

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers @ 7:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order:** President of Council Loughry called the Council meeting of Thursday, October 12, 2023, to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance:**
Prayer: Father Mike Matusz, Our Lady of Victory Church, Tallmadge.
Pledge of Allegiance: Zander Prior, 5th Grade Student at Tallmadge Elementary School.
3. **Roll Call:** Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – present. Mrs. Allman, Mrs. Gutman and Mr. Sisak were absent.
4. **Correcting and Adopting the Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 9-14-23 Revised Council Meeting Minutes.
 Mr. Bollas moved to adopt the Revised 9-14-23 Council minutes. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **The Revised 9-14-23 Council meeting minutes were adopted by a vote of 4-0.**
 9-28-23 Council Meeting Minutes.
 Mrs. Kilway moved to adopt the 9-28-23 meeting minutes. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic – unanimous. **The 9-28-23 Council meeting minutes were adopted by a vote of 4-0.**
5. **Financial Reports:**

- **Fire & EMS Fund Transfer in the amount of \$175,000, Street Maintenance & Repair Fund Transfer in the amount of \$210,065, Bond Retirement in the amount of \$85,000, Police Pension in the amount of \$75,000 from the General Fund and Bond Retirement in the amount of \$175,000 from the Safety Services Income Tax Fund to Council on 9-27-23.**
- **Appropriation Report, Fund Report and Revenue Report for the period ending 9-30-23 to Council on 10-3-23.**
- **September Financial Reports to Council on 10-3-23.**
- **Tallmadge Recreation Center Profit and Loss Report for the period ending 9-30-23 to Council on 10-3-23.**
- **Income Tax Comparisons for the period ending 9-30-23 to Council on 10-3-23.**
- **Consolidated Investment Portfolio for the period ending 9-30-23 to Council on 10-3-23.**
- **Income Tax by Source Report for the month of September to Council on 10-3-23.**
- **Revenue Comparisons for Major Funds for the period ending 9-30-23 to Council on 10-3-23.**

Mrs. Kilway moved to accept the Financial Reports submitted by Dir. of Finance Gilbride. Seconded Mr. Bollas. Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **The Financial Reports were accepted by a vote of 4-0.**

6. Public Hearings:

**PERSONNEL
P.H. ON 10-12-23 @ 7:03 p.m.**

**3rd Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions
Ord. 2023-78 Amended – Tracked Amended**
Establishing the number of non-collective bargaining employees by department and position pursuant to R.C. 731.08 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Pres. of Council: It is now 7:06 p.m. and I call the public hearing for Ord. 2023-78 to order. I will turn the public hearing over to the Chair of Personnel, Mr. Bollas.

Mr. Bollas: I call the Personnel Committee to order. Tonight, we have a public hearing for the 3rd Reading of Ord. 2023-78 Amended – Tracked Amended. The ordinance was read into the record. At this time is there anyone present that would like to speak in favor of Ord. 2023-78? No one responded. Is there anyone here who would like to speak against Ord. 2023-78? No one responded. I will ask again; is there anyone here who would like to speak in favor of Ord. 2023-78? No one responded. Is there anyone who would like to speak against Ord. 2023-78? No one responded. Alright, the third and final time I will ask if there is anyone here who would like to speak in favor of Ord. 2023-78? No one responded. And lastly, is

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Mr. Bollas: there anybody here who would like to speak against Ord. 2023-78? No one responded. It is 7:08 p.m. and I call the public hearing closed. Again, we have Ord. 2023-78 at 3rd Reading. The ordinance was read into the record. Is there any discussion for Council or the Administration regarding this ordinance at 3rd Reading tonight? No one responded. Can I get a motion?

Pres. of Council: I move to adopt Ord. 2023-78. Seconded Mrs. Kilway.

Mr. Bozic: Just for clarification, in this ordinance we basically revise sometime several times a year or once a year depending on . . .

Dir. of Law: So, this ordinance; this time is being driven because of the change in the bands primarily. But, yes, typically it will come at the same time as the budget. There will be an amendment and so likely this year there will probably be something else too that that would be more driven as to a new position or a change of position where this is just filling out the bands in a different manner.

Mr. Bozic: Just wanted to clarify and make sure knowing that we will likely have, or we will have a change going into next year, I just know that there are probably personnel changes that will come up.

Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-78 is adopted by a vote of 4-0.**

Mr. Bollas: Moving on into the Personnel Committee . . .

