

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center St. at 7:00 p.m. on September 20, 2011. Mayor Vilardo, Jr. called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Vice Mayor Pittman, Ms. Evans, Ms. Hinners, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Walter.

Introduction and Presentation: City Manager Wright introduced Pastor Bryan Walker, the new Pastor of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Milford. Pastor Walker stated that he was happy to be a part of Milford and work with the City in any capacity. Pastor Walker invited everyone to attend his Church.

Presentation: Vince White, a Milford High School student and Eagle Scout candidate proposed a park improvement for Terrell Park for his Eagle Scout project. There will no cost to the City for the construction of a three-sided camping shelter in the park. All services and equipment are being donated for the project.

Proceedings: Mr. Pittman made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Lykins seconded the motion.. All voted yes.

Correspondence: The Clerk read a letter from Jerry Goetz, President of the Historic Milford Association thanking the City, the Fire Department and the Police Department for their ongoing support to the Historic Milford Association. The Sunflower Street Festival brought an unprecedented number of people to downtown Milford on September 9th and 10th. The Association has been overwhelmed with the positive responses from storeowners and visitors alike.

Financial Statements: None

Board of Education: David Yockey, Vice Present of the Milford Board of Education announced the Milford Schools received an Excellent rating for the state. He commented that the schools are exceeding expectations with ACTS and of improved AP courses. The AP courses are up 65% from last year. This is a great tribute to our schools. He also reminded residents of the Night of the Starts that will be held on October 22nd. Some of our alumni will be honored at this event.

Public Comments: Karen Huff Wikoff, Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce, Thanked Joanne Trilety, Clerk of Council for her years of service to the City of Milford. She stated that the Mike Minniear is the Chairman of the Chamber Fall Classic Golf outing.

Committee Reports:

Public Services: The Public Services Committee met on September 14, 2011. Ms. Brewer called the meeting to order. Committee members present: Amy Brewer, Ralph Vilardo, Jr., and Laurie Walter. Staff Present: City Manager Jeff Wright. Residents: Alex Walter.

Mr. Vilardo initiated a discussion regarding the past weekends Sunflower Festival. Consensus among the Committee was that it was a positive event but that it seemed there was less opportunity for involvement for local residents and businesses to be able to volunteer and participate. As the City's image is important and the goal will continue to be to have the event benefit local businesses, the Committee agreed that there may be advantages to the City having a larger role in the event and require more conditions in future years since cash donation and other assistance is given. Other discussion included refocusing the event back to the local market of Milford, Miami Township and adjacent communities.

Mr. Wright informed the Committee that bids for the annual street repaving program were opened on September 9th. Prior to receiving the bids from the four contractors, the decision was made to exclude the S.R. 126 and Shawnee Road projects from the current contract. This was based on the need to revise the design of those two locations to reduce the time of closures and to determine the most effective way to install the Superpave material that will be used. Separate quotes will be obtained from all four contractors for a separate contract for those two project areas. City Engineer Bud White is recommending hat the City proceeds with a contract for the balance of the projects with Barrett Paving in the amount of \$124,585.80. Ms. Walter motioned to draft an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Barrett Paving for street improvements in the Amount of \$124,585.80. Ms. Brewer seconded the motion and Ms. Walter and Ms. Brewer voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Vilardo gave a dissenting vote as he believes that the S.R. 126 project is the highest priority areas among the streets on this year's list. Mr. Wright replied that the S. R. 126 project would also be completed this fall under a separate contract. The majority of the Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Barrett Paving for street improvements in the amount of \$24,585.80. Voting yes: Ms. Walter, M. Pittman, Ms. Evans, Mr. Lykins, Ms. Brewer and Ms. Hinners. Voting no: Mr. Vilardo.

Mr. Wright informed the Committee that it will be necessary to close Main St. at the intersection of Walnut St. from Monday, September 26th through Thursday, September 29th so that the contractor can excavate and

tie-in new storm water pipe with the existing storm water system that is 16 feet below the street in the middle of Main St. Through traffic will be detoured up Lila Ave. to Mohawk and Kirgan Lane, but local businesses and residents will have access to their properties. A press release has been prepared and will be communicated and distributed via the City's website, to the newspapers, with an Artemis sign and notices delivered to affected residents and business owners.

