

# Canal Winchester

*City Hall  
Council Chambers  
45 East Waterloo Street  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



## Meeting Minutes - FINAL

**February 6, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

### **City Council**

***Chuck Milliken - President***

***Bob Clark - Vice President***

***Laurie Amick***

***Jill Amos***

***Steve Buskirk***

***Patrick Shea***

***Mike Walker***

- A. **Call To Order** *Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.*
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Shea
- C. **Roll Call Present 6** – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker

*A motion was made by Walker, seconded by Clark to excuse Mr. Shea from the City Council meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Walker, Clark, Milliken, Amick, Amos, Buskirk*

D. **Approval of Minutes**

[MIN-23-003](#)

January 17, 2023 Work Session Minutes

*A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Amos to approve MIN-23-003. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker*

[MIN-23-004](#)

January 17, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Walker to approve MIN-23-004. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Buskirk, Walker, Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken*

[MIN-23-005](#)

January 30, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes

*A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Buskirk to approve MIN-23-005. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick*

E. **Communications & Petitions**

[COM-23-001](#)

January 13, 2023 Columbia Gas Letter

F. **Public Comments** - Three Minute Limit Per Person

*Discussion started at 1:06:58 on YouTube Channel*

*Kay Sargent, 6732 Braeswick Court – I appreciated the information that was covered during the Committee of the Whole last week. I am very glad. I've spoken in the past about the importance of having a comprehensive plan and the disappointment in not having one here. I think having a city administrator we would have had one in place. I'm 100% behind having a city administrator. I am 100% against having both a full-time city administrator and a full-time mayor. I want that on the record. I also do not like the idea of having a part-time mayor over the city administrator, and the reason for that is, as I think Mayor Ebert said very clearly, that it was kind of a popularity contest and that you don't have to have any background in government in order to be a mayor. I don't think it's a good idea. I would like to see the city charter changed in order to make that happen. That might not happen before the next election before July 1st, but to me, it doesn't make sense to have a part-time mayor oversee all the city employees.*

G. **Reports of City Officials and Staff**

*Mayor's Report*

*Discussion started at 1:09:55 on YouTube Channel*

*Ebert – I have nothing else to add to my written report; if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.*

[January 2023 Mayor's Court Report](#)

*A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Milliken to approve the January 2023 Mayor's Court Report. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Amos, Buskirk*

*Fairfield County Sheriff*

**Discussion started at 1:10:06 on YouTube Channel**

*Sgt. Walker – I have nothing to add to my written report but I'll take any questions if you have them.*

*Milliken – I would say, speaking for myself, that I've noticed an improvement with the 18-wheelers not being parked at Walmart. Thank you for that. In light of the discussion we've had about pedestrian safety, for me, I think our next target needs to be the hands-free ordinance. I believe Sergeant Walker 2.0 was here last time, and he said there had only been four citations in the span of the implementation of this ordinance, which has been quite some time, so I would like to see that number increase to some degree for as much as we are talking about pedestrian safety. If you could take that into consideration, I'd appreciate it.*

*Sgt. Walker – Definitely.*

*Law Director*

**Discussion started at 1:11:22 on YouTube Channel**

*Boggs – I have no formal report this evening. We do have a request for what should be a brief executive session at the end of tonight's meeting. I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have.*

*Finance Director*

**Discussion started at 1:11:48 on YouTube Channel**

*Jackson – If you recall, at last week's meeting of the Committee of the Whole, I mentioned that the directors and the mayor had a sort of long-term capital projects planning meeting. It was very early stages, but some of those projects that we talked about, I think we have decided, might come to fruition a little bit earlier than we had originally anticipated. So again, ongoing discussions, but I wanted to give council a heads up that we will likely have to bring you an appropriation amendment to get some of those projects rolling, mostly from an engineering perspective. I don't know if that will be at the next meeting or in March, but I just wanted to let you all know that. I would be happy to answer any questions.*

*Public Service Director*

**Discussion started at 1:12:34 on YouTube Channel**

*Peoples – I do not have anything to add to my written report.*

*Clark – I've got one question for you. Have we had any discussions with the City of Columbus regarding their portion of the cost sharing for the Gender Road Phase 6 project?*

*Peoples – We have not. It's all within our jurisdiction. It can never hurt to ask, but I think we pretty much know what the answer is.*

*Clark – I think it would be good to go on record as asking them, and then when they say no, it's on record. There will be thousands and thousands of people who are going to use that. City of Columbus residents are going to be coming across there.*

*Peoples – More than likely they're coming here to either work or shop so it does benefit the city. We will reach out.*

*Amick – I saw where the TRAC meeting got delayed because of, I think, inclement weather, and we were all anxiously awaiting that February 22<sup>nd</sup> decision, which I don't think we'll be getting now. Do you know when the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled for?*

*Haire – The 22<sup>nd</sup> of February will now be the working meeting, so they delayed the January meeting to February and then pushed the February meeting to March, so the final vote is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>.*

