

Canal Winchester

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



Meeting Minutes – FINAL

August 7, 2023

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Steve Buskirk

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

City YouTube Channel – [CityofCW YouTube Page](#)

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A. Call To Order *Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.*

B. Pledge of Allegiance Buskirk

C. Roll Call *Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker*

D. Approval of Minutes

[MIN-23-030](#)

July 17, 2023 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Shea to approve MIN-23-030. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amos, Shea, Walker, Amick, Clark, Milliken

Abstain 1 – Buskirk

[MIN-23-031](#)

July 17, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Clark to approve MIN-23-031. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 6 – Amick, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amos

Abstain 1 – Buskirk

E. Communications & Petitions

F. Public Comments - Three Minute Limit Per Person

G. Reports of City Officials and Staff

Mayor's Report

Discussion started at 2:20:24 on YouTube Channel

Ebert – Just a couple things in my written report: Blues and Ribfest, I think, went pretty well from a city standpoint. From a DORA standpoint, I think we have a little bit of education yet to do. A lot of it was not knowing where they could take a cup and where they couldn't. I think we have a little education there yet to do, but it'll come. The July Music in the Park was very well attended. We had 54 cars, which is the most we've ever had. We actually had one come from Madison, Ohio, which is just east of Cleveland. Labor Day Festival—we're putting last-minute touches on that, so we're going to be ready. It's coming up really quick. Last but not least, this has been a topic tossed around for too long—several months. It's my privilege tonight to introduce to you the first City Administrator for the City of Canal Winchester, which is actually going to be a slash position, and that's Matt Peoples. In the interim, probably for a few months, it'll be the City Administrator/Public Service Director. Until we get that position squared away, it'll be kind of a dual role. Congratulations, Matt!

Fairfield County Sheriff

Discussion started at 2:22:22 on YouTube Channel

Sgt. Walker – The only thing I'd like to bring to your attention, as a resident of Canal Winchester along with Fairfield County, is that we've been seeing an increase in vehicle break-ins when they're parked and sometimes vehicle thefts. I've seen probably about four reports of that, one of which was today. It was immediately recovered with the help of OnStar. It was recovered in Columbus. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, led by Sheriff Lape, has a mobile app that you can download through the iOS or Google Play store, and it will actually send you reminders at 9:00 p.m. every night to lock your stuff up and keep it out of sight. It's pretty helpful. It also has a lot of Sheriff's Office news, including inmate rosters and job

applications if anybody wants to join our team. It also has weather alerts. I don't have any statistics for you tonight; I'm sorry.

Amos – I can concur with his message. Our cars on Trine Street were hit last night. I think we're smart enough not to leave anything in them. Nobody seemed to have lost anything on the street.

Sgt. Walker – They're looking for change and high-value items. We come across people leaving their firearms unsecured inside an unsecured vehicle. It's not just Canal Winchester; it's throughout the county and the nation. I think part of it is being a responsible gun owner and bringing that stuff inside and securing it properly.

Milliken – Thank you to you and your department for your presence over at the Blues and Ribfest. I didn't hear of any major issues.

Sgt. Walker – I was there several times just coming up to visit and checking on the people during my shift, and I'm not aware of any incidents at all.

Law Director

Discussion started at 1:25:45 on YouTube Channel

Boggs – I have nothing to report this evening, but I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have. No request for executive session.

Finance Director

Discussion started at 2:26:02 on YouTube Channel

Jackson – I am just coming back from vacation, so I do not have a report for you this evening, but I would be happy to answer any questions.

Public Service Director

Discussion started at 2:29:10 on YouTube Channel

Peoples – I'm excited for the opportunity for the City Administrator position and humbled by the Mayor's decision to select me. Other than that, I don't have anything to add to my written report.

Development Director

Discussion started at 2:26:18 on YouTube Channel

Haire – A couple items I'd like to highlight some points from my written report. The comprehensive plan steering committee met last Thursday to review the initial draft of the comprehensive plan. We did receive a number of comments from the steering committee. The consultant is going to go back and revise the plan based on those comments. We'll have one additional meeting with the steering committee to go over the prioritization of the recommended improvements. We haven't scheduled the date for that, but my hope is that it will be late this month or early next month in September. We'll basically come to a distribution draft of the plan once we have that distribution draft, which will be set out for public comment as well as going to the Planning and Zoning Commission for their recommendation, ultimately coming to City Council for a draft plan for consideration for adoption. The hope is that over the next three months or so, we can get that plan in front of you in a form that is ready to be considered for adoption. Mr. Shea mentioned Ohio Health earlier, so obviously this is a big announcement. A few weeks ago, Ohio Health

