

**President Kevin Hardman called the Council meeting of May 12, 2009 to order at 7:50 p.m.** following the Council Work Session regarding the Sharonville Convention Center expansion. Al Ledbetter led Council in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mark Piepmeier followed the prayer.

### **ROLL CALL**

In attendance for Roll Call were Council Members: Kerry Rabe, Jim Dygert, Greg Pugh, Rob Tankersley, Vicki Hoppe, Bob Duerler and Janey Kattelman. Vicki Hoppe was in attendance but left the meeting due to another commitment prior to the passage of legislation.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes from the previous meeting of April 28, 2009 were approved as distributed.

### **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **MAYOR – VIRGIL LOVITT**

- Vicki Hoppe, introduced the Memorial Day Essay winners (Christy Caporale from St. Michael's, Aaliyah Davis from Stewart Elementary and Michael Hayworth from Sharonville Elementary) who read their essays for Council and who will be the keynote speakers for the Memorial Day program. The Memorial Day program is sponsored by the Sharonville Firemen's Club and the Sharonville Police Association. Representatives Firefighter Mike Morrison and Lt. Mark Preuss presented awards to these fifth grade students.
- Mayor's Court revenue collected for the month of April included \$31,183.73 in fines, \$680.00 in bond forfeitures and \$9,853.00 in State costs for a total of \$41,716.73.

#### **SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – TED MACK** – No Report

Vicki Hoppe left the Council meeting at this time due to another commitment.

#### **DEPUTY SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – CHRISTINE THOMPSON-JOHNSON**

- Jennifer Davis, a graduate of the UC College of Design, provided a presentation to Council on the process of a new Sharonville logo she designed with input from the committee over the past year.
- An audit was done to determine what is successful for other municipalities as well as businesses and other organizations.
- The committee chose traditional but not old; naturalistic to speak to the people and the emotional element of the City; refined but not stuffy; progressive but not edgy and with the focus on the community.
- The banners are a unique feature that Sharonville has not had as an identity so far. They are optimistic as well as celebratory for festivals and parades. Subliminally, the banners look like an S which is reinforcing the City itself.
- The department logos are derived from but not identical to the City's logo.
- The tag line (ie. Locate, Create, Grow) has not been finalized and could be a changeable feature as Sharonville changes.
- The banners could be used in the City along the street whether made of fabric or metal.
- Greg Pugh commented regarding their discussions of designing a logo for people coming through Sharonville not necessarily marketing to the people who are already committed to Sharonville.

- Kerry Rabe felt that it was attractive and tasteful. He also liked the idea of the banners along the streets.
- Tom Keating liked the concept of the S but suggested making it more of an S. He asked if the committee had done any type of evaluation of the expense with the multiple colors. Christine Thompson-Johnson noted that the committee had discussed taking a phased-in approach.
- Janey Kattelman thought it was attractive but at first felt it was small and needed to be analyzed. She noted that she does like the concept but would like to have more pop to it.
- Jennifer Davis identified that it was intended to be abstract where each individual can analyze and interpret it.
- Virgil Lovitt identified that he was more literal. He expressed appreciation to Jennifer Davis and the committee for all of the work they had done.
- Lt. Preuss noted that the font style seemed to be identical to what was on the cruisers years ago and felt old school. The logo font is Optima.
- Christine Thompson-Johnson identified to Council that the committee was looking for direction from Council as to whether they could move forward with the concept or if they needed to keep working on it. Kevin Hardman requested a Voice Vote of Council and the concept was approved.

**DEPUTY SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR – ROBERT FISHER**

- Official word has been received that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be received in the amount of \$130,000. The funds will be used to update different aspects of the Golden View Acres property. Legislation will be brought to Council to allow the City to move forward with the contracts that will need to be issued.
- Additional CDBG funds are available from the federal stimulus dollars. The City of Sharonville is eligible for up to \$100,000 through this special program. This money would be used to replace additional HVAC units at the Golden View Acres property and to make the buildings more energy efficient. A Voice Vote is requested this evening to pursue additional CDBG funds for HVAC units and energy efficiency. The application is due by May 21.

**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – KEVIN HARDMAN**

- An Executive Session will be needed this evening prior to the legislation to discuss potential acquisition of property.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL – MARTHA CROSS FUNK** – No Report

**AUDITOR – MARK PIEPMEIER**

- The Auditor's report for the month of April was submitted to Council.
- Thirty-one percent of the budget has been spent with one third of the year completed.

