

The Council of the City of Milford met in Regular Session in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. June 15, 2010. Mayor Vilardo, Jr. called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Vilardo, Jr., Mr. Rohrig, Ms. Hinners, Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Brewer, Ms. Walter and Mr. Pittman.

Proclamation: Mayor Vilardo, Jr. presented a proclamation to Karen Clark and Jerry Bowerman who are in the process of walking through the Trail Junction from Delaware to California.

Selection of Vice Mayor: Mayor Vilardo, Jr. asked for nominations from Council for Vice Mayor. Mr. Rohrig asked for a discussion concerning the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor before nominations were made. Mr. Rohrig apologized to the City for not questioning the selection process before he was sworn in as a Council member. He wanted to have a discussion on the selection process. Mayor Vilardo Jr. stated that Council was in the process of Vice Mayor selection. A discussion was held with Mr. Rohrig, Mr. Vilardo, Mr. Pittman, Ms. Walter and Ms. Brewer. Mr. Vilardo stated that there has been no problem with the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor for years without complaints. Mr. Rohrig said that there is a lot of misconception of what the Mayor does and his duties. Other Council members stated that there is not a misconception of the Mayor and his duties. Ms. Brewer and Ms. Walter suggested that if they read the Charter as it states the duties of the Mayor and Vice Mayor. Mr. Pittman stated that from his perspective the disconnect is not anything wrong with the Charter but there is a problem with the perception on the part of the public because of the general nature of what a Mayor is. There is a disconnect between that image of a Mayor and what our Mayor actually is and that causes conflicts on occasion and causes accusations flung at Council. Mr. Pittman said that core based on the discontent and that misunderstanding of public conception and reality. Discussion continued with Council about the issue. Mr. Vilardo stated that the selection of Vice Mayor would continue.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion nominating Geoff Pittman, seconded by Ms. Walter. There were no further nominations. Ms. Brewer motioned that the nominations be closed, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. Mayor Vilardo, Jr. motioned that Geoff Pittman was appointed by acclamation, seconded by Ms. Brewer. All voted yes.

Law Director Minniear administered the Oath of Office to Geoff Pittman as Vice Mayor.

Public Hearing: Mayor Vilardo, Jr. opened the Public Hearing. Pam Holbrook, Assistant City Manager presented the text amendments concerning the proposed amendments to 1191.08.8 concerning political signs. There was no discussion for or against the amendments. Mr. Hawkins motioned that the amendments be approved as proposed and an Ordinance be drafted, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes. Ms. Brewer motioned that the Public Hearing be closed, seconded by Ms. Walter. All voted yes.

Minutes: Mr. Pittman made a motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 18, 2010 Regular Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Correspondence: The Clerk stated that a complaint letter had been received concerning a cat problem in Clertoma. She explained that the letter was unsigned therefore no action could be taken. She also read a letter from City Manager Rokey asking Council permission for Pam Holbrook, Assistant City Manager to serve as acting City Manager from June 25th through July 6th while she is on vacation. Ms. Hinners made the motion, seconded by Mr. Pittman that Ms. Holbrook serve as City Manager on the above dates. All voted yes.

The Clerk ask for a motion for a liquor permit transfer from Latitudes to MJS on Main for a D1, D2, D3, D3A, and a D6 permit, and would a hearing be requested. Ms. Brewer motioned that a hearing would not be requested, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Financial Statements: The Clerk requested a motion to accept and approve the May 2010 Financial Statements. Mr. Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Board of Education: No comments

Public Comments: Karen Huff, Milford Miami Township Chamber thanked Rustic Comforts for their support for the businesses in Milford. The City is sorrow that they will be closing their store. Ms. Huff also noted that Sugar Cupcakery received 2nd place on the Food Network.

Ms. Huff thanked the City, the Fire Department, the Police Department, Sharefest and all of the volunteers who helped during Frontier Days. She reminded residents that Miami Meadows in the Township would have their annual festival on July 9th and 10th. Several named bands will appear. Mayor Vilardo, Jr. and Ms. Huff thanked Mr. Rohrig for his excellent video of the Frontier Days Parade.

Connie Hunter, Chairman of the Greater Milford Events and Art Council announced the 1st upcoming event planned for the City. The first that will be a Street Fest on June 25th from 7-10 p.m. at Elm and Locust. She stated that the Council has received non-profit status thanks to the help of Mr. Pittman.