purchased 7 acres on West Waterloo Street. They are working towards a proposal that would be approximately a 40,000-square-foot medical office building. The intent right now is that it'll be located in the northwest corner of that lot, adjacent to the Wright-Patt Credit Union. The building would be set in that area within the parking lot to the rear of the building. It's what's required in our development standards, but the site is also laid out in that manner because there's a transmission gas line through it. They're still in the design phase for that building and exactly what it's going to look like, but it would include an emergency department, sports medicine, primary care, women's health, and a number of other specialties that are yet to be determined. It'll be a great asset, and all indications are that it's going to be a great partner for our community. We welcome Ohio Health to Canal Winchester.

H. Resolutions

[RES-23-027](#)

Development

Sponsor: Amos

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION ON REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AT BASIL-WESTERN ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Shea to adopt RES-23-027. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Shea, Walker, Amick, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken

I. Ordinances

Third Reading - NONE

Second Reading

[ORD-23-024](#)

Development

Sponsor: Amos

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM BD33 PARTNERS, LLC FOR USE AS PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

- Second Reading Only

First Reading

[ORD-23-025](#)

Finance

Sponsor: Shea

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #22-041, AMENDMENT #5

- First Reading Only

[ORD-23-026](#)

Public Service

Sponsor: Buskirk

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR FUNDING OF THE WINCHESTER BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- First Reading Only

[ORD-23-027](#)

Development

Sponsor: Walker

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE THE PLAT OF CANAL POINTE

- First Reading Only

[ORD-23-028](#)

Development

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER, REZONING APPROXIMATELY 16.36 ACRES OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY PARCEL 042-0388810, OWNED BY SHRIMANGESHI, LLC, LOCATED AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DILEY ROAD AND BUSEY ROAD FROM PCD – PLANNED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PUD - PLANNED UNIT DISTRICT

- First Reading Only

TABLED DURING WORK SESSION

J. Council Reports

Public Meeting - Monday, August 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

OPWC Winchester Blvd Reconstruction Project

Work Session/Council - August 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Rules Committee - Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

CW Human Services - Walker

Discussion started at 2:32:14 on YouTube Channel

Walker – Here are the updates for CW Human Services: The food pantry served 446 people and provided 6,690 meals for the month of July. Senior Transportation drove 2,637 miles and provided 326 one-way trips. They are up 20% in one-way trips compared to July 2022. We’ve been blessed to have some wonderful groups of volunteers come out and help us. The gardens are thriving, and everyone has veggies growing in their beds. The Out to Lunch Brunch trips have been full for the last couple of months. Tools for School: We gave out 72 book bags filled with grade-appropriate supplies on our distribution day, and several additional bags will be delivered to the schools, bringing the total to 107 book bags given out so far. This program does go on for the entire school year.

CWICC - Amick

Discussion started at 2:33:29 on YouTube Channel

Amick – I have nothing new to report. Our next meeting will be on August 30th at 11:30 a.m. here in Council Chambers.

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Discussion started at 2:33:46 on YouTube Channel

Amos – The next meeting is August 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Old Town Hall. The public is always welcome. The steel drum program was recently approved on a three-month basis. We are doing a trial run of this program to get it up and running, see if it’s sustainable for the CWJRD, and see if we have enough participants.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Discussion started at 2:32:12 on YouTube Channel

Milliken – Destination would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers for supporting the 2023 Blues and Ribfest. The weather cooperated. The food and music were great. The summer farmer’s market continues through the last Saturday in September from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the train depot. The Winter Farmer’s Market will begin on October 7th. It’s going to be once a month throughout the winter, on the first Saturday of each month. We also have Thirsty Thursday coming up on August 24th at Stradley from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Plain City Dads will be playing, and the food trucks are going to be fully loaded. The final Thirsty Thursday will be September 28th, and that will have the John Schwab Band playing. The food trucks there will be Schmitz and Weldon’s Ice Cream.

CW Chamber of Commerce - Buskirk

Discussion started at 2:35:12 on YouTube Channel

Buskirk – We continue to reach out to new members to grow our membership in the chamber. Events that we have coming up on August 15th: Barber Insurance Group is having a ribbon cutting at their new location in Lithopolis. On August 23rd, we have Intel on Intel. It’s an informational luncheon, and that’s at

11:30 a.m. in the Community Center. Our next meeting is August 9th.

K. Old/New Business

L. Adjourn to Executive Session (if necessary)

M. Adjournment @ 8:04 p.m.

*A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Buskirk to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:
Yes 7 – Amos, Buskirk, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Amick*