**TREASURER – AL LEDBETTER**

- The Treasurer's report for the month of April was submitted to Council.
- Al Ledbetter received information from Budget Director Amy Moore that the FEMA money has been received for the efforts that were expended due to Hurricane Ike.
- Municipal Treasurer's must be certified by the State of Ohio. Al Ledbetter attended the training on April 16 and should be receiving the certification soon.

### **LAW DIRECTOR – TOM KEATING**

- The hearing on the Garage Bar & Grill liquor permit revocation started yesterday. The City had several police officers in attendance, two business owners as witnesses and affidavits. The hearing will be continued in progress until sometime in June.

### **RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL** - None

### **BUILDING, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - KERRY RABE**

- Permit fees collected for the month of April are up when compared to the same period last year. Total deposits for the month of April are \$60,361.43. Total deposits year to date are \$83,684.00. A summary of key activities for April is as follows:
- Permit issued to Ford Motor Company for change in process from propane to acetylene.
- Permit issued for Embry Riddle expansion at 100 Triangle Park.
- Permit issued for Miami Jacob Career College at 2 Crowne Point Court. They are bringing in 50 or more employees.
- Permit issued to Thinkronize at Park 42 for interior alteration.
- The Code Enforcement Task Force did a group drive around the City on April 15. Most of the violations found were handled with courtesy letters.
- The Hearing Officer for the Phillip Mink case at 11034 Woodward Drive has asked the City to file a summary explanation of the case and scheduled the hearing for the second half of May. There has been some back-and-forth delay between Mr. Mink and the Hearing Officer. It appears that this issue is finally in line to go forward with the hearing and come to some conclusion on which to proceed.
- CDS did a survey of the Whisper Way subdivision and found the survey conducted by Mr. Duffy to be in error. This was due to a corner marker originally set in the wrong place. This led to Mr. Duffy placing a marker in Ed Britton's rear yard. CDS and Cincinnati Land Surveying will set a new pin in the correct spot and record the plat with Hamilton County. Ed Britton's original property lines are correct.

### **NORTHERN LIGHTS CORRIDOR – JIM DYGERT**

- Information was presented on the proposed Convention Center expansion during the work session prior to Council this evening. Jim Dygert expressed appreciation for the great job that Will Greiner does at the Convention Center.

### **PUBLIC WORKS – GREG PUGH**

- The bids for the 2009 Street, Curb and Sidewalk, Street Painting and Trash Collection contracts were opened April 23. All of the programs had a larger number of bidders than usual with the exception of the trash collection bid. CSI and Rumpke were the only two to submit bids for trash collection.
- The bids have been evaluated and references checked by Tom Losekamp. The Administration received the recommendations from Public Works. The awarding of contracts may be available the week of May 11 to 15.
- The new HVAC unit installed late last fall has had the compressors fail on start-up this spring. G. M. Mechanical and McQuay Engineers visited City Hall and determined that all three compressors need to be changed. The compressors were replaced on May 5. The warranty on the compressors has been extended to 2014.
- A new condenser is needed on the unit for the Council Chambers. AirTech is getting the part and will install it soon.

- A program is being developed for changing all signs and posts pertaining to traffic. The Federal Highway Administration is requiring most signs to be reflective by the year 2018. A plan must be in place by 2012 to change all the regulatory signs (stop and warning signs) by 2016. Street and overhead guide signs must be changed by 2018.
- Chesterdale Road parking bumpers are being straightened and fastened down.
- Drury Inn landscaping along I-75 has finally been approved by ODOT. This project has been pursued by Public Works and the Drury Inn since January 2007.
- Some widening of Kemper Road, Mosteller Road and the ramps from I-275 to Mosteller has been done by Kokosing. The foundations for the signal poles are being drilled and installed.
- The rain, a shortage of personnel as well as the age and condition of the equipment has hampered efforts by Public Works to stay ahead of the grass and weeds. Some overtime has been worked the past few days to try to catch up and get on a regular schedule.
- Mike Carlson is still on leave while recovering from knee surgery.
- Rick Ostendorf returned to work on April 27 after shoulder surgery in January.
- Mark Lemen and Jimmy Stinnett have been hired as seasonal employees.