*Development Director*

**Discussion started at 1:14:44 on YouTube Channel**

*Haire – As Mrs. Amick mentioned in the work session, the community planning workshops will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a number of roundtable discussions regarding economic development, sustainability, transportation with a focus on pedestrian transportation, and trail connections. There will be some collaborative design sessions where we will sit and work on some detailed plans for different areas of the city, and then public open houses. Hopefully, you will all attend and encourage your friends and neighbors in the community to attend. We'd like to really get a good showing and get a lot of community input at those events. Planning and Zoning has a meeting coming up next week. We've received an application for a rezoning of 16.36 acres at the southeast corner of Diley and Busey Road. The applicants are requesting to rezone the property from a planned commercial district to a planned unit district. That will allow them to incorporate multi-family housing into the overall development plan. As part of that plan, there would be 10.89 acres of multi-family housing with 244 units, and the rest of the site, which is the Diley Road frontage, would remain for commercial use. Those plans have been put on the website for the Planning and Zoning Commission, so you can review them there, and their meeting will be next Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. Meijer also applied; they're on the agenda as well for an amendment to their final development plan. If any of you have been to Meijer recently, you've probably noticed they have a number of shipping containers out front with all their materials. They're preparing for a large interior remodel of the store, which will also take the form of a refresh of the exterior of the store as well. Part of that is that they'll be adding a pharmacy drive-thru, so that's what they're proposing as part of their amended development plan. That's coming before planning and zoning to look at those exterior modifications and the addition of that pharmacy drive-thru, but the interior will have a major overhaul. All new shelving, flooring, and coolers, so it should be a good refresh. That store has been open for 15 years, believe it or not.*

## H. Resolutions

### **RES-23-008**

*Finance*

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE REPRESENTATION IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER MAYOR'S COURT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*- Adoption*

***A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Amick to adopt RES-23-008. The motion carried with the following vote:***

***Yes 6 – Milliken, Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Walker***

## I. Ordinances

***Third Reading*****ORD-23-002**

Development

Sponsor: Amos

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM CANAL POINTE, LLC.

- Adoption

*A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Buskirk to adopt ORD-23-002. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick*

**ORD-23-003**

Development

Sponsor: Buskirk

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM DANIEL ROBERT, INC.

- Adoption

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Amos to adopt ORD-23-003. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Buskirk, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick*

***Second Reading*****ORD-23-004**

Development

Sponsor: Amos

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES N. STEVENSON FOR A 30 +/- ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON PARKVIEW DRIVE

- Second Reading Only

***First Reading*****ORD-23-005**

Law

Sponsor: Buskirk

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER PERTAINING TO PUBLICATION OF NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION, AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

- Request waiver of second and third reading and adoption

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Clark to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-23-005. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Amos*

*A motion was made by Buskirk, seconded by Clark to adopt ORD-23-005. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Amos*

**ORD-23-006**

Construction Services

Sponsor: Amos

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE MCGILL THREE SEASON SHELTER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH THE FERGUSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Request waiver of second and third reading and adoption

*A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-23-006. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amos, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Buskirk*

*A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to adopt ORD-23-006. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amos, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Amick, Buskirk*

**ORD-23-007**

Finance

Sponsor: Amick

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCES 22-045 AND 22-046 TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, AND DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

*- Request waiver of second and third reading and adoption*

*A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Amos to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-23-007. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker*

*A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Amos to adopt ORD-23-007. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker*

**ORD-23-008**

Public Service

Sponsor: Buskirk

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH V3 COMPANIES FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES OF THE WATER RECLAMATION HEADWORKS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

*- First Reading Only*

**J. Council Reports**

*Work Session/Council - TUESDAY, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Work Session/Council - Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

*CW Human Services - Walker*

**Discussion started at 1:22:43 on YouTube Channel**

*Walker – This is from Aletha Mullins, the director of Human Services. In the month of January, the food pantry served 414 people and provided 6,210 meals. The numbers are about where they were prior to COVID. Also, just a reminder, the SOUPer Bowl event is Sunday, February 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

*Amick – Please come. It's an open house. You can have a free bowl of soup. I'm sure there'll be plenty of wonderful baked goods, and you can bid on a silent auction item. We would love to have you all make an appearance.*

*CWICC - Amick*

**Discussion started at 1:23:34 on YouTube Channel**

*Amick – I have nothing new to report. Our next meeting is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. This is a public meeting held here in Council Chambers.*

*CWJRD - Amos/Shea*

**Discussion started at 1:23:46 on YouTube Channel**

*Amos – Our next meeting is February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. The CWJRD would like to acknowledge the loss of one of our coaches, Jim Sabin. He was an amazing man, and not one of the kids that had him could say anything bad because no matter how badly he was hurting, he went on that field 100%. We're thankful for his time with us.*

*Milliken – Thank you for sharing that.*

*Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken*

**Discussion started at 1:24:13 on YouTube Channel**

Milliken – They had a successful February farmer’s market. We only have two more winter markets left. There is one on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, and the last one will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. These are being held at Faith United Methodist Church. We are working on summer farmer’s markets. The first summer market will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. It looks like those will be at the Historical Complex. We are also working on the May 20<sup>th</sup> Art on the Canal Stroll and the 2023 Blues & Ribs Fest. There will be an architectural scavenger hunt during the hours of the art stroll, so we invite people to come in and grab the scavenger hunt form and join the fun. There will be prizes. Lastly, on May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., there will be the first Thirsty Thursday. There will be music at Stradley Park. They’d like to invite the community to bring their chairs and grab something to eat, drink, and enjoy the music.

**K. Old/New Business****Discussion started at 1:25:39 on YouTube Channel**

Walker – Mr. Peoples, I was just wondering where we are on the banners for the soldiers.

Peoples – Hometown Heroes. We had met with them, and I think it was after Labor Day. They would like to get a program going. The company that does the hometown heroes also does Christmas decorations, so they were very busy during that time. We are working to get something on the books.

**L. Adjourn to Executive Session @ 7:25 p.m.**

*A motion was made by Milliken, seconded by Amos to adjourn to executive session to consider confidential information relating to business strategy, concerning a request for economic development assistance under chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8). The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Milliken, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Walker, Amick*

*City Council returned from executive session at 7:38 p.m.*

**M. Adjournment @7:39 p.m.**

*A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Amos to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:*

*Yes 6 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Walker*