Administrative Services: No Report

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: The Community Development Committee met of August 16, 2011. Ms. Hanners called the meeting to order.

Committee present: Charlene Hanners, Laurie Walter and Lisa Evans. Staff present: City Manager Jeff Wright and Service Supervisor Ed Hackmeister. Also present: Charles Evans, Suzanne Stagg and Vince White.

The Committee agreed that is more advantageous to have the annual flower installation and turf maintenance contract to be awarded to one contractor to prevent confusion as to where the landscaper's duties begin and another's stops. The Committee discussed the 2012 landscape contract timeline with bids to be opened in December of 2011 and agreed that bids will be solicited for both one and three year length contracts to receive optimum pricing. Discussion ensued regarding the dissatisfaction with the condition of the planting beds at Carriage Way Park and that they are anxious for the pots to be planted and placed along Lila Ave. and Main St.

The Committee agreed with Mr. Hackmeister's recommendation that the mowing for City Hall, Garfield and Terrell Parks should be removed from the scope of future contracts and done by the Service Department for a cost savings. Other turf treatments and flower installation at those locations will still be contracted out.

The Committee also discussed the status of plantings and new irrigation for the S.R. 126 gateway that will be installed by LTD

Mr. Wright informed the Committee that the Riverside Park playground equipment will begin to be installed on Sept. 21st. Mr. Hackmeister updated the Committee on tree removal, trimming and bush and honeysuckle removal that will be done soon in Memorial Park.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of renaming the two Riverside Parks. All agreed that there are more advantages to referring to both areas with the singular name of Riverside Park.

Suzanne Stagg introduced Vince White, a Milford High School student and Eagle Scout candidate who is proposing a park improvement at Terrell Park for his Eagle Scout project. He would like to construct a three-sided camping shelter at the park at no expense to the City. Materials and equipment will all be donated. The Committee agreed to recommend Council's support for the proposed project. Ms. Hanners made the motion to support the project, seconded by Mr. Pittman. All voted yes.

Mr. Evans asked for the Committee's support for the City to contract for trees to be planted along Victor Steir Drive and behind the Service Department Garage to improve aesthetics and to create cohesiveness between the two areas of Riverside Park. The Committee supported this request. Mr. Evans discussed a desire for utilities and improvement on the old trails along the woods near the lime lagoon at Riverside Park for nature walks.

Mayor Vilardo announced that Laurie Walter is leaving her position on the Parks & Recreation Committee due to other conflicts. Mayor Vilardo appointed Lisa Evans to replace Ms. Walter.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Wright reported that the Service Department said the fence and landscape subcontractors completed their work to successfully accomplish improving the aesthetics of the the generator area.

Today the Service Department employees began making improvements to open-up Memorial Park. They are removing honeysuckle, dead tree limbs and other large shrubs that are well past their prime. Last week City staff planted arborvitae around the electrical station at the concession stand at Riverside Park to improve its appearance. City staff has also begun putting together some of the new park furniture that has arrived. The new playground equipment will arrive for installation at Riverside Park tomorrow.

The Storm Water Department said the East Milford Storm Water Improvement continues to stay on schedule. It will be necessary to close Main St. at the intersection of Walnut St. from Monday, September 26th through Thursday, Sept. 29th so that the contractor can excavate and tie in the middle of Main St. with the existing storm water system that is 16 feet below the street in the middle of Main St. Through traffic will be detoured up Lila Ave. to Mohawk and Kirgan Lane, but local businesses and residents will have access to their properties. A press release has been prepared and will be communicated and distributed via the City's website, an article and map will be in tomorrow's Milford Advertiser and Artemis sign and notices have been utilized to communicate the information.

The Water Department is operating as usual.