### **FIRE & POLICE – ROB TANKERSLEY**

- On April 11, third shift officers arrested two juveniles who were seen breaking into cars at the Paige East Apartments. Further investigations by officers revealed that these two juveniles had been spray painting various buildings in the area as well as dumpsters.
- On April 16, two juveniles entered a residence on Sharon Meadows and removed a Nintendo game system as well as a Sony PSP game system. Officers believe that the boys entered the house through an unlocked door. Both individuals were arrested and charged with burglary. These individuals were the same ones involved in the thefts at Paige East.
- On April 18, third shift officers responded to an alarm drop at the UDF on Route 42. The officers encountered a male subject walking through the lot. Further investigation revealed that the suspect in the lot had parked at Rally's and was loading his car with stolen merchandise from the business. Officers did not find forced entry as the employees had failed to lock the door at closing.
- On April 18, Officer Griffith was bitten by a suspect when the individual tried to swallow drugs in his possession. Two baggies of heroin and crack cocaine were recovered. Officer Griffith was treated and returned to duty the same shift.
- On April 19, Officer Hermes cited a Sharonville resident for an open burn after observing the subject pouring gasoline on a bonfire at a residence on Grandview Drive.
- On April 20, a Gabriel Brothers employee was arrested after passing counterfeit bills. Further investigation revealed that a co-worker had provided her with the money to give out as change to unsuspecting customers. The case has been forwarded to the Secret Service.
- On April 24, a student was beaten and robbed in the restroom of the Scarlet Oaks Vocational School. Two students have been arrested and charged with robbery.
- On April 29 at the Timber Ridge Apartments, Immigration and Customs agents removed and arrested 15 individuals from Kyrgyzstan for violating the terms of their student visas. All 15 will be deported.
- Third grade seat belt classes at Sharonville and Stewart Elementary were taught with 130 students in attendance.
- St. Michael's 6<sup>th</sup> grad DARE graduation was held on April 27.
- The Police Department provided employee training at the Community Center covering the procedures for the reporting of criminal activity. 12 employees were in attendance.

- A railroad public safety event was conducted in conjunction with the Norfolk Southern Railroad on April 14. Safety information was provided to motorists by the railroad company.
- A bullying prevention program was held at the St. Michael's PTA meeting with 25 parents/teachers in attendance.
- The mock car crash was held at Princeton High School on Thursday, April 30. Officer Davis coordinated the Police and Fire Departments as well as Air Care of this event. Positive feedback was received from both students and faculty.

**RECREATION – VICKI HOPPE** – Absent at this time due to another commitment

- This information was reported by Janey Kattelman on Vicki Hoppe's behalf
- The sixth annual Community Garage Sale will be held in the multi-purpose room (old gym) this Saturday May 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Over 40 booths will offer "treasures" of all sorts. There is no admittance fee.
- "Wall-E" will be presented for Family Movie Night on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. The Recreation Department welcomes back family movie nights at the Upper Grove during the summer. They will be held indoors in the old gym during cool and inclement weather. The Sharonville Fire Department Club and fire union is sponsoring the movie nights by providing the licensing fee and refreshments. This event is free and open to the public.
- Sharonville Senior Cinema will be held for those 50 years and older on May 18 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the newly renovated Sharonville Fine Arts Center. All tickets must be purchased in advance at the Community Center. No tickets can be sold at the door because of licensing requirements. The price of the ticket includes a soft drink and popcorn.
- Pools are being readied this month for the openings on Memorial Day Weekend beginning Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. as well as Monday, May 25 from noon to 8:00 p.m. The pools will be open only on weekends until the first full day of operation which will be Wednesday, June 3 at noon.
- Families are welcome to join in the Sharonville Family Camp Out in Gower Park on Saturday, May 30 beginning at 7:00 in the evening and ending at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 31. Bring your tent. Enjoy games and prizes as well as a late movie. Families may bring their own food. Grills will be available. The teen TREC group will be selling hot dogs and s'mores. Sign up at the Community Center. The resident fee is \$12 per family and the non-resident fee is \$15 per family.
- Camp Sharonville begins its eight-week season on June 8 while Adventure Camp begins on June 11. There are still openings for the summer.
- There will be a Senior Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, June 9 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at Anton's on Depot Square for those 50 years and older. The only cost of the program is the cost of the ice cream that you buy. Bring cards or a board game to enjoy a fun afternoon.
- The Annual Touch-A-Truck that features many departments in the City working together to bring a fun and educational experience to kids of all ages will take place in the Gower Park ball field on Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appreciation was expressed to the Fire Department for spearheading this wonderful event. Special thanks to the Police, Parks and Recreation and the Public Works Departments for help in organizing and displaying their vehicles.
- SYO spring soccer, softball and baseball are in full swing despite a rainy spring.

