

**WOODMERE VILLAGE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2015 was called to order by Council President Benjamin I. Holbert, III at 7:20 PM.

ROLL CALL: The Roll was called by Clerk of Council Sheryl C. Blakemore.

Present: Mayor Charles E. Smith, President of Council Benjamin I. Holbert, III, Councilman Tennyson Adams, Councilwoman Lisa Brockwell, Councilwoman Jennifer Mitchell Earley, Councilwoman Glenda Todd Miller, Councilman Craig Wade; Law Director Frank Consolo, Treasurer Thomas M. Cornhoff, Police Chief Sheila Mason, Fire Chief Johnny Brewington and Acting Director of Public Service Calvin Miller.

Absent: Councilman Azaadjeet Singh and Building Inspector Robert McLaughlin.

MOTION TO EXCUSE ANY ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBER(S): No motion was made.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison led by Officer Luis Rodriguez.

MINUTES: A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to **ADOPT** the Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2015. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Limited to items on the Agenda and a time limit of three minutes):

There were no comments from the public at this time. Council President Holbert acknowledged the re-election of Councilwoman Earley, Councilman Adams, himself and the election of Mrs. Alberta Fanning to Council. He also mourned the passing of long-time resident Manuel Curry. The Mayor issued a Proclamation mourning Mr. Curry's death.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

To allow Officer Rodriguez the opportunity to leave, his Motion was considered first.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Miller] TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF LUIS RODRIGUEZ AS A FULL-TIME POLICE PATROL OFFICER. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-60: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO AMEND THE 2015 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES AND FILE THE AMENDMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Adams] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-61: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENTS OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND REVISING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-62: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO PREPARE AND FILE AN AMENDED 2016 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Earley] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

Pending Legislation continued:

2015-63: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODMERE FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-64: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RETRIEVEX, INC. A/K/A ACCESS, FOR DOCUMENT STORAGE AND RELATED SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Brockwell, Adams] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-65: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR A 2016 FORD INTERCEPTOR UTILITY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-68: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 181 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 5 AND REVISED CODE CHAPTER 718.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Earley] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-69: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FRANK CONSOLO AS VILLAGE LAW DIRECTOR FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Adams] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-70: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THOMAS M. CORNHOF AS VILLAGE TREASURER/TAX ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-71: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING LON STOLARSKY AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW/PROSECUTOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF WOODMERE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Miller] to **TABLE THIS ORDINANCE.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

Pending Legislation continued:

2015-72: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING EDWARD J. HREN AS VILLAGE ENGINEER OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODMERE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Adams, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY ON THE THIRD READING.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

NEW LEGISLATION:

2015-80: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WOODMERE ECONOMIC DIVERSITY GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH MARSH, BERRY AND COMPANY BEGINNING CALENDAR YEAR 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Miller] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-81: AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING FROM JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016 THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1992-10, WHICH GRANTED WOODBRAN REALTY CORPORATION NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT AND FRANCHISE WITH REGARD TO THE COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SANITARY SEWAGE TO THE SANITARY SEWAGE PLANT OF THE WOODBRAN REALTY CORPORATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODMERE, ITS INHABITANTS AND THE OTHER SANITARY SEWAGE CUSTOMERS OF THE WOODBRAN REALTY CORPORATION.

As per the Woodmere Village Charter, Article III, Section 6 (C):

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **SUSPEND THE RULES AND CONSIDER THIS ORDINANCE.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Miller] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-82: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO GRANT CHAGRIN RETAIL, LLC. A VARIANCE TO THE ROOF SIGN PROHIBITION OF SECTION 1321.03 (B) OF THE VILLAGE'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR ITS TENANT, TRADER JOE'S, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY EMERGENCY.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

2015-83: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, FOR THE PATROL OFFICER BARGAINING UNIT AND THE SERGEANT AND LIEUTENANT BARGAINING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Earley] to **PASS THIS ORDINANCE BY EMERGENCY.** The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

New Legislation continued:

2015-84: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH DUNLOP AND JOHNSTON, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WOODMERE SERVICE CENTER USING CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK PROJECT DELIVERY FORMAT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A **MOTION** was made [Earley, Brockwell] to **PASS THIS RESOLUTION BY EMERGENCY**. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Brockwell] to AUTHORIZE AXA EQUI-VEST, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 TO OFFER VILLAGE EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE IRS FOR 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

A **MOTION** was made [Miller, Wade] to APPROVE THE WOODMERE VILLAGE NOVEMBER, 2015 EXPENDITURES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Motion **PASSED** by a 6/0 vote.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS:

Mayor Smith: The Mayor thanked Council for all their hard work during 2015. Some highlights from his report: Woodmere's legal profile has been lowered; the Police and Fire and Service Departments are greatly improved; the new Service Center construction will begin soon; Woodmere has hired someone to market our brand.

Law Director Consolo: No report. He thanked Council for his reappointment.

Treasurer Cornhoff: He submitted a written report that includes updated Finance reports. He thanked Council for his reappointment and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Police Chief Mason: She submitted a report in writing. Unused/unneeded equipment will be going on the Gov.deal website. A documentary on the morale of the Department will be on Woodmere's website beginning December 21, 2015. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Building Inspector McLaughlin: Absent, no report.

Clerk of Council Blakemore: She is working on the 4th quarterly report. A letter was received from the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control stating that beginning on September 29, 2015 an on-premises liquor permit holder may file an application with the Village seeking to extend the hours in which it may sell alcoholic beverages during a "qualified major event". Chipotle Restaurant is transferring a liquor permit from a Cleveland Heights location to the restaurant in Woodmere.

Architectural Review Board: No meeting.

Fire Chief Brewington: He submitted a written report. He stated that for safety, all buildings should have visible addresses displayed.

Acting Director of Public Service Miller: He stated that he had enjoyed working with everyone during 2015 and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Planning and Zoning Representative Adams: New signs are in place for A T & T. He also stated that all buildings should have addresses prominently displayed. He thanked Council for their work supporting the Planning and Zoning Commission during 2015.

Marketing Director Malone: She listed some progress that has been made to “brand” Woodmere Village: She attended the RNC hotel forum; there will be 350 coach buses to transport conference attendees; perhaps Woodmere should appoint a spokesperson to represent the Village in media communications; make sure that Woodmere has undergone a beautification process wherever necessary; hotels are currently booked as far away as Ashtabula; radio spots have appeared on I (heart) Radio and WMJI.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

Finance/Grants(Brockwell): No written report.

Safety (Miller): No meeting.

Utilities (Adams): Some items for discussion: traffic signals, application for a grant, widening of Brainard and the Woodmere Village TV station.

Youth/Education (Mayor Smith): The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Legislation (Holbert): Committee items are reflected in tonight’s Agenda. Councilwoman Brockwell has been appointed transportation director for Beachwood Schools. The swearing-in ceremony will be held on January 3, 2016 at 4:15 PM. The Organizational Meeting will be held on January 6, 2016 at 6PM. Council President Holbert thanked Councilman Singh for his service to Woodmere Village. Council electees must turn in a financial report to the Board of Elections by Friday.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Earley suggested that we take advantage of our membership in the National League of Cities. Council President Holbert stated that we might want to participate in the Leadership Cleveland program.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (Time limit of five minutes):

Mrs. Alberta Fanning asked how many liquor permits are in the Village of Woodmere. The Law Director stated that none are available at this time. A business would have to transfer one in from another municipality.

The Holiday party will be held on December 18, 2015 at the Thistledown Racino.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION was made [Earley, Miller] to ADJOURN the Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting of December 9, 2015. The Motion PASSED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT at 9:05 PM.

The Woodmere Village Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2015 were approved by:

Benjamin I. Holbert, III, President of Council

Sheryl C. Blakemore, Clerk of Council

The minutes were adopted by Council on _____