OTHER: Milford Schools report to Milford City Council: We have received the following information from the Milford Board of Education and Superintendent's Office: Milford Schools earned a rating of "Excellence" on the 2010-2011 Local Report Card just released by the Ohio Department of Education. The District met all 26 indicators and increased its Performance Index Score. In addition to these state indicators, all districts also reviews other measures of achievement and growth including ACT composite

scores and Advance Placement enrollment and performance. Not only have the ACT scores improved, but also Milford High School has increased the number of students taking AP courses by 65%. There are now 16 Advanced Placement offerings and AP test scores continue to show improvement. The Milford Schools Foundation will host its second annual “Night of the Stars” on October 22, 2011, from 6:30 – 10:30 p.m., at RSVP located 453 Wards Corner Road. The fundraiser includes a dinner, live and silent auction, music and recognition of distinguished Milford High School graduates. The cost of \$40 per ticket and reservations can be made by calling 831-3411 or 831-6556 or visiting www.milfordschoolfoundation.org.

The Milford City Fall Yard Sale will be held October 7th – 9th. No yard sale permit will be required.

Committee Meetings

Admin. Services Committee	Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011	5:00 p.m.
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Reminders

Council Meeting	Tuesday October 4, 2011	7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	Monday, October 10, 2011	5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Wednesday, October 12, 2011	6:00 p.m.
Citizen’s Housing	Monday, October 17, 2011	7:00 p.m.
Bd. of Zoning Appeals	Thursday, October 27, 2011	7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wright commented that the City and the Milford School Board are working together to improve the basketball courts at Milford Main School.

Police Report: Chief Mills reported that the Department helped with the Sunflower Festival, the Art Affaire at Promont and the Stoneridge Community Pig Roast. The Department will also participate in the 5K run for Breast Cancer.

On October 12th at Target any unused and outdated medicine can be destroyed at the Target location. The Chief announced that the DARE graduation will be at Pattison Elementary School on December 13th. Chief Mills commented on the recent bank robbery on Main St. He said that a press release was issued and pictures of the robber have been distributed. Anyone with any information should notify the Department.

Fire and EMS Report: Chief Cooper distributed the Fire Department and Newsletter to Council. The Chief asked for support on the Fire/EMS Levy that will be on the November Ballot.

Public/Council Comments: Charles Evans thanked the Service Department and Council for all of their help during the City events such as Frontier Day, The Sunflower Festival and helping with Riverside Park and the basketball courts at Main School.

Mayor Vilaro and his brother Johnny participated in the Tennis Tournament in Columbus for the Special Olympics. Johnny was a GOLD MEDAL WINNER.

Mayor Vilaro asked Joanne Trilety, Clerk of Council to come to the podium. Council member Charlene Hinnners presented her a beautiful clock from the City of Milford. Mrs. Trilety has retired from her position as Clerk of Council. Mr. William Knepp, Town Crier also presented Mr. Trilety with a lovely plaque giving her the Spirit of 76 Award for her many years as an advocate of the City of Milford.

Law Director Minniear spoke of Mrs. Trilety’s many attributes for the City and their many years as colleagues and friends.

Mrs. Trilety read her letter of retirement and thanked the many people she has worked with and the many friends she has made in Milford. Mr. Minniear said that she was on his “Hall of Fame.” It has been my honor to be a part of the City I love! It is a City that I will always call my home. A long time ago a friend of mine gave me a pillow that says, “Old Friends are the Best Friends.” I consider my “Old and New Friends” as my best friends. Thank you so much for all you have done for me.

A Reception will be held for Mrs. Trilety immediately after the Council meeting.

Mr. Lykins stated that the City of Milford has not made an official position on Issue 2.

New Business

Ordinances and Resolutions

11-897 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract with Barrett Paving for Street Improvements in the amount of \$124,584.40.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Walter
 Voting yes: Ms. Hinnners, Ms. Walter, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Evans and Mr. Lykins. Voting no: Mayor Vilaro, Jr.

11-898 An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with AFSCME.

Mr. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Mr. Pittman
 All voted yes. Mr. Pittman made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Walter. All voted yes.

Old Business

Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the regular Council meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Pittman, seconded by Mr. Lykins. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Ralph J. Vilaro, Jr. Mayor