

The Council of the City of North Royalton caucused in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **June 20, 2023 at 7:54 p.m.**

**PRESENT: Council:** President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives John Nickell, Linda Barath, Joanne Krejci, Jeremy Dietrich, Heidi Webber, Michael Wos, Legislative Services Director Dana Schroeder; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, Finance Director Jenny Esarey

Agenda reviewed.

**Ordinance 23-69:** There was a consensus with Council to vote on this Ordinance this evening.

Mr. Kelly stated he wanted to allow for the potential for 3 readings to get it on the docket sufficiently in time to get it downtown to the Board of Elections. Mr. Kelly stated he had no objection to Council voting on this item this evening.

Mr. Marnecheck asked that Council goes over the amendment to the solar panel **Ordinance (23-75)**; leaving alone the provision about where they can be located and adding the safety components.

Ms. Schroeder stated the only thing we are taking out is (b)(3). Mr. Marnecheck stated no. Ms. Krejci stated we are unmarking it.

Mr. Nickell asked that this goes to second reading. Mr. Marnecheck stated this will go back in committee and placed on second reading.

The Council of the City of North Royalton met in the North Royalton City Hall Council Chambers, 14600 State Road on **June 20, 2023 in regular session.** The meeting was called to order at **7:58 p.m.** by President of Council Paul Marnecheck and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT: Council:** President of Council Paul Marnecheck, Council Representatives John Nickell, Linda Barath, Joanne Krejci, Jeremy Dietrich, Heidi Webber, Michael Wos, Legislative Services Director Dana Schroeder; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, Finance Director Jenny Esarey

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes June 6, 2023
- b. Authorize the Mayor and City Engineer to advertise for bids for the Memorial Park All Purpose Trail.
- c. Legislation:

#### **RESOLUTION 23-70**

Introduced by: Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Wos. **A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OF JEFF HASTINGS.** Title read.

#### **RESOLUTION 23-71**

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS E. PHILLIPS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JEFF HASTINGS AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

#### **ORDINANCE 23-72**

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF TRAVELERS INSURANCE FOR PROPERTY CASUALTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE SUM OF \$305,028, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** 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 Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **excuse Ms. Webber from voting on the June 6, 2023 minutes**. Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Vos) Nays: **None**. (Excused: Webber). **Motion carried**.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Antoskiewicz stated Dave Conley from First Energy is here this evening to speak to reintroduce himself to Council, give information, and go over a few things.

***Mr. Conley – Regional External Affairs***

Mr. Conley stated his role with the company is that he acts as the liaison between First Energy back to public officials, police, fire, emergency personnel; life line to the company when you have questions or big projects.

Mr. Conley stated he works with the western suburbs of Cuyahoga County; Broadview Heights, North Royalton, Strongsville, up to Westlake, Lakewood and everything in between. North Royalton does a great job by notifying any issues; letting the mayor's office know.

A pamphlet was distributed. Mr. Conley stated most people don't think about the power company until unfortunately the lights aren't on.

Mr. Conley stated the way our storm process works is that it usually starts a few days or even a week before a major storm event happens. During these phases, employees (meteorologists) are watching weather patterns to see what's going on; how it may affect our service territory. We may start bringing in mutual assistance from our sister companies; Toledo Edison, Ohio Edison, which are the distribution companies. There are also mutual assistance companies throughout the country. After the storm hits, we are going start in our hazard response; when wires are down, we are going to get to them 1<sup>st</sup>. That's when you may see one of our trucks in your neighborhood, do some work on a pole and drive away, but your power is not back on. This is when your constituents are coming to you with their concerns and asking if we are coming back. What the company is doing is moving onto the next wire and making sure all is safe 1<sup>st</sup>. Once hazards are under control, then we will be working on our large outages; substation transmission level outages, then you can get thousands of customers back on and at the same; prioritizing hospitals and critical infrastructure. As we get the major outages under way and under control, we are working our way down into the neighborhood outages; you have a thousand or so people on a circuit locked out, into the individual neighborhood; down to the single street, down to the single light. You may be without power for a long time. We are working largest to smallest and getting the most people on as quickly as possible.

Mr. Conley stated the most important thing that a resident can do when they don't have power is to let us know. They need to call us – 1-888-LIGHTSS or go to the website and report it there. People can sign up for text messages; get status updates regarding the outages.

Ms. Krejci stated she has called Mr. Conley a number of times on issues and it's been wonderful having the one resource to go to. Mr. Krejci stated Mr. Conley has been very helpful and she wanted to thank him.

Mr. Nickell asked Mr. Conley if it is First Energy that is putting antennas all over the city. Mr. Conley stated if it's the antenna (tall poles), those are part of Smart Grid; this allows communication. There are 2 in North Royalton; it's an expanded communication network. We have equipment that's going in to place in the field that allows us to open and close pieces of equipment to restore power automatically from our dispatch down in Brecksville. It is a good asset to have.

Mayor Antoskiewicz stated Mr. Conley is a great resource and he has his number handy. He answers his calls and usually responds very well; gets stuff done for us.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** No report.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT:** Mr. Marnecheck stated due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July, we will meet next on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

All Boards and Commissions announced the dates and times of their next regularly scheduled meetings. 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.***

**SECOND READING CONSIDERATION****ORDINANCE 23-69**

Introduced by: Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos. **AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, THE COUNCIL, SUBSECTION (c), TERM; WARDS, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS IN LENGTH FOR ALL COUNCIL WARDS AND FOR TERM LIMITS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Dietrich to **adopt Ordinance 23-69.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Six** (Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **One** (Marnecheck). **Motion carried.**

**FIRST READING CONSIDERATION****ORDINANCE 23-73**

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 9 RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adopt Ordinance 23-73.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 23-74**

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 10 PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adopt Ordinance 23-74.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None.** **Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE 23-75**

Introduced by: Nickell, Krejci, Webber. **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART 14 BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE, TITLE SIX MISCELLANEOUS BUILDING REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1477 REGULATIONS FOR THE USE AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, SECTION 1477.04 STANDARDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Placed on **second reading**

**ORDINANCE 23-76**

Introduced by: Mayor Antoskiewicz. **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH ABBEY ROAD PROPERTIES LLC FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE DEFINED AS PPN'S 483-04-002 AND 483-04-003, YORK BETA DRIVE FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$199,440.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Title read.

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **suspend the rules requiring three readings and referral to committee.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.** Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath **to adopt Ordinance 23-76.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adjourn the June 20, 2023 City Council meeting.** Roll Call: Yeas: **Seven** (Marnecheck, Nickell, Barath, Krejci, Dietrich, Webber, Vos). Nays: **None. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.**

APPROVED: /s/ Paul F. Marnecheck DATE APPROVED: July 5, 2023  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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