Pres. of Council: Excuse me Mr. Bollas, can we do that Mrs. Raber?

Dir. of Law: Typically, you would close your committee and then go back to it.

Mr. Bollas: At this time, we will close Personnel. Thank you.

7. Community Input:

- **Lisa Kamlowky**, Superintendent of the Summit County Board of the Developmentally Disabled will be discussing Levy Issue 17 on the November ballot. This is a replacement levy on the ballot on November 7th. This levy replaces the agency's current 4.5 mills operating levy that was originally approved by the voters in 2005. If passed, it will cost homeowners approximately \$158.00 annually per \$100,000 of appraised value. That is \$3.58 more per month than homeowners are currently paying for this levy.

- **Challenger Field Campaign Committee.**

Greg Michalec: Andrew Mort, Pres. of Tallmadge Little League and strong supporter of Challenger and his daughter is also a buddy in our Challenger division. Amina Hall, who has 2 kids playing in Little League and she is also a long-time philanthropist and fund raiser, and she is going to help us with our project also.

We are here tonight to ask for the support of the Council and the City of Tallmadge for a much needed and wanted community-based project. This project's main goal is to renovate and update the Tallmadge Challenger Baseball Field located behind the old Weaver building. This project holds the promise of creating a more inclusive, equitable and accessible space for the young athletes who participate in the Little League Challenger Division and adapt those baseball programs for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges.

As the program has grown over the years, so too has our commitment to providing an environment where every player can thrive. Tiffany and I took over running the Challenger Baseball 7 years ago and at that time we were down to 14 players. Last year we had 108 players representing 21 local communities and 4 counties playing in Tallmadge. We were able to field 10 teams playing a 15-game schedule each. Tallmadge is currently recognized as one of the top 3 Challenger programs in the State.

By renovating and updating the Challenger baseball field to make it more handicapped and developmental disability accessible, we are removing barriers that have hindered our Challenger baseball players from enjoying the sport to its fullest. The improvements will not only benefit the Challenger players, but also the entire community. It sends a powerful message of inclusivity demonstrating that we value and embrace the diversity of abilities within our City. It is a testament to the collective dedication to ensuring that every child

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Greg Michalec (Cont'd.): regardless of their physical or intellectual challenges has an equal opportunity to participate in a beloved American pastime. He then went on to describe what renovations will be done. The total project cost is \$1.9 million. Our goal is for our committee to raise this money through grants and donations. Our commitment is to communicate and work with the City Administration on every step of this project. In conclusion we ask you to give us your blessing and support to move forward and make this much needed opportunity a reality for our youth and our City. This project is not just about improving a sports facility, it's about improving the lives of young athletes who will benefit from it and fostering a culture of inclusivity and equity within our City. I urge you to support this initiative knowing that your support will have a lasting and profound impact on the Challenger baseball players, their families, Tallmadge Little League and our committee.

Mr. Bollas: Refresh my memory on the playground equipment. Were we able to salvage anything prior to the demolition?

Dir. of Pub. Service: We salvaged all the ADA playground equipment that was behind the building.

Mr. Bollas: We made some modifications to the parking lot over there; right? But that was more for the soccer fields?

Dir. of Public Service: No, for the Challenger field, we installed several handicapped parking signs.

Pres. of Council: So, what I would say Greg, because we all know each other, is to make sure that Mr. Mort, as the President of Little League, continues to meet with Mr. Rorar and Mrs. Simons and the Mayor of course, and just take this one step at a time.

Mrs. Kilway: I just want to thank you for what you do with the Challenger Baseball organization. It is amazing everything that you have done. I really, really appreciate it and any way that we can help support you, we will try our best.

8. **Agenda Additions:** None.

9. **Reports of Administrative Officers:**

a. **Mayor/Director of Safety/Econ. Development:** Out of the office.

b. **Director of Administration:**

Mrs. Stritch: We were honored to be able to **swear in a new Police Officer** yesterday, Mr. Jeremy Lampy. He actually graduated from Tallmadge High School, so this is a dream of his to be able to come back to where he grew up and be able to become a Police Officer and join our force. His start date will actually be Monday and so when you see him around, please give him a warm welcome.