Len Harding, spokesperson for the South Milford Group, congratulated Mr. Pittman for his selection as Vice Mayor or in his words "Rotating Chair" position. Mr. Harding stated that he had several items that needed to be addressed: The Beechwood- Chamber Drive intersection – three-way stop sign. The Terrace Park Country Club and the possibility that it could "go away." The Zoning and Building Codes of the City and bicycle routes and traffic patterns of the City.

Keith Burkhart, Skyline Chile, announced that the audience at the May 18th Council meeting donated \$481.00 to Betsy Hoskins for the Relay for Life campaign.

Chief Cooper stated that the Street Fest on June 25th would be from 7-10 p.m. At Elm and Locust. Bring your chairs and enjoy the music and dancing.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Services: Ms. Brewer reported that the Committee met on June 7, 2010. Present: Ralph J. Vilardo, Jr., Amy Brewer and Laurie Walter. Staff Present: Loretta Rokey, City Manager, Bud White, City Engineer and Pam Holbrook, Assistant City Manager.

The Manager provided the Ordinance drafted by Squire Sanders and Dempsey required to authorized the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID). The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District to Provide for the Payment of a Portion of the Costs of Various Street Highway and Other Transportation Projects, and Declaring an Emergency. Ms. Brewer made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hinners. All voted yes.

Bud White provided the following updates: The Garfield Force Main – waiting delivery of pumps to complete installation in mid-July. Lime Slaker Replacement – anticipate final testing and start-up this week. Stormwater Improvements – the design engineer is working with Berding Surveying to gather field data and determine alignments for pipe installation. Improvements are planned in East Milford, Walnut Street to Pike, Valley-View and Oakcrest. Annual Street Improvements: - Ron Roberts anticipates having draft documents next week. They anticipate going to bid the first week of July. The SR 28 five lane-widening project from the interchange to Castleberry Court is slated for construction in 2011. The interchange improvement is on ODOT's schedule for 2012-13.

The City continues to meet regularly with the CCTID representatives working on the SR131/US50 Milford Parkway Intersection Improvement project. OKI has approved 80% of the cost of funding toward construction by ODOT in 2013.

Pam Holbrook provided that the last proposal received for flooring in the newly remodeled meeting space. The Committee suggested that two additional proposals be sought for the same product and staff request an alternate for carpet within the conference room itself.

The Manager and Pam Holbrook attended a meeting hosted by Melink Corporation regarding Solar Special Improvement Districts (SID). To incentivize the use of renewable energy, the State Legislature (HB1) has permitted the formation of districts where neighboring jurisdictions can offer to fund improvements over 20 years through special assessments collected with each participant's property taxes. Most property owners would be eligible to receive tax credits that would be applied toward the final cost. Staff will continue to follow this effort.

Duke Energy Retail has approached the City requesting support for a mailing to all residents including the City's logo reminding them that a Guaranteed Discount Plan and Fixed Price Plan are "cost saving" options available. The Committee did not feel it was necessary to endorse such a promotion since Duke was already sending correspondence to each household.

Administrative Services: No Report

Safety Services: No Report

Community Development: Ms. Hinnners reported that the Committee met on June 1, 2010. Present: Charlene Hinnners, Ralph J. Vilardo, Jr., and Laurie Walter. Staff Present: City Manager Rokey. Also Present: Geoff Pittman, resident and Council Member and Karen Huff, Resident.

The Parks and Recreation Commission are discussing movie nights to be held at Riverside Park. The Community Development Committee requested updates regarding the status of the Natural Playground project and other playground equipment. There was some discussion of fund raising opportunities. Use of the third floor at City Hall was also mentioned as a space for future programming or rental through Parks and Recreation. These items will be discussed at the next meeting. Parks and Recreation is also investigating options for a more pedestrian friendly connection from Garfield Park to Valley View via Bay road.

The restroom facility at Riverside Park was also discussed since it was not open during the Memorial Day weekend. The Manager will check to see why the timers were not operational. It was agreed that they would be available during the Frontier Days event. Restroom directional signage was also requested. The Committee agreed that \$2,000 should be provided to support the Sunflower Streetfest. The Manager will request an invoice from HMA.

