

Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:23 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Greer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given followed by the Invocation by President Greer.

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: President Greer, Mr. Heitic, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Angeloff, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Jaber, Mrs. Coburn, and Mrs. Frey. Absent: Mrs. Bailey.

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Meeting held on Monday, September 26, 2022, as presented. No remarks made. All Members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND CLAIMS

There were none.

MATTERS REFERRED

Each Council Member, the Mayor and the Safety and Service Directors were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees with their packets.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

There were none

The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been recorded in its entirety and the tape is catalogued in the Clerk of Council's office.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 142-2022

PRESENTED BY MR. JABER TITLE: SALE OF LAND BANK PROPERTIES
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO LIST FOR SALE VARIOUS CITY PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR MARKET-RATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO QUALIFIED BUYERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY LAND BANK PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted "Aye" except for Mrs. Bailey who was absent, Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 142-2022 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted "Aye" except for Mrs. Bailey who was absent, Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 143-2022

PRESENTED BY MRS. ANGELOFF & MR. HEITIC TITLE: APPROPRIATION
SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING
\$100,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM FUND TO THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET OF THE
SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff and Seconded by Mr. Heitic, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “Aye” except for Mrs. Bailey who was absent, Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff and Seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 143-2022 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “Aye” except for Mrs. Bailey who was absent, Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 144-2022

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS –
DEMOLITIONS, BOARD-UPS AND WEED/GRASS CUTTINGS AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF
BARBERTON TO CERTIFY TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY AUDITOR, SPECIAL
ASSESSMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY FOR
THE COST OF ORDERED DEMOLITIONS, LIEN SEARCHES, EMERGENCY BOARD-
UPS, ENVIRONMENTAL ABATEMENTS AND WEED/GRASS CUTTINGS WHICH TOOK
PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 2021 THROUGH AUGUST 2022, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “Aye” except for Mrs. Bailey who was absent, Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, that **ORDINANCE NO. 144-2022 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “Aye” except for Mrs. Bailey who was absent, Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There were none

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN TITLE: BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 206 – WARDS AND BOUNDARIES A RESOLUTION
ACKNOWLEDGING THE DECENNIAL CENSUS SURVEY RESULTS FOR 2022

PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU AND ACCEPTING THE CURRENT WARD BOUNDARIES AS SUFFICIENT AND THAT NO MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 206 OF THE BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES IS REQUIRED.

This was the Third Reading. The First Reading was on Monday, September 12, 2022. The Second reading was on Monday, September 26, 2022.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that **RESOLUTION NO. 124-2022 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “Aye” except for Mrs. Bailey who was absent, Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS / CLOSING REMARKS

President Greer requested a motion to excuse Councilwoman Erika Bailey from this Regular Legislative Meeting. President Greer stated that although Mrs. Bailey has not yet turned in her absence form, she has contacted all parties regarding her absence and suggested that the form be digitized for ease of submission. President Greer will look into that issue.

Mrs. Frey made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. All members voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY

Mr. Jaber wanted to thank the Police Department in regards to the College Park fire.

Mr. Heitic commented in regards to 144-2022, Weed and Grass cuttings, that we spent \$152,000.00 just for grass cutting. Mr. Heitic asked Mr. Shreeve how many hours our crews spent cutting grass. Mr. Shreeve stated he did not have the numbers with him but he could calculate and supply the information at a later date. Mr. Heitic went on to say that with citizens complaining about pot holes, he wished that the list of citizen owned properties mowed by the city were laminated so that they could be shown where the time and monies to fill pot holes goes. Some of the citizens do not live in the state. This would show the citizens where the money goes. And that most likely, with labor, gas, equipment, the \$152,000.00 doesn't even cover the city's costs for the mowing.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor stated that he agrees totally with Mr. Heitic in regards to mowing. We want to mow City owned properties, not privately owned properties.

The Mayor read a letter from Eckinger Construction into the record. It is as follows:

Mayor Judge, Mr. Hunt & City Council:

My brother Jeremy and I purchased Topcraft in October of 2021 with the goal of helping Eckinger Construction, our core construction company, with the millwork needs of our national clients. Since this time, we have grown the Topcraft Operation from 11 employees to 20 employees and more than doubled the company's revenue from the previous two years of the former ownership. We anticipate Topcraft to have an additional growth of 50% from 2022 to 2023 due to a large program that our client, Dave & Buster's has laid out for the next 3 years.

Topcraft has called Barberton home since 1975 and it was our intent when purchasing Topcraft to continue this. However, with the forementioned growth comes the challenge of housing the growth. We have explored our options for this growth and they include:

1. Expanding the Barberton Facility from the existing very choppy 23,435 sft production floor to 33,155 sft with a 9,720 addition.
2. Moving the operation into our 35,000 sft main Canton Township building which houses our construction company.
3. Moving them into a 42,000 sft building that we own in Perry Township (Canton).

We see the expansion in Barberton as the best option as we would best maintain our existing workforce. However, we are also weighing that against the tax advantages of having this operation in one of the two Township buildings that we also own with no local income tax. The CRA would surely tip the scales in favor of keeping us in Barberton.

We appreciate how accommodating and business friendly Mr. Hunt and Pete have been in the Planning Department. Mayor Judge, you have also been very helpful getting me linked up with the service manager to help coordinate with the Building Department to discuss with them our potential plans to evaluate any pitfalls.

We appreciate all your time and consideration for the expanded CRA area in Barberton and including us in this. Please feel free to reach out to me for any additional information.

Regards,
Phil Eckinger, President Eckinger Construction, Trident Restoration, First & Main Signs, Top Craft Casework

Later this week Council will receive a Legislation request to expand the CRA area. This is a company from out of town who purchased the business in the area. They own four other businesses down in canton so it would be easy for them to pick up and move but they want to stay here. This is a perfect example of business expansion which is key to our economic growth.

The mayor confirmed that everyone received his email containing the link to the application for the sidewalk program.

Change for Change will be on October 28th at the M&M Tap House benefitting Victory Gallop.

Trick or Treat for the city of Barberton will be on Saturday, October 29th.

The Mayor stated that over the past few weeks, he traveled to 9 different cities in Canada. This past week he was able to meet with over 50 economic developers, city planning & economic development, site selectors, or other development firms and stated that the things we have been doing and continue to work on show that we're doing everything right. Incentives, the moratoriums approved by Council, the CIC which was formed, infrastructure projects and the type of developments we have been working on. Economic Development is an in-depth and ever-changing subject. Like the letter we received from Eckinger, we have great relationships with our business community both small and large businesses.

Mr. Heitic asked if there was an update on the Powell Building. The Mayor stated that we are currently reviewing the Development Agreement right now. The abatement is nearly completed.

Mr. Jaber asked if there was an update on the Old Armory building. The Mayor stated that the property was back on the market and is owned by The Barberton Community Foundation and is still for sale. Mr. Griffin stated that he talked with a representative from Corporate Electric and they are not moving. Mr. Jaber confirmed that there was a zoning change for that property and it is currently zoned as I2.

With nothing further, it was moved by Mr. Heitic and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to adjourn. All voting "Aye" and none apposed.

Meeting Adjourned 6:45 P.M.

Justin Greer
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council