

Council Chambers  
Special Meeting  
January 3, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

Council met in special session with eight of the nine members present: Phillips, Payne, Nickerson, Fairrow, Henderson, Preston, Phillips, and Proehl. Gillum was absent from the meeting. Also, in attendance were a few visitors in the audience, in addition to Mayor Feeney, City Auditor Spetnagel, and Assistant Law Director Miller.

Mr. Phillips moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that Ms. Gillum be excused from this Council meeting. All members present voted "yea", and President Gieringer declared the motion adopted.

President Gieringer asked Councilman Phillips if he would offer the invocation.

Councilman Greg Phillips offered the invocation.

President Gieringer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Payne moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the minutes of the special meeting of December 27, 2021, be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted "yea", and President Gieringer declared the motion adopted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for this special meeting.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

##### Report of Mayor Feeney:

Mayor Feeney stated that there were two items on the agenda. He said that one item is up for the third read, which is the opioid settlement, and that he would ask for Council's favorable vote on that. He said the second item is the 2022 Operating Budget which is the main show tonight. He said he would like to thank the department heads, all the Council folks from the previous cycle and this cycle for the work they have put into this budget process, and he said he would also ask for Council's favorable vote on that.

Mayor Feeney said he would like to welcome the new Council members and familiar faces to this new term and that he looks forward to working with everybody. He said at the next Council meeting he will go into a little bit, and maybe in a committee meeting, some workflow type items. He said in the meantime his door is wide open and said please do not hesitate to reach out to him and Auditor Spetnagel with any questions.

He said one item of pressing note before the next Council meeting is the City's process for selecting the Advisory Committee for the Master Plan is underway. He said he believes the deadline for the applications is January 10<sup>th</sup>, and that if you are interested or know of someone who is interested in participating in that project to please circulate the application. He said the better coverage they have of the whole community the better of response they will have. He added that one of the significant reasons they picked this firm for this process is that they really emphasized the importance of having a steering committee that was very diverse and very broad. He said whereas some steering committees may have had six to ten people, they are looking for a steering committee of up to 30 people. He said they really want input from the community and up to about 40 applications. He said they are really looking for more applicants from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> wards. He said it is going to be a really good process, and it will be significantly improved by more participation. He closed with wanting to wish everybody a Happy New Year.

##### Report of Auditor Spetnagel:

Auditor Spetnagel stated that she has one item on the agenda, Item #2, which is an Ordinance to appropriate funds for the 2022 year. She said some of Council had come in and met with her and so she would not go into great detail tonight, because they have already done that. She said if she had their emails, she sent out details with summaries and that she would be happy to send to anyone else who would like to see the information. She said once they get December closed, she will come in



and present last year's financial statements and also do a review of how government accounting works, so that way all of the new members will have a better understanding of how things happen.

**Report of Assistant Law Director Miller:**

Assistant Law Director Miller stated that he was there on behalf of the Law Director because Ms. Villarreal was not in the area. He said he did not have anything to really report, but he did say that he had reviewed both pieces of legislation and has had the benefit of discussing with a couple of Council members the opioid legislation that is on the agenda tonight. He said that he was open for any questions on that or anything with the budget. He said other than that he had nothing to report.

**Report of President Gieringer:**

President Gieringer stated that he had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Proehl stated that he wanted to mention that the Finance Committee had Item #2 on tonight's agenda which is a second reading. He said so that it can be passed in a timely fashion because of people's paychecks and things like that, he will at the appropriate time ask Council to waive the three-read rule.

**COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR**

President Gieringer announced that the next Regular Council meeting will be next Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

President Gieringer announced that there were no new committee assignments since the last meeting for inclusion in the Journal of Council.

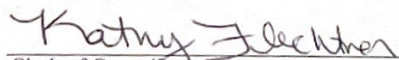
**READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION**

Res. No. 01-22 approving the City's participation in Ohio Opioid Settlement Agreements including the Janssen Opioid Settlement with opioid distributor Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (collectively "Janssen") and declaring an emergency was read for the third time by title only. All eight members present voted "yea" on the item, and President Gieringer declared Resolution No. 01-22 adopted.

Ord. No. 01-22 to make appropriation for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Chillicothe, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency was read for the second time by title only. Mr. Proehl moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the three-reading rule be suspended, placing this item on final passage. All eight members present voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the rule suspended. All eight members present then voted "yea" on the item itself, and President Gieringer declared Ordinance No. 01-22 adopted.

President Gieringer inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Payne moved and Ms. Nickerson seconded that the special meeting be adjourned. All eight members present voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council



Council Chambers  
Regular Meeting  
January 10, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

Council met in regular session with all nine members present: G. Phillips, Payne, Nickerson, Fairrow, Henderson, Gillum, Preston, A. Phillips, and Proehl. Also, in attendance were a few visitors in the audience including media representation, in addition to Mayor Feeney, City Auditor Spetnagel, and Law Director Villarreal.

President Gieringer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Gieringer stated that he would like to appoint Ms. Flechtner as Interim Clerk of Council. Ms. Gillum moved and Mr. Proehl seconded that Ms. Flechtner be Interim Clerk of Council until the position is officially filled. All members present voted "yea", and President Gieringer declared the motion adopted.

Ms. Payne moved and Ms. Henderson seconded that the minutes of the special meeting of January 3, 2022, be accepted and approved, as submitted by the Clerk. All members present voted "yea", and President Gieringer declared the motion adopted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Gieringer announced his appointments to the 2022/2023 Committees of City Council and those appointments were as follows:

##### CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES - 2022/2023

**DEVELOPMENT - DEIDRA NICKERSON - HENDERSON - A. PHILLIPS**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ANNEXATION,  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, LAND USE, ARTS

**ENGINEERING - TERRELL FAIRROW - PAYNE - PROEHL**  
BOARD OF ZONING, BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT, FLOODWALL,  
WATERSHED, CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION, STREET LIGHTS, SIGNS

**FINANCE / TECHNOLOGY - ANTHONY PHILLIPS - PROEHL - HENDERSON**  
CITY AUDITOR, PURCHASING, APPROPRIATIONS, BUDGET, CITY SELF INSURANCE  
PROGRAM - LONG RANGE PLANS - TECHNOLOGY COORDINATION

**HUMAN RESOURCES - KATHY PAYNE - GILLUM - FAIRROW**  
HUMAN RESOURCES, STAFF DEVELOPMENT, NEGOTIATIONS, E.E.O. OFFICE,  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, O.S.H.A., WORKERS COMPENSATION,  
INSURANCE, RETIREMENT

**PARKS / RECREATION / TOURISM - ALLISON HENDERSON - NICKERSON - G. PHILLIPS**  
CITY PARKS, PARKS MASTER PLAN, SWIMMING POOL, FESTIVALS AND PARADES,  
PARK SERVICES, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT - TREE COMMISSION - TOURISM

**SAFETY SERVICE - JULIE PRESTON - GILLUM - A. PHILLIPS**  
POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, ROSS COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - MUNICIPAL COURT - LAW DIRECTOR

**UTILITIES - DUSTIN PROEHL - G. PHILLIPS - PAYNE**  
UTILITIES DEPARTMENTS, WATER, SEWER - LIASION TO UTILITIES (GAS & ELECTRIC)  
- STORMWATER

**CITY SERVICES / TRANSIT - TARA GILLUM - PRESTON - FAIRROW**  
SERVICE BUILDINGS - CITY SERVICE GARAGE - STREET CLEANING - REFUSE PICKUP  
- RECYCLE PROGRAM - SERVICE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT - TRANSIT (BUS  
SERVICE)

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - GREG PHILLIPS - PRESTON - A. PHILLIPS**  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - PUBLIC HEALTH - DRUG ENFORCEMENT -  
EDUCATION/SCHOOL LIAISON - COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & TRUSTEES - SENIOR  
CITIZENS - HOMELESS



## REPORTS OF OFFICIALS

### Report of Mayor Feeney:

Mayor Feeney stated that they had closed the applications for the Master Plan Advisory Committee yesterday and that he is very excited about it and that it will soon be on its way. He also stated that he would like to get introductions started for Council members to the Directors of each City Department. He stated that Dave Fishel has offered tours of the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He added that the Wastewater Treatment Plant, in particular, is one of heightened attention because of all of the planning for improvements of the state of that facility. He said that Mr. Fishel did this a couple of years ago and coordinated those tours through the President of Council. He said he will have Mr. Fishel communicate directly with President Gieringer to get those tours underway. Mayor Feeney said that from there they will continue with introductions to the other Directors so that they can get familiar with each other. He said his final item for this evening was to wish our Clerk and our Safety Service Director a happy birthday, as well as a Happy New Year to everybody.

### Report of Auditor Spetnagel:

Auditor Spetnagel stated that she did not have anything to report this evening.

### Report of Law Director Villarreal:

Law Director Villarreal jokingly stated that the only thing she can conclude is that her law counterpart, Jason Miller, who was at the meeting last time, must have talked too long, because she doesn't even have a microphone at this meeting. She said she did see that and does recognize that and that she will be sure to tell him. She said that her office had passed out reports and said if anyone has any questions to please feel free to call her or stop her. She said she also brought last years just in case anyone wanted to compare. She said they did have something on a sad note, that Teresa did lose her mother recently. She said they have been trying to get her through that, and as you know it is always a very difficult time. She said Teresa appreciates everyone's thoughts and prayers, and she said to say thank you to everybody and that she certainly appreciates that.

### Report of President Gieringer:

President Gieringer stated that he had nothing to report.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Payne stated that she had received an assignment on December 31<sup>st</sup> that was to review the term length for Council members. She said she would like to have the first committee meeting to discuss this on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Phillips stated that he would like to follow Ms. Payne's committee meeting to review assignment #21-085 regarding the community organization funding request, so that the two new committee members can get up to speed on it. He said that he hopes to present the request for legislation soon if that goes well.

Mr. Fairrow stated that he, too, would like to hold a committee meeting after the other two on the 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss assignment #21-096 regarding the proposed canopy for 14-16 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Ms. Nickerson inquired about assignment #21-089 that pertained to forming an Arts Committee that Ms. Lewis chaired and that she was also a part of last year. She asked where they stand on that.

Ms. Gillum pointed out that the arts is listed under the Development Committee and asked if maybe it could be included with that committee. President Gieringer and Ms. Nickerson both agreed that would be okay. President Gieringer said that assignment #21-089 would be reassigned to the Development Committee since it encompasses the arts.

President Gieringer inquired if there were any nominations for the President Pro Tempore. Mr. Anthony Phillips stated that he would like to nominate Councilperson Preston. President Gieringer stated that there was a nomination. Mr. Anthony Phillips moved and Ms. Payne seconded that Ms. Preston be appointed as President Pro Tempore. All members present voted "yea", and President Gieringer declared the motion adopted.



### COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS AND CALENDAR

President Gieringer summarized the upcoming committee meetings as follows: On Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be three committee meetings in Council Chambers starting at 6:30 p.m. The first one will be the Human Resources Committee to review the assignment regarding the term length of Council members. He said that meeting will be followed by the Community Affairs Committee to discuss the assignment regarding community organization funding. Finally, he stated that the Engineering Committee will follow that meeting to discuss the assignment regarding the proposed canopy for 14-16 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

President Gieringer announced that there were no new committee assignments since the last meeting for inclusion in the Journal of Council.


President Gieringer announced that the next Regular Council meeting will be next Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

### READING AND PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

There were no new items for placement on the agenda to read for this meeting.

President Gieringer inquired if there was a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Payne moved and Mr. Fairrow seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. All nine members present voted "yea" and President Gieringer declared the motion adopted. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
President of Council