I would like to report that the **Dispatch Center went live this Tuesday** and from what I understand it was functioning flawlessly. Akron and Summit County went live on Tuesday, and then this coming Tuesday, the other municipalities in the district which I believe are Tallmadge, Stow and Mogadore go live this Tuesday, so it is a process. So, I think that is fantastic. I was not involved with that. The Mayor and a lot of elected officials from this City in addition to other cities participated and it took a long time and I think it is fantastic to see these multi-jurisdictional arrangements benefit so many people.

We are in the process of **hiring some Technical 1's for the Utility Department.**

The **budget is getting finalized.** It still gets tweaked. We are ready to present it to Council on October 25th I believe is the 1st Reading and also, I think we did set a Work Session for November 1st so just make sure you have that on your calendar. I will be putting together a booklet for Council members and the Administration to kind of summarize items and show you the Capital Items and as always, if you ever have any questions or you want to sit down and talk about it, please come in and see me or give me a call.

Also, I would like to respectfully request the **adoption at 3rd Reading**, and so would the Mayor, of the following ordinances: **Ord. 77; we already passed Ord. 78 so thank you,**

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Dir. of Administration (Cont'd.) Ord. 79 and Ord. 80 all of which are at 3rd Reading.

Thank you very much. End of report.

- c. **Director of Public Service:** Good evening. For the next meeting, I have some applications and **I am requesting some legislation to be passed at 1st Reading for some AMATS funding** application opportunities. One is the Service Transportation Block Group, STBG Funding and that is for **East Avenue Phase 1**. That will have no conflicts with other funding opportunities for that project and that project is slated to be started in 2026 or 2027. So that is the widening of East Avenue.

The second application is another **STBG Resurfacing from South Munroe, so that would be from East Avenue going south towards the Akron corp line.**

Another STBG Resurfacing Funding Program is for **Eastwood resurfacing**. So that is from South Munroe to the Brimfield Township line.

The fourth one is a Congestive Reduction Program, CRP Funding Program, and that is for **engineering for a proposed Roundabout at Northeast Avenue and Middlebury** as you head into Kent. We had a traffic study done there and there is a need for a traffic intersection improvement whether it is a Roundabout or a traffic signal. We are leaning towards a Roundabout at this time, and we actually have requested this in the budget as well, so the engineering is about \$200,000 so if we can get this through the AMATS funding, that would even be better instead of using our budget. So, at the next meeting I am going to ask for legislation to be passed at 1st Reading. I am just giving you guys a heads up on that.

Next Council meeting, I am going to be requesting **legislation be passed at 1st Reading** as well. This is **for the chiller replacement at the Rec Center**. We are using the Sourcewell Cooperative State Purchasing Program, so it has already been bid. That's what that is. The cost of it is \$125,000 and that was not budgeted for, and we will probably have to ask for a re-appropriation for that. The key to this though is the price goes up November 1st so we would need to get it done before the next meeting. It is 18-20 weeks for the delivery of the chiller. The chiller probably needs to start operating in March. April would be the latest so we kind of need to . . . we can't sit on this one. We really need to get this rolling. So, at the next meeting I will be asking for the passage of this legislation.

The demo at **89 East Howe Road was started on the 25th of September**, and they have been moving along. Right now, all that remains is the cafeteria, the D wing and the Administration portion which is that center section. They have done pretty good work so far. I am pretty impressed with them.

Leaf Season is starting . . . we might adjust this; we might bump it a week forward. Leaves are falling; however, the odd thing is it kind of slowed down. A week ago, it looked like they were dropping pretty quick and this week they kind of slowed down, but that is normal. We could bump this up a week and we will let everybody know. We will just adjust this calendar. It's not going to affect anything because people are already putting leaves out. I have to be quite honest; it would be great if some people would bag some leaves. I am seeing piles no bigger than a wastepaper basket and they are putting them out in the street. So, it would be great if they would bag them and help us out a little bit.

We were **approached by Serpentine to do some electric charging stations** for the EV vehicles. They have 5 of the electrical stations that they are giving. It is about a \$40,000

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Dir. of Pub. Service (Cont'd.) investment that they are wanting to give the City. We went around and looked at some of these locations. You can see the **5 locations; City Hall, the open parking lot where you park for weddings at the Circle, this is off Erie over by the old Henry Bierce, Community Drive** is where the Community Center and the library is at and then at the **Rec Center**. Here are the EV stations here in this parking lot, here is the Circle and you have to design these for handicapped and so they are big open spaces. They don't have to have handicapped parking, but you have to anticipate handicapped vehicles needing to have access, so they need an aisle. They eat up about 3 spaces. So, technically it is 2 spaces, but they are going to need a third one for the aisle. Here is the one at City Hall right behind the dumpsters right here. The one here at the library and the Community Center right up front, here is the one on Erie Road and here is the old Henry Bierce/Classic Carpet store. It gives you an idea. Then here is the one at the Rec Center. The reason why this one is on this side of the Rec building is because that is where the electricity is at so that would be the easiest run. So, here is what I have to ask Council if they are up for it; to do all 5 of these stations, I need an extra \$60,000. Is this something that we want to invest in. Each one of these is a different price. The City Hall is the cheapest because of the run for electricity. I think it would be great to have a few of these. The problem is when I asked Serpentini for some numbers on how many EV vehicles are even out there that would use these, they couldn't give me an answer. They did say that there are 5 new Chevy . . . the Blazer is coming back out, the Silverado, and I guess by next year there are 40 new EV vehicles that are going to be out in the lot at the dealerships. So, they are asking us to invest \$60,000 and they are giving us \$40,000 for these chargers and I am asking you guys; what do you think. Is something that I want to go ask Mollie and Dave . . . I am looking for a little bit of guidance on this.

Pres. of Council: I was thinking about the locations. So, I know how many cars are at the Rec Center every morning and I know the number of cars that we get at the Community Center and so I just think that instead of having 5 single locations maybe I would have preferred to double up at the Rec and the Community Center.

Dir. of Pub. Service: We could look at that.

Mr. Bozic: Question for Mike Rorar. I'm not familiar with the adapters that fit into the cars. Are they standardized? They are all the same; it doesn't matter what kind of car it is.

Dir. of Pub. Service: It will be universal.

Mr. Bozic: Will there be advertising saying you know, this charging brought to you from Serpentini.

Dir. of Pub. Service: The City of Tallmadge. I guess the way this works is when you buy these cars now, there is a module in there that tells you where those stations are at. So that is how you know where they are at.

Mrs. Kilway: OK, so in my lack of knowledge in my electric cars and how this all works, in my opinion someone has to pay for the electric so is there going to be like . . . is there something there at these stations where you put a credit card in, and you are getting charged for the electric.

Dir. of Pub. Service: Yeah.

Mrs. Kilway: So, that is going to be an income source for the City?

Dir. of Pub. Service: Yes. It appears that it would be decent but then again, how many cars are actually going to use it. So, it could not be a great revenue source for a few years, but as more cars get out there, it will become a descent revenue source.

Mrs. Kilway: So, we do have an opportunity to recoup our \$60,000?

Dir. of Pub. Service: They said that within 10 years you would recoup it. I think it is worthwhile, I just don't know if it is \$60,000 worthwhile.

Mr. Bozic: Another comment about that. I know EV isn't exactly new. It has been around for a while, but there are some other technologies that are coming out that do not use an

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Mr. Bozic (Cont'd.) electric source for charging. I think that there are some other . . . we may be putting an investment out there in something that may be gone or not widely used within 10 years. So, I think that is something we need to consider when looking at that.

Dir. of Pub. Service: The other thing too is that we don't have to do 5 of them. I mean, we could do 2 and see how they go. Unfortunately, they approached us in January or February about this and I have been sitting on it. It hasn't been on the front burner. I think it is important but it just hasn't been on the front burner. I do owe them an answer of are we in or are we not in.

Pres. of Council: How much time do we have?

Dir. of Pub. Service: Before the end of the year.

Pres. of Council: OK, so we could mull this over between now and our next meeting?

Dir. of Pub. Service: Correct.

d. Director of Finance: Mrs. Gilbride was absent.

e. Director of Law: Yes, before we meet again on October 25th, we will be kicking off Red Ribbon Week. We have done this now for a few years, but just to refresh everyone's memory, this is a National Campaign, and it encourages healthy choices and drug-free choices. I am working in coordination with representatives from the school district and they do recognize this week in the schools and so we have, for the last few years, also tried to get more awareness by having the City participate and so we will be pushing out information next week to encourage everyone on October 23rd, Monday, October 23rd to wear red and just as a reminder we are encouraging people to post pictures of your family and your group or of your business. We will also be ending that week with our semi-annual Drug Take Back Day which is October 28th and that is at the Police Department between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. It is a very convenient way for people to get rid of any unwanted or unused prescription medication. They don't even have to get out of the car. If there are any questions, feel free to let me know, but we are excited for as much participation as possible. End of report.

10. Reports of Standing Committees of Council of the Whole:

a. Planning and Zoning

Carol Kilway, Chair

Rebecca Allman, Vice Chair

The Planning & Zoning Committee deals with land use, zoning, conditional uses, planning, economic and community development, and public property.

i. Second Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Ord. 2023-82~Exhibit A – Tracked Exhibit A – P&Z Rec. adoption 5-0.

Amending and supplementing Section 1104.05D "Commercial Uses Table" and Section 1104.07E(8) "Use Regulations: Automotive - Car Wash" of the Tallmadge Codified Ordinances.

Sponsor: Councilperson Kilway

Mrs. Kilway: I call the Planning & Zoning Committee to order. We have Ord. 2023-82~Exhibit A – Tracked Exhibit A. The ordinance was read into the record. Mrs. Hussing had put together a nice presentation and had that at the Planning & Zoning meeting. Planning & Zoning reviewed all of their changes and have made a recommendation to us to adopt that. So, first we will need to amend it to accept their recommendations; correct?

Dir. of Law: No, in this particular one, there were no changes so there was no amendment to this one. This would just be at 2nd Reading tonight. I would just ask you to note, or I can just put on the record right now, that there is a public hearing on 10-25-23.

Mrs. Kilway: Any questions from the committee?

Mr. Bozic: I did have some questions for Ms. Hussing about the presentation that they had sent out. I just wanted some clarification on . . . I know it says in here on Slide 14 or page 11 of the document, but it talks about removing car wash facilities located within

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Mr. Bozic (Cont'd.) 200 feet of a residential district and then down at the bottom it talks about changing it to say at a 500' location of car wash facility. So, I guess I am just looking for clarification as to is that getting removed completely or are we changing it to the 500'?

Mrs. Kilway: It will be changed to 500' It is Item XI and it is properties with car wash facilities as the primary use must be located at least 500' from any property with a residential use, public park or trails, private or public school, place of worship or any business offering outdoor consumer services such as but not limited to outdoor dining establishments and this is determined by a straight line from one property line to the other property line so that is changing it from within 200' to at least 500' and that is all because of the noise that these make.

Mr. Bozic: So, my question with that then and I don't know what type of software they have in the Zoning Department, but is there a way to look at the current zoning districts that would be eligible to put a car wash in and determine just 500' from those existing locations like a school, a park, a trail or whatever the other ones were mentioned, is there actually any space eligible for a car wash to go in? Or has it been basically by moving it to 500' we have limited it now to basically say there is no more space because we are all within either a church, a school, a park, etc.

Dir. of Law: I believe the areas that are designated and there is a map within the presentation that there are still areas that would fall within those districts that would be applicable.

Mr. Bozic: Do we have the capability of actually kind of running that scenario?

Dir. of Law: I don't know if we do. I don't know that you can . . . I don't know if we do.

Mr. Bozic: Because . . .

Dir. of Law: I think those are selections in GIS or anything that we can make, but I can ask.

Mr. Bozic: Because my concern would be you know I don't want to limit . . . I have no problem with a car wash popping up somewhere even if it meets the 200' and they are meeting the sound noise ordinance just so long as they are meeting those, I don't think that it is a problem being within 200'. We already have some other issues or some other requirements in the Zoning Code that are meant to help buffer that noise either through fencing, putting in sound deadening walls or enclosing the vacuum systems. So, I think that there are some things that are already in the Code that we could use to correct this issue.

I know when I asked Ms. Hussing about this most recent complaint, we received they weren't necessarily geared towards the vacuum systems, they were more geared toward the loudspeakers on the outside of the building. Yes, they did receive some complaints about the vacuum systems, but it was more so about the loudspeakers. We have gone through this process of a six-month moratorium and lots of conversation all because they were playing music on the outside of their building. So, to me we have gone through a lot of steps that sure, they . . . we can always make this better for future use, but this probably could have been handled a lot differently and a lot more expeditiously had we just had a conversation with that property owner and said, can you turn your speakers down. I actually, I independently went out and did my own decimal readings using the same exact software that Mrs. Hussing had recommended that they had used, and I was getting decimal readings from across the street that were well below the decimal readings that we were putting in as recommendations. I have done it at car washes throughout the City and they were all below that decimal level.

So, I guess my issue is are we making a big issue out of something that really isn't an issue. In turn we are going to create a very limited area for future businesses to open up a car wash even if it an accessory like if it is a gas station with a car wash or something

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Mr. Bozic (Cont'd.) like that would make sense for going in especially on West Avenue where you know there are a lot of opportunities there still. So, I guess my issue with this is that there are some things that I like about this, but I think we need to take a deeper look at whether or not that really restricts the businesses that can open if we bump that to 500'.

Mrs. Kilway: Is there any other discussion? Since this is at 2nd Reading and there appears to be more discussion that we need to have on this, we will just give it another reading. Is there anything else to come before Planning & Zoning at this time. Hearing none, I will close committee.

ii. **Additional Items:** None.

b. **Finance**

Craig Sisak, Chair

Jonathon Bollas, Vice Chair

The Finance Committee deals with budget, appropriations, reappropriations, bonds, franchises, investments, and expenditures.

i. **Second Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.**

A. **Ord. 2023-83** – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement to purchase 892 Northwest Avenue (Parcels 60006239 and 6753251) from the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mr. Bollas: I call the Finance Committee to order. We have Ord. 2023-83 at 2nd Reading. The ordinance was read into the record. I know that we had a discussion on this at the last meeting. I guess at this time I will ask for a motion.

Mrs. Kilway: Just really quick; maybe a point of order, and I'm not sure if it is in the actual ordinance or not, but when I was looking up this property and where it has parcels 60006239, I think actually when you look it up on the GIS map, there are one too many zeros on that. I just want to make sure that we are correct. That is also in the actual ordinance too.

Dir. of Law: It looks like it is a typo. It looks like there is in the legal description there are 2 zeros. We can make that amendment if you want to move to amend today. It was only at 2nd Reading so we would not have adopted it tonight anyway.

Mr. Bollas: So, I am making a motion to amend the description of Ord. 2023-83 to remove one zero from Parcel 60006239 to make it 6006239. Seconded Mrs. Kilway.

Mr. Bozic: With the demolition of that site, do we have plans on how that will take place. Is it covered under a grant funding.

Dir. of Pub. Service: We are trying to secure a grant now to demo that.

Mr. Bozic: So, should we take ownership of it, and we are unable to get grant funding; do we know what the cost would be to demo that site?

Dir. of Pub. Service: We are looking at about \$30,000. That is parking lot removal, and they will be brought in to reseed it.

Mr. Bozic: Do we have plans to, once that is demoed, covered by a grant or not, are we looking at like a beautification of that corner of some sort. Are we putting in like a Tallmadge sign with you know flowers and what is the . . .

Dir. of Pub. Service: Green space; open space.

Mr. Bozic: So, this will be carried onto the rest of our landscaping plan through the rest of the City so do we have an approximate cost of what that will be?

Dir. of Pub. Service: To mow that initially; no, I don't.

Dir. of Law: If I could just add that I think the idea would be that we would eventually put money in the budget for a gateway type of an entrance way that would make it more beautiful. The other opportunity there is that with that particular intersection there has been

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Dir. of Law (Cont'd.) talk for a long time about potential changes to the intersection and it would provide opportunities for that in that area as well. Again, not necessarily funded by us but by ODOT at some point in the future. So, it does open that opportunity up in the future.

Dir. of Pub. Service: The other issue is it is just a bad spot for a business. I mean it gets log jammed and nobody can get in and out of that place. It is a poor location for any type of business really.

Mr. Bollas: OK, so we will keep the ordinance at 2nd Reading.

Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-83 is amended by a vote of 4-0.**

ii. First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.

A. Ord. 2023-84 – Exhibit A – Tracked Exhibit A – Amending and supplementing Ordinance 2022-81 to amend rates, charges, and fees for all recreational facilities and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mr. Bollas: Next is Ord. 2023-84 – Exhibit A – Tracked Exhibit A. The ordinance was read into the record.

Pres. of Council: So, a question for Mr. Rorar, do you anticipate Mrs. Simons coming to a meeting to make a presentation on rationale and all of those things for this ordinance?

Dir. of Pub. Service: I can do that. I can ask her to come. This is not too difficult to explain.

Pres. of Council: This needs to be done before the budget?

Dir. of Pub. Service: It would be helpful, but it is . . .

Dir. of Law: It will not be effective until January 2024.

Mr. Bollas: Any further discussion on Ord. 2023-84. If not, we will give it another reading. With that said, I will close committee.

iii. Additional Items: None.

c. Personnel

Jonathon Bollas, Chair

Adam Bozic, Vice Chair

The Personnel Committee deals with personnel, labor relations, insurance claims, Rules of Council and State Statutes.

i. Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.

A. Ord. 2023-77 - Amended~Exhibit A - Amended~Tracked~Exhibit A
Amending the Broad Band Compensation Plan for the non-collective bargaining employees, amending provisions related to the Compensation Board and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mr. Bollas: We have Ord. 2023-77 - Amended~Exhibit A - Amended~Tracked~Exhibit A at third reading. The ordinance was read into the record.

Pres. of Council: Mr. Bollas, I would just ask since Mrs. Stritch is with us this evening, these are three ordinances that basically all compliment each other. The first one was on the bands, just for those who are live streaming can you explain what this one is?

Dir. of Administration: Ord. 2023-77, 78 and 79 are all complimentary ordinances in regard to the compensation study. The first ordinance that was adopted after the public hearing establishes the positions and the bands primarily.

This ordinance, 2023-77 speaks to the Broad Band Compensation Plan and defines the bands, speaks to the Compensation Board, if you remember, we had some discussion on that and tweaked it a little. So, this is part of the three ordinances that would be necessary to be adopted to move forward.

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Mr. Bollas: OK. Thank you. Any discussion within committee or . . .

Pres. of Council: I would move to adopt.

Mr. Bollas: OK, I would move to adopt Ord. 2023-77. Seconded Mrs. Kilway.

Mr. Bozic: The question I have regarding the bands, well for one, can we change the name of it to not be Broad Band because when you first mentioned it I was thinking internet and not their compensation band levels, but on a real note here, if we can revisit I think the last meeting possibly the meeting before that I had asked about just verifying and I know that we already approved the grid one, which is where those band levels are for those particular employees, but as we are looking at this, it reminded me that I had asked about basically is there an assessment that was done specifically to each individual position and I know there was, but after I had brought up the question specifically about some individuals within the Parks and Rec Department to revisit and verify if those bands were adequate or in the correct band basically for those employees. Did we go back and revisit that?

Dir. of Administration: We did meet with Jessica, the Rec Supervisor and those were re-evaluated and I believe one or two of the positions the bands did change on that and so those were reviewed with Clemans Nelson and with the Department Head. The result is the ordinance that you saw before you.

Roll Call: Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-77 is adopted by a vote of 4-0.**

B. Ord. 2023-79 – Implementing wage adjustments for certain non-collective bargaining employees, appropriating necessary sums and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mr. Bollas: Moving on, we have Ord. 2023-79. The ordinance was read into the record. Again, this is the legislation that goes along with the other two. At this time could I get a motion.

Pres. of Council: I move to adopt. Seconded Mrs. Kilway.

Pres. of Council: Again, for Mrs. Stritch, this is the money and based on what happens here in a few minutes, you will put this in the budget?

Dir. of Administration: So, thank you. Ord. 2023-79 is the last piece of this plan. This actually appropriates the money. As soon as this is adopted, the Finance Director will be able to appropriate the money to implement this so this will happen as soon as possible and as you can see the sections at the bottom appropriate the funds that are needed. So, this is the last piece to get this process underway.

Roll Call: Mr. Loughry, Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-79 is adopted by a vote of 4-0.**

Mr. Bollas: Any additional items to come before the committee this evening. Alright thank you; I close committee.

ii. **Additional Items:** None.

d. Safety

Adam Bozic, Chair

Craig Sisak, Vice Chair

The Safety Committee deals with disaster services, communications, fire, and paramedics, police and health.

Mr. Bozic: I call the Safety Committee to order. We have no legislation in front of us this evening. I will open it up to Council and the Administration.

Pres. of Council: One, I am very happy about the new Police Officer and then number two, I noticed that the fire doors are up.

Mr. Bozic: I did notice that today as well and it looked to me because you can see through now that the last set of doors maybe were being installed on the back side. As far as

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Mr. Bozic (Cont'd.) Safety goes if there are no other comments on the committee, I know obviously with the Dispatch Center opening up, not that any of us would probably need to go there, but if somebody did have to go there, I noticed that there are gates. Is there an intercom there I take it if you were to pull up? Would you be able to speak to somebody for some reason; you had a meeting there or something.