**HEALTH – BOB DUERLER**

- Cincinnati Paintball on Mosteller Road applied for a food license.
- Several complaints have been received on grass needing to be cut.

- Licensing for pools and home septic systems is ongoing.
- The Health Department is in the process of hiring a summer intern.
- Adrien Gertz and Todd Dudley gave presentations on Emergency Preparedness to the Kiwanis and to the Sharonville Seniors.
- Adrien Gertz conducted blood borne pathogen training for Recreation Department employees.
- Todd Dudley presented a seminar on Jared's Law at the School Administrators Conference in Columbus.
- The Health Department has been working with many agencies, including the Police and Fire Departments, to ensure that Sharonville is well prepared to deal with a swine flu or any other outbreak. Contact the Sharonville Health Department with any questions.

### **FINANCE & LAW – JANEY KATTELMAN**

- The next Law Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 5:15 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:35 p.m. the motion by Mrs. Kattelman to move to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of property was seconded. Roll Call Vote to move into Executive Session. Motion approved unanimously. At 9:02 p.m. the motion by Mrs. Kattelman to reconvene was seconded. Voice Vote Called. Motion approved unanimously.

### **RULE SUSPENSION MOTIONS**

The motion for suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow Late Delivery on Ordinance 2009-23 by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

The motion for suspension of the regular rules of Council to allow three readings on Ordinance 2009-23 by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Voice Vote on passage. Motion approved unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2009-20** – Amending Sharonville Codified Ordinance 521.13 (Weed Removal). The Clerk of Council gave the third reading of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2009-21** – Amending Sharonville Codified Ordinance 521.05 (Notice To Cut Weeds; Construct, Repair Or Clean Sidewalks; Abate Nuisances), Sharonville Codified Ordinance 1305.99 (Penalty), And Sharonville Codified Ordinance 1199.03 (Penalties, Subparagraphs (A) Through (J)). The Clerk of Council gave the third reading of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE 2009-22** – Authorizing Safety Service Director To Enter Into A Contract With CDS & Associates For Engineering Services For The Repaving Of Mosteller Road. The Clerk of Council gave the second reading of this ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE 2009-23** – Authorization And Approval To Expand The Sharonville Convention Center. The Clerk of Council gave the three readings of this ordinance. The motion for passage by Mr. Dygert was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved by a vote of 5 to 1 (Rabe – yes, Dygert – yes, Pugh – no, Tankersley – yes, Hoppe – absent, Duerler – yes, Kattelman – yes).

**RESOLUTION 2009-R-7** – Adopting The Rules And Regulations For The Hamilton County Storm Water District. The Clerk of Council read the resolution. The motion for passage by Mr. Duerler was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2009-R-8** – Authorizing The Disposal By Donation Or Otherwise Of Unusable Fire Department Equipment. The Clerk of Council read the resolution. The motion for passage by Mr. Tankersley was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

President called for a Voice Vote to appoint Lois Rafferty to the Sharonville Board of Health. The motion for passage by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Voice Vote called. Motion approved unanimously.

President Hardman called for a Voice Vote requesting Council’s approval to pursue additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which have been made available through federal stimulus dollars. The motion for passage by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. Voice Vote called. Motion approved unanimously.

President Hardman called for a Voice Vote requesting Council’s approval to open a purchase order for Megen Construction for construction management services through the initial phase of design for \$200,000. The source of funds is the 607 SCC Expansion fund. The motion for passage by Mr. Rabe was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

President Hardman called for a Roll Call Vote requesting Council's approval to increase the purchase order for CDS architectural services to expand the Sharonville Convention Center by \$600,000. The motion for passage by Mr. Pugh was seconded. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved unanimously.

**RESIDENTS DESIRING TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL** - None

**OTHER MATTERS TO BE HEARD BEFORE COUNCIL** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn the meeting by Mrs. Kattelman was seconded. President of Council Kevin Hardman adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

**ATTEST**

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Martha Cross Funk, Clerk of Council

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Kevin Hardman, President of Council

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