

Council met in REGULAR SESSION on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:08 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Megyes presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and President Megyes gave the Invocation.

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: Mrs. Angeloff, Mrs. Colburn, Mrs. Debevec, Mrs. Frey, Mr. Greer, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Heitic, Mr. Jaber.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Meeting held on Monday, December 13, 2021, as presented. No remarks made. All Members voted “yea.” 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. 141-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. COBURN TITLE: PURCHASE OF PROPERTY 124 15th STREET NW AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AT 124 15th STREET NW, UNDER THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,500.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that **ORDINANCE NO. 141-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 142-2021

PRESENTED BY MR. HEITIC TITLE: EASEMENT SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE EASEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE SUMMIT COUNTY ENGINEER TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS ON CITY OWNED PART NO. 1500572, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that **ORDINANCE NO. 142-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 143-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. DEBEVEC TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT BRYX
EMERGENCY RESPONSE, SIMPLIFIED AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH “BRYX EMERGENCY
RESPONSE, SIMPLIFIED” IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A
PRE-ALERT SYSTEM FOR BOTH FIRE STATIONS, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that **ORDINANCE NO. 143-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 144-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. ANGELOFF TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT OHM /
ZONECO CONSULTING SERVICES AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH OHM / ZONECO
CONSULTING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,500 TO PROVIDE REVIEW AND
ANALYSIS OF THE CITY’S CURRENT ZONING CODE, ADMINISTRATION, CODE
WRITING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR AN UPDATE AND REWRITE TO THE
EXISTING BARBERTON DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. 144-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 145-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. FREY TITLE: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TRAVELERS
INSURANCE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
TO PAY AN INVOICE TO TRAVELER’S INSURANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,870.50
FOR PAYMENT OF THE DEDUCTIBLE ON VARIOUS INSURANCE CLAIMS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 145-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 146-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. DEBEVEC TITLE: DISPOSAL OF RADIOS
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO DISPOSE OF AND
SELL MOBILE (VEHICLE) AND PORTABLE (HANDHELD) RADIOS ON GOVDEALS.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that **ORDINANCE NO. 146-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 147-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. COBURN TITLE: ENTER INTO AGREEMENT
MUSKINGHAM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT
WITH MUSKINGHAM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (MWCD) FOR THE
ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE PARTNERS IN WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT GRANT (PWM), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that **ORDINANCE NO. 147-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 148-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. FREY TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT MEDICAL
MUTUAL AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO (MMO), THROUGH A
PARTNERSHIP WITH SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH CONNECTION, FOR EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS WHICH INCLUDE MEDICAL, PRESCRIPTION, DENTAL AND VISION
COVERAGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 148-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 149-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. DEBEVEC TITLE: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 656:
REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED PERSONS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 656: REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED PERSON BY ADDING SECTION
656.08 “PROHIBITIONS ON RESIDENCY.” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY As
amended in committee this evening.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that **ORDINANCE NO. 149-2021 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 136-2021

PRESENTED BY MRS. FREY TITLE: APPROPRIATION COX-POWELL BUILDINGS
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF
THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET OF
GENERAL FUND MISCELLANEOUS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading December 13, 2021

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. 136-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 130-2021

PRESENTED BY MR. HEITIC TITLE: FOUNDATION GRANT REQUEST SKATE PARK
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BARBERTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$75,000, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SKATE PARK.

First reading November 22, 2021. Second Reading December 13, 2021.

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that **ORDINANCE NO. 130-2021 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor wanted to first thank Council for the passage of 136-2021. He stated there is a lot more going into this and there will be more coming before council and He will keep Council updated. The mayor met with people regarding this and the feelings are mixed. The Mayor stated there is risk involved in any venture but there are many good points going forward we will stay on top of this venture.

The main issue with any city is time and money. With these two things a city can do anything. This is not true for the private sector as they just get it done. With anything dealing with the City, infrastructure, opioid crisis, the current pandemic, workorders, parks, development, streets, water, sewer, property maintenance, the Mayor wanted to assure that his entire staff is working hard for the best outcome. We stand at a very important place in the history of this City. We are writing the history for this city and changing the future for its residents and for generations to come.

