

The Council of the City of North Royalton caucused in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **February 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Council: President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives Jessica Fenos, Linda Barath, Dan Langshaw, Jeremy Dietrich, Vincent Weimer, Michael Wos, Legislative Services Director Dana Schroeder; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly

Agenda reviewed.

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **February 4, 2020 in regular session.** The meeting was called to order at **7:02 p.m.** by President of Council Paul Marnecheck and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes: January 21, 2020
- b. Legislation:

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

RESOLUTION 20-34

Introduced by: Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos, Mayor Antoskiewicz. **A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MATTHEW TROTTNOW ON THE ATTAINMENT OF THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT.** Title read.

- No one on Council wished to have an item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.
- No one in the audience wished to have a legislative item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Moved by Ms. Barath, seconded by Mr. Weimer to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee for those legislative items on the Consent Agenda.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Wos **to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented and read.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: No report.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT: Mr. Marnecheck introduced Kelly Tesar (present) as the new Confidential Secretary for the Council Office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

All Committees, Boards, and Commissions announced the dates and times of their next regularly scheduled meetings and reviewed items currently on their agendas. All meetings are held at City Hall, 14600 State Road, unless otherwise noted. A complete meeting schedule is available from the Council Office. **Any changes to the regular schedule of Council or committee meetings are noted below.**

LEGISLATION

THIRD READING CONSIDERATION:

ORDINANCE 19-115

Introduced by: Marnecheck. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT AND A MEMORANDUM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CELLCO PARTNERSHIP, DBA VERIZON WIRELESS GRANTING THE RIGHT TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY PPN 481-07-026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

No Action.

FIRST READING CONSIDERATION

ORDINANCE 20-35

Introduced by: Langshaw, Wos, Dietrich. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2020 FORD INTERCEPTORS FOR THE NORTH ROYALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, VENDOR LEBANON FORD, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$96,162.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Weimer, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). **Motion carried.** Moved by Ms. Barath, seconded by Mr. Weimer to **adopt Ordinance 20-35.**

ORDINANCE 20-36

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-103, STAFFING AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, SECTION 7 POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Weimer to **amend Ordinance 20-36 by removing Section 17 City Hall from the Title and amending to retain I.T. Systems Administrator-LAN Manager/I.T. Director in the Police Department staffing and classification ordinance and creating the position of I.T. Systems Network Technician in the Police Department.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Weimer, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to **adopt Ordinance 20-36.**

Mr. Langshaw stated it makes sense due to the technology needs for the city, but would like the Mayor to explain what the plan is for the position. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated the idea behind this is that because the way the I.T. Department has grown over time, the current person that we have can no longer handle everything that's put on his table, especially his primary right now is a LEADS tech for the Police Department, which is a specialized security. With that, what the plan is that we are going to hire another tech and that person will be assigned to the Police Department. He will get his LEADS certification and his primary goal will be to take care of Police and Fire. Brian Beals will then shift over to City Hall to take care of the rest of the city buildings so we can start getting the coverage we really need. Everyone is aware of the way security is nowadays and if you do not stay on top of it...the needs of the city have changed. Mayor Antoskiewicz felt that we really needed to add this increment to get out I.T. up to speed. Mr. Beals is falling behind a little because there is too much for him to handle.

Mr. Langshaw thanked the Mayor for creating this new position and that we need to have all of the technology and cyber security as well. He believes it is a good change and he supports the new job.

Mayor Antoskiewicz added that we are going thru training that Mr. Beals has provided to all of our city employees. As we know it is very easy to get caught and he thinks Council has seen some of these things come thru their paths and we just need to keep up with everything.

Mr. Weimer stated that he would like to commend the Mayor on making the decision to add to the I.T. Department. As an I.T. professional the world that we live in is getting more and more complex from a technology stand point and the threats to the City and local government is becoming a lot more so, so having Brian capable of sort of focusing in on those protections more than he is and having the time to do that is a great asset to the City.

Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 20-37

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-114 ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON NON-UNION EMPLOYEES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Placed **on second reading.**

ORDINANCE 20-38

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-114 ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON NON-UNION EMPLOYEES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Ms. Barath to amend Ordinance 20-38 by amending to clarify that the I.T. Systems Administrator-LAN Manager/I.T. Director stays under the wage schedule for Police/Fire Departments and then also adding the I.T. Systems Network Technician to the wage schedule for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year in 2020. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Vos). **Motion carried.** Moved by Ms. Barath, seconded by Mr. Langshaw to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Vos). **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Vos, seconded by Mr. Weimer to **adopt Ordinance 20-38.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Vos). **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE 20-39

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz, Marnecheck, Dietrich. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART TWO ADMINISTRATION CODE, CHAPTER 280 RECREATION BOARD, SECTION 280.09 RECOGNIZED CITY SPORTS PROGRAMS/COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, PARAGRAPH (b)(4), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Placed **on second reading**

ORDINANCE 20-40

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON PART 12 PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 1282 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, SECTION 1282.03 DEFINITIONS; MEASUREMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 1282.05 SCHEDULE OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 1282.10 PARKING AREA IMPROVEMENTS, SECTION 1282.12 CRITERIA TO DETERMINE BASIC STALL SIZE AND REPEALING PART 12 PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 1282 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, SECTION 1282.13 TABLE OF DESIGN DIMENSIONS FOR VARIOUS PARKING ANGLES AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 1282.17 LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Placed **on second reading and referred to Planning Commission and Building and Building Codes Committee.**

ORDINANCE 20-40

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.** Title read.

Placed **on second reading and referred to Finance Committee.**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Fred Schriever, Jr., 10282 Foxwood Drive:

Mr. Schriever addressed Mayor Antoskiewicz and Council. Mr. Schriever stated he has been a resident for about 15 years. He came here to ask City Council what their position is on the single use plastic bag ban which the County of Cuyahoga passed. He is aware of 3 suburbs have opted out and he believes the City of Cleveland at one point was considering what they were going to do. This is open to Council to decide to participate. Mr. Schriever stated here are his reasons why he doesn't think we should. His question is, how do we benefit? He stated he sees no benefit in banning plastic bags, in fact he will give a list of small things that will cost him in this process. He stated when he says no benefit, if we had plastic bags hanging from our trees, blowing across his lawn, he would say okay, I see this. You don't find this in North Royalton, probably because our residents are a little better than the average and they keep their property clean. They make sure their garbage stays in the garbage. He stated how is this going to cost us. Most are small, some are a little bigger. Right now, he uses these little plastic bags as liners for his waste baskets. Now he has to buy them and it's a cost. Energy is required to make reusable bags. Everyone forgets these reusable bags take up energy if we are trying to do something environmentally. There is a

lot of loss in making bags. You have to clean them; there is energy, soap, whatever in getting these bags cleaned for your stuff from the grocery store. And keep in mind, the groceries aren't always clean. The produce isn't totally clean and some of the cans (they can explode) and gets on the other cans. Bottles of milk have milk on the side of them. The extra time it takes in the check out line; he has been in Giant Eagle now waiting and watching the line and it probably takes twice as long to check out of that store as it used to. That is a cost to him of his time, it's a cost to the merchant, because now they have to have more employees in order to be able to handle that. Simple thing; bring those bags in his house, now he has to take them all back out to his car. That means turning on the light in his garage and put them out in the car. Now, it's small but there is some energy loss there just in returning those things. Cost of buying reusable bags; they are pretty cheap right now, but still there is a cost. Cost of buying a single use bag, if you forget to bring your bags into the store; now you have your stuff and you have a choice: either buy the bags or leave your things in the cart and go to your car and get the bags. Extra cost to the merchant; the merchants are going to pass this on to us, but their employees are standing around watching us pack our bags, which is inconvenient because the plastic bags had this little rack, you pull it out, stuff your things in, and pull it off the rack. Now you have your floppy cloth bag or bottle reusable construction bag. They do not stand up nicely until you get things in them. So, it takes you longer to pack, plus it's really generally been left now to the customer to pack the stuff; before the employee at the grocery store used to pack. Mr. Schriever stated theft; now that the store doesn't really know if you go out without a bag, did you pay for that stuff or didn't you pay for that stuff. They can ask you for your receipt but now they have to have someone at the door watching you, kind of like BJ's does. Basically, it takes twice as long now to get out of the grocery store from the time you get in line and out thru that. He doesn't understand the value to North Royalton residents of this law and he would encourage Council to consider being one of the suburbs that opts out of it.

Mr. Marnecheck thanked Mr. Schriever and he stated that committees are the place where we do the back and forth. The right committee for this will be Building and Building Codes. Mr. Marnecheck stated he spoke with the Chairwoman for Building and Building Codes and the next meeting will be here, February 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Schriever stated he hopes he will be available to come to this next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Langshaw, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to **adjourn the February 4, 2020 City Council meeting**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Fenos, Barath, Langshaw, Dietrich, Weimer, Wos). **Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**

APPROVED: /s/ Paul F. Marnecheck DATE APPROVED: February 18, 2020
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: /s/ Dana A. Schroeder
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES