

Council met in **SPECIAL SESSION** on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Megyes presiding. Members present: Angeloff, Coburn, Debevec, Frey, Greer, Griffin, Heitic, and Jaber. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

President Megyes stated a request was made by Mrs. Daugherty to enter into Executive Session.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to enter into Executive Session in order to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:31 P.M.

Council returned to Special Session at 8:27 P.M.

**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.**

President Megyes stated they needed to suspend rule 702 to invoke two different rules. Rule 304 is the rule stating legislation is needed to be on the agenda and Rule 401 is because it was not called for at the Committee of the Whole.

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 30-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 30-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: FIREFIGHTERS LABOR CONTRACT - FACT FINDING REPORT. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FACT-FINDING REPORT ON THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES BETWEEN THE CITY OF BARBERTON AND IAFF LOCAL 329 AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BARBERTON PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS BARGAINING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec to Invoke Council 702 to Suspend Council Rules 304 and 401. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried. 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. 30-2020 BE ADOPTED.** Mr. Heitic stated he will be voting yes although he is highly disappointed that the union did not give them one more year to get their ducks in a row after they have seen them try to fight and claw revenue to the City and now with the pandemic they could have another tax hit and he is very disappointed that they wouldn't take those things into consideration. Mrs. Angeloff stated she is very, very disappointed with the contract. She said she will be voting yes but she doesn't feel like the fire department is working with the rest of them and this is a decision that is very difficult for all of them. She said they do not know the future, and they all know they don't know the future with the pandemic but she wishes it could have been a one-year contract. Mrs. Frey said she will be voting for it simply because she is not a gambler but she thinks it is very unfair that again, again and again they have to buckle to what the fire department wants. She said she doesn't think it is fair to the tax payers of this city and as everyone else has said, she is very disappointed. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 31-2020**

**ORDINANCE NO. 31-2020. PRESENTED BY: MRS. FREY. TITLE: POLICE LABOR CONTRACT - FACT FINDING REPORT. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FACT-FINDING REPORT ON THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES BETWEEN THE CITY OF BARBERTON AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (OPBA) AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec to Invoke Council 702 to Suspend Council Rules 304 and 401. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried. 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. 30-2020 BE ADOPTED.** Mrs. Frey thanked the police union for being more reasonable in their negotiations with the City than the firefighters. She said they agreed to a one-year contract with a clause to go forward with a two-year contract and she respects them for doing this and they obviously have more empathy for the City than our firefighters do. All Members voted "yea." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to adjourn.

Adjourned: 8:36 P.M.

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Craig Megyes  
President of Council

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Renee Fox  
Clerk of Council