The Mayor wanted to thank Councilperson Debevec for her years of service to this Council and to the Community. And to Council President Megyes, the Mayor stated he appreciates the years of working together on Council and all the work done for the residents of this city and the 4th Ward. The mayor stated that President Megyes has worked hard with the football team in the leaf raking program.

As to 2022, we look forward, the structure is there and the opportunities are in front of us. It is our time to make the difference and address the issues that lay before us. We are making data driven decisions and are moving forward in a very swift yet calculated way.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Heitic stood to address Councilperson Debevec. Mr. Heitic gave a history of his relationship from years past working with Mrs. Debevec and her advising him regarding City Council. Mr. Heitic stated he wanted to thank Mrs. Debevec for “prepping” him for the seat he’s sitting in today. Mr. Heitic also gave his history with President Megyes and stated that it is because of him that Mr. Heitic is in office today. He expressed his gratitude to both Mrs. Debevec and Mr. Megyes for the influence and help they have given him.

Mr. Greer stated to Mrs. Debevec that because of her influence on Mr. Heitic, Mr. Greer is now on Council. Stepping up with public and community service is often unsatisfying. Mr. Greer wanted to thank Mrs. Debevec for her service to the community, the festivals, scouts and for all that she does behind the scenes. To Mr. Megyes, Mr. Greer wanted to thank him for all he does and that all council members need to do more like Mr. Megyes does with community activities, the yard sales and leaf raking. Mr. Greer states that Mr. Megyes is a beacon as to what Councilpersons should strive to be.

Mrs. Debevec wanted to thank the residents of Barberton for allowing her to serve them for over a decade and that she hopes she served them well. Finally, she wanted to thank her family for sharing her with the citizens as public service is not easy.

Mrs. Frey wanted to say that when she first started on Council, she paid attention to the attention Mr. Megyes paid to his ward and his residents. She stated she always strived to be a Council person just like him. To Mrs. Debevec, Mrs. Frey states that they have served together on Council and on various committees for many years. When Mrs. Debevec was appointed, Mrs. Frey was the only woman with nine men and soon more and more women joined them. Mrs. Frey wanted to say Thank you to Mrs. Debevec for making Barberton a better place.

Mrs. Angeloff wanted to say Thank you to President Megyes for always having her back. There were times that discussions became loud and argumentative but Mrs. Angeloff stated that Mr. Megyes always had her back. Mrs. Angeloff stated that she also wanted to thank Mr. Megyes for always taking the time to listen to what she had to say.

Mr. Jaber wanted to thank Mr. Megyes for all that he's done. Mr. Jaber states that they had a rocky start but have grown to a place of mutual respect. To Mrs. Debevec, thank you for all you do for the community. Mr. Jaber watched and learned from how she handled herself in chambers. Mr. Jaber further stated "Let's kick ass in 2022". We are moving forward and he stated he is excited for it. MR. Jaber stated to make 10 one must give away 9. It's a principal of business to make that 10. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mr. Heitic wanted to also say that Councilperson Thompson will be joining Council in the coming weeks. Mr. Heitic stated that himself, Mrs. Debevec are not very big in stature but the shoes Mrs. Debevec is leaving behind to fill are... He hopes that he and Mrs. Thompson can work and serve proudly.

Mr. Megyes stated that he had a big speech but wasn't not going to give it. But he wanted to say that when he started on Council, he wanted everyone to know who he was in his ward. To know what ward that they are in. It is sad that there are people in this town that don't even know who their council person is or what ward they live in. So, he walked his ward. If you want to meet the people, go out there and meet them. Citizens will not seek you out unless they need something or have a complaint. His constituents were astonished that he was just walking to meet people. Mr. Megyes advised to just walk a neighborhood in your ward once in a while. That when people see you, they will believe in you and know you care. Mr. Megyes stated that he is still going to do the yard sales and the leaf raking with the football team programs.

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs. Miller stated that she had the draft Council rules ready and asked if we were voting on them tonight. Discussion went back and forth as to if the rules could indeed be voted on this evening. In the end, a motion was made by Councilman Griffin to accept the Council Rule changes as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Frey. All members voting "Aye". None apposed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec and seconded by Mr. Heitic to adjourn. All voting "Aye" and none apposed.

Meeting Adjourned 6:52 pm.

Justin Greer
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council