Dir. of Pub. Service: I would believe so. I don't know off the top of my head, but there has got to be a way to communicate.

Dir. of Administration: Mr. Bozic, I did notice that there are cameras on the outside of the building so maybe they also have cameras so that you can see if someone is approaching.

Mr. Bozic: Is there anything else for the Safety Committee this evening. Hearing none, I will close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

e. **Community Issues**

Mary Gutman, Chair

Carol Kilway, Vice Chair

The Community Issues Committee deals with Parks and Recreation, civic affairs, and liaison between Council and the Recreation Board and intergovernmental affairs.

i. **Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions**

A. **Ord. 2023-80** – Authorizing the Mayor to receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for the Minor Home Repair Program and enter into all necessary agreements, appropriating funds, and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kline

Mrs. Kilway: I will call Community Issues to order. We have at 3rd Reading Ord. 2023-80. The ordinance was read into the record. Again, this is at 3rd Reading. This is kind of like housekeeping; we do this every year; correct?

Dir. of Pub. Service: Right.

Pres. of Council: I move to adopt. Seconded Mr. Bollas.

Mr. Bozic: I believe this is accurate but there is information about this current program on our website; correct?

Dir. of Administration: I believe there is the Minor Home Repair Program.

Mr. Bozic: And there is a whole application process and everything that goes with that?

Dir. of Administration: That is correct and if anyone has any questions, they can call the Mayor's office and they can speak to any one of us, in particular Andrea Kidder will be happy to help anyone.

Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **Ord. 2023-80 is adopted by a vote of 4-0.**

ii. **First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions**

A. **Res. 2023-12** – Expressing support for Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board on Issue 17 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Council and Administration

Mrs. Kilway: Next we have Res. 2023-12. The resolution was read into the record. This is a resolution that was put before us, and it would be nice if we could get this adopted as soon as possible. Is there any discussion on this item.

Pres. of Council: I move to adopt but then as we spoke earlier, I had a conversation with Mrs. Raber, and because there are only 4 of us, the significance is the vote, and the resolution becomes effective.

Mrs. Kilway: You are correct on that. So, we do have a motion. Is there a second?

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Seconded Mr. Bollas.

Pres. of Council: I was very impressed when I heard about the length of time that they made those levies last and the good stewardship and also it was a great awareness just to hear the number of our residents that are impacted by Summit DD.

Mrs. Kilway: It says right in the ordinance that there are 30% more children and adults than in 2007 since they have been using this and they still have been able to make this funding work for them.

Roll Call: Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **Res. 2023-12 is adopted by a vote of 4-0.**

Mrs. Kilway: Is there anything else to come before Community Issues at this time. Hearing none, I will close committee.

iii. **Additional Items:** None.

f. Public Service

Rebecca Allman, Chair

Mary Gutman, Vice Chair

The Public Service Committee deals with streets, highways, sidewalks, buildings, and improvements: water, sewer, electricity, gas, energy resources, recycle, waste, and trash.

Pres. of Council: I call the Public Service Committee to order. We have no legislation but I will open the Public Service Committee. Is there anything to come before Public Service. I would just like to recognize Mr. Rorar and his department and the vendors who handled West Avenue. That could not have worked out that good. It worked out perfectly. So, thank you again.

Mr. Bozic: I happen to be driving on West Avenue at Brittain and West and I saw the road closed signs and I think right next to it that maybe somebody threw a bunch of trash there on the corner. I don't think it is from the crews, but it looked like somebody just dumped trash there.

Dir. of Pub. Service: I will take a look at it.

Pres. of Council: Is there anything else. I will close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

11. Reports of Special Committees:

a. Council Operations Committee

i. **Additional Items:**

12. Announcements:

Pres. of Council: We will be **meeting on Wednesday, October 25th** as opposed to Thursday the 26th because Thursday is our Halloween. Make sure you have your calendars marked for the Wednesday meeting.

13. Adjournment: Mrs. Kilway moved to adjourn. Seconded Mr. Bozic. Roll Call: Mr. Bollas, Mr. Bozic, Mrs. Kilway, Mr. Loughry – unanimous. **The Council meeting of 10-12-23 adjourned at 8:08 p.m.**

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Adopted: _____

Susan E. Burton, Clerk of Council

Dennis K. Loughry – President of Council