Rd., Green OH-  
Ms. Carleski thanks Mrs. Babbitt for her defense of the residents and asked Council to consider holding Committee Meetings again.

Staci Schweikert, 1261 Steese Rd, Green, OH-  
Mrs. Schweikert commented about the connectivity study and wished to know when

she would be able to see it.

Dick Bortz, Green, OH-

Mr. Bortz had some questions about the Parks Master Plan.

Clerk of Council, Nichole Messner read in a letter from Barbara Holdren regarding the RV legislation.

#### VI. Public Hearings

None.

#### VII. Reading of Correspondence

Clerk of Council read in the correspondence and filed it.

##### [TMP-3406](#)

Resident Emails RE Parks Master Plan

**Attachments:** [Email from Bishop RE Safety concerns with Trails](#)  
[Email from Mike Wynn RE Support for Trails and Parks Plan](#)  
[Email from Rebecca Danner RE Opposition to the Parks Master Plan](#)

##### [TMP-3407](#)

Email from Adam Lee RE: Dirt bike Noise

**Attachments:** [Email from Adam Lee RE Dirtbike Noise](#)

#### VIII. New Legislation - Items on First Reading

##### [2021-R26](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LEVEL 2 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FROM EV UNITED, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -Referred to the Finance Committee**

**Attachments:** [2021-R26 re EV Charging Stations Draft Appropriation](#)

#### IX. Report of Council Committees

##### A. Finance (Babbitt\*, Brandenburg\*\*, Yeargin)

All members present.

#### SECOND READING ITEMS

##### [2021-R25](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GREEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BL COMPANIES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RABER ROAD**

**SIDEWALK AND MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced 4/13/21)**

**Attachments:** [2021-R25 re Raber Road sidewalk project design history PID 99729](#)  
[2021-R25 re Exhibit A](#)

Councilwoman Babbitt read in the legislation and gave a very detailed overview. Mrs. Babbitt did not feel it appropriate to spend this kind of money on a trail before the connectivity study had been presented.

City Engineer, Paul Pickett gave a very detailed overview of the proposed sidewalk/path and the reasoning for moving part of Raber Rd. and how they decided on which side of the road it would be on. He explained the engineering/designing process and how the monies had been allocated. He also explained that they would soon be hitting the stage where they met with property owners and stakeholders to go over the project.

Planning Director, Wayne Wiethe explained that this path had been planned for way back in 2014 and was called out in the Long Range Land Use Plan. They had sought the grant for this project back in 2015, well before a connectivity study had ever been discussed.

After further discussion, Councilwoman Babbitt explained that she still felt this was cart before the horse and would not feel comfortable going forward with the project without the new connectivity study.

Time was requested and granted.

**Committee Business**

[TMP-3405](#) 1st Quarter 2021 Income Tax Collections Report

**Attachments:** [CNC1st21 signed](#)

Finance Director Schmidt briefly went over the 1st Quarter Income Tax Collections report.

**B. Environment & Parks (Brandenburg\*, France\*\*, DeVitis)**

All members present. No legislation or Committee Business; therefore did not meet.

C. Public Safety (DeVitis\*, Babbitt\*\*, Shaughnessy)

All members present.

Fire Chief Jeff Funai presented a slide show showcasing the new Firemedics who had been hired in 2020/2021.

D. Planning, Community & Economic Development (Yeargin\*, DeVitis\*\*, Meager)

All members present.

[2021-03](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1229, SECTION 1229.05 PARKING, LOADING, AND STACKING REGULATIONS; AND, CHAPTER 1231, SECTION 1231.02 DEFINITIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREEN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 3/9/2021) \*PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.\***

**Attachments:** [2021-03 re Chapter 12 Section 1229 and 1231 Recreational Vehicles](#)

[2021-03 Exhibit A](#)

[2021-03 Exhibit B](#)

Councilman Yeargin read in the legislation and gave a brief overview. He explained that they had a Public Hearing on this item at the previous meeting and received a lot of good input. The Mayor and Administration would not be rushing this legislation and would be taking time to consider the input. Law Director Dean could not be present for the meeting and wished for Council to hold discussion until the next meeting.

Time was requested and granted.

**THIRD READING ITEMS**[2021-R21](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH B2, INC., DBA B-SQUARED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. -(Introduced on 3/23/2021)**

**Attachments:** [2021-R21 re B2 \(B Squared\) Municipal Grant](#)

[2021-R21 re Exhibit A](#)

Councilman Yeargin read in the legislation and gave a brief overview. He asked the Planning Director to give a short description of the legislation.

Planning Director Wiethe briefly explained that the legislation was to provide a

MEDG to a small business to help them grow.

After further discussion, Councilman Yeargin made a motion to adopt.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Meager

E. Rules and Personnel (Meager\*, Yeargin\*\*, France)

All members present.

### THIRD READING ITEMS

#### [2021-06](#)

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

-(Introduced on 3/23/2021)

**Attachments:** [2020-06 re Codified Ordinance revision codes](#)

[2021-06 re Exhibit A](#)

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

Councilman Brandenburg brought up an issue regarding the Law Director sponsoring legislation, and that the Charter specifically stated that Council and the Mayor were the only members who could sponsor. Councilman Brandenburg felt it an issue that the Law Director review her own legislation.

Councilman Meager stated that Brandenburg had brought up a good point and that they would hold off further discussion on the matter until Law Director Dean could be present for the conversation.

After further discussion, time was requested and granted.

#### [2021-07 A](#)

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 648.13, ADDITIONAL NOISE DISTURBANCES, OF CHAPTER 643, PEACE DISTURBANCE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GREEN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. - (Introduced on 3/23/2021) \*\*PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021\*\* (AMENDED APRIL 13, 2021)**

**Attachments:** [2021-07 A re Amended Noise Ordinance Chapter 648](#)

Councilman Meager read in the legislation and stated that they would be having a Public Hearing on the matter at the May 11 meeting and they would hold discussion until that time.

Time was requested and granted.

\*\*Councilman Yeargin brought up the matter of going back to normal Council meeting format as requested previously. All of Council was in agreement that going back to having Committee Meetings at 5 pm and Council Meetings at 7pm was in the best interest of everyone.

It was also discussed that they would begin letting a limited number of people into Council Chambers to attend the meetings while still following COVID guidelines with social distancing and mask wearing.

They would begin the new format at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

F. Transportation, Connectivity & Storm Water (France\*, Shaughnessy\*\*, Brandenburg)

All members present.

Councilwoman Babbitt asked some questions regarding the roundabout closure.

City Engineer Pickett gave an update on the work being done on the roundabout and tried to address some of the questions.

Councilman Yeargin asked for an update on the Main St. closure; City Engineer Pickett gave a brief update.

G. Intergovernmental & Utilities (Shaughnessy\*, Meager\*\*, Babbitt)

All members present.

## SECOND READING ITEMS

[2021-R24](#)     **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
-(Introduced 4/13/21)

**Attachments:**   [2021-R24 re NOPEC Grant Agreement](#)

[2021 NOPEC City of Green Energized Community Grant Agreement](#)  
[21JAN2021](#)

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

Community Development Administrator, Sarah Haring gave a detailed explanation of the NOPEC grant.

After further discussion, time was requested and granted.

X. Mayor's Report

Mayor Neugebauer gave a detailed report.

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

XIII. Adjournment

Council President Yeargin adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

**A motion was made by Council Member Yeargin, seconded by Council Member Meager, to adjourn the meeting at the . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Babbitt, Brandenburg, DeVitis, France, Shaughnessy, Yeargin and Meager

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
NICHOLE MESSNER, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROCCO YEARGIN, 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.