Kelly at Bishops is working with 7 Hills Racing to host a bike race in Milford. Details are yet to be confirmed.

There was a brief discussion regarding capital projects including an emergency generator for the City Building. Future streetscape improvements should also be considered. The Committee noted the closing of Rustic Comforts and the importance of supporting our businesses and improving our infrastructure.

City Manager's Report: City Manager Rokey reported that the Street/Service Department was busy for several days helping to set up and prepare for Frontier Days then assisted in the 'tear down' process. The alleys have all been trimmed and hot patching of potholes will begin this week. Brush pick-up is this week. Due to brush accumulation in conjunction with the recent storms, it is scheduled to take place over two days. Mowing/trimming within the cemetery and city-owned properties continues.

The Wastewater Plant experienced a disruption of power over the weekend. When power was restored and the generator turned off, two pumps remained off line. This resulted in partial treatment. Dave Walker has been in contact with the EPA, however at this point readings of all meters are at normal. Rawdon-Meyers is in the plant today to ascertain why the alarm system did not alert staff members that a problem had occurred.

Two extra tanks have been put online for storage and re-circulation due to the recent severe storms and additional rainfall.

The Water Department reports that a leak was repaired at Mohawk and Lila on June 4th. The water was off for 5 hours and there was no notification due to the emergency nature of the repair. Asphalt restoration was completed on June 10th. A water main leak was also repaired on Main St. on June 9th. Another main break was repaired on Crestview on June 9th. Since these were emergency repairs there was no notification. A curb box was replaced on Gatch Ave. on June 8th.

Matt Newman inspected a wet tap for a new 8" private water main for the Jesuit Center on South Milford Rd. We will have a member of the Water Dept. on site for the entire installation.

The new line slaker has been started in operation since this afternoon. All seems to be working properly at this time. We will keep you updated.

Trash Collection/Recycling – Trash and recycling will be picked up as usual on Monday, July 5th.

Independence Day is not one of Rumpke's official holidays.

Other – There will be a ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony for the recently completed Clermont County Emergency Operations Center at 2279 Clermont Center Drive on June 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

City Manager Rokey will be away from the office from June 25th until July 6th. Pam Holbrook will respond to City business and needs.

Committee Meetings

Administrative Services	Monday, June 21, 2010	6.00 p.m.
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Reminders

Citizen's Housing	Monday, June 21, 2010	7:00 p.m.
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Ribbon Cutting	Tuesday, June 22, 2010 – Clermont Co.	2.00 p.m.
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Bd. of Zoning Appeals	Thursday, June 24, 2010	7:00 p.m.
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Shriners Car & Bike Show	Saturday, July 10, 2010 Parking Area Ruby	Tuesdays
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Parks & Recreation	Monday, July 12, 2010	5:30 p.m.
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Planning Commission	Wednesday, July 14, 2010	6:00 p.m.
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Administration Offices closed Monday, July 5th – Independence Day

Police Report: Sgt. Jamie Mills distributed the Police Report to Council.

Fire/EMS Report: No Report

Council Comments: Mr. Pittman thanked his colleagues for their confidence in him and he is looking forward to greater cooperation on Council.

Mayor Vilardo expressed the City's thanks to Sharefest and all the volunteers who helped during Frontier Days and to the Sharefest volunteers who painted the Council Chambers.

Mayor Vilardo also announced that at the July 13th Council meeting proclamations would be given to the Milford Men's and Women's La Crosse Club teams.

Ms. Hinners stated that the feral cat situation in several neighbors has become a serious problem and needs to be investigated.

New Business: None

Ordinances and Resolution

10-802 An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Clermont County Transportation Improvement District to Provide for the Payment of a Portion of the Costs of Various Street Highway and other Transportation Project. Declaring an Emergency.

Ms. Brewer made the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, seconded by Ms. Walter.

All voted yes. Ms. Brewer made the motion to adopt, seconded by Ms. Walter. Voting yes; Mr.

Rohrig, Ms. Hinners. Mr. Vilardo, jr., Ms. Brewer, Ms. Walter and Mr. Pittman. Voting No. Mr. Hawkins.

Old Business: None

Ordinances and Resolutions

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion from Ms. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Walter. All voted yes.

Joanne Trilety, Clerk

Ralph J. Vilardo, Jr., Mayor