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SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

December 22, 2020

Mayor O'Callaghan called the City of Union special council meeting to order on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken and the following council members were present: Mayor O'Callaghan, Mr. Bruns, Mrs. Oberer, Mrs. Thomas-Roth, Mrs. Kyle, and Mrs. Perkins.

Other city staff members attending the meeting were John Applegate, City Manager, Denise Winemiller, Clerk of Council, and Joe Moore, Law Director.

Mayor O'Callaghan called for a moment of silence.

Mayor O'Callaghan said that Mr. Blackwell was trying to get off of work to attend the meeting and possibly could arrive late. However, the Mayor said at this time, he would move to excuse Mr. Blackwell from attending the meeting due to his having to work. Mr. Bruns seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed and Mr. Blackwell's absence was excused.

1. Mayor O'Callaghan asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections for the minutes of the December 14, 2020 council meeting. There were no corrections so Mr. Bruns moved that the minutes be accepted as prepared. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All the council members voted in favor of the motion so the minutes were accepted as prepared.

2. Citizen's and Visitor's Comments

Mayor O'Callaghan acknowledged Mr. Steven Stanley who would like to make a presentation concerning the two ordinances on the council agenda.

Mr. Stanley, of Montgomery County's Transportation Improvement District (TID) relayed the history of his association with the City of Union, back in 2013 on the site of the future industrial park. From that day, many discussions planning for the future led to the P & G facility being built.

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As an incentive to having the P & G facility built, Mr. Stanley had assisted in providing a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement with the City of Union and Montgomery County.

He was present at the meeting to discuss recent changes in Ohio law which would allow the city to extend the exemption period for the TIF agreement and change the percentage of funds coming to the city. He presented information on how the current TIF was working and what changes could be made in adopting Ordinances 1721 and 1722.

3. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1721 - AMENDING ORDINANCE 1567, TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION PERIOD FOR THE GLOBAL LOGISTICS PARK TIF, TO INCREASE THE TAX EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION TO THE VANDALIA-BUTLER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE MIAMI VALLEY CAREER TECHNOLOGY CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1721 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Thomas-Roth seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency Ordinance 1721. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1721 was adopted.

4. ONE READING – ORDINANCE 1722 – AMENDING ORDINANCE 1567 TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION FOR CERTAIN PARCELS COMPRISING THE GLOBAL LOGISTICS PARK IN THE CITY PURSUANT TO ORC 570951 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bruns moved that Ordinance 1722 be declared an emergency for the reasons set forth in the ordinance. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the motion was passed.

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Mr. Bruns then moved to have the one and only reading and adopt emergency ordinance 1722. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and emergency Ordinance 1722 was adopted.

5. Open Agenda

Mayor O'Callaghan and Mrs. Bernacchi of the Park Board had gone out and looked at all the holiday house decorating in the city and had chosen nineteen different residences that had decorated their homes. Mayor O'Callaghan said it made him very proud of the City of Union. Letters have gone out to those people and the addresses have also been put on the web site if people want to check that out and take a tour of the city to see the nineteen homes. He thanked Cynthia Bernacchi for assisting him in choosing the homes.

Mayor O'Callaghan wished everyone a safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year. He said "It has been a trying year but fortunately we have come through it fairly well and I hope that it stays that way." He also said he was looking forward to next year.

The council members wished everyone a merry Christmas.

Mr. Bruns thanked everyone in putting amendments to the TIF agreements together. He said he knew they had put a lot of effort into this. Mr. Bruns added, "It is really opening a door for our future."

Also, a reminder that the next meeting will be held on January 11, 2021, a regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Bruns wished everyone a safe year from this point on.

Mrs. Thomas-Roth wished everyone a merry Christmas and thanked the budget committee for how busy they had been especially recently.

Mr. Applegate said to echo what everyone has said about the future, it is "tomorrow. That is what this all means. Money from this will be generated in years to come. This sets the stage." Mr. Applegate said they thought P & G was a

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grand thing. He added that they know there are things coming and that they can look forward to 2021 being a very busy year. These amendments will also generate income tax money. He said he wanted to thank Mr. Steven Stanley for putting this all together. He wanted to thank Steve personally and the people working with them at the county, Mrs. Winemiller, Mr. Moore, and the city staff, for all the hours and time that they have been put in. He said it was due to the working relationship that they have with Mr. Stanley, the county administrator, and the county commissioners. Mr. Applegate added, "This was started in 2014 and 2015 and this is just another step of good regional government working together to make things happen and it all boils down to jobs. That is what keeps communities alive and that is what the city needs to be, not yesterday, not today, but it is tomorrow."

Mr. Applegate wished everyone happy holidays and a merry Christmas.

Mr. Moore he did not have much to add other than what had already been said but he wanted to say that this kind of information and work is not your everyday thing. Mr. Applegate, Mrs. Winemiller, and Mr. Stanley really made this work for the city and for the government. Mr. Moore added that Mr. Stanley is well versed in this and helps get things done and he is a pleasure to work with and this is a very good product.

Mr. Stanley said he would like to add to that. He said he works with many cities and he said it has been a delight to work with the council and the city manager and assistant city manager and he said they will be seeing a lot of him as they are just getting started.

Mrs. Winemiller thanked Mr. Stanley and his staff and his expertise that he brings to the table. She stated, "We hope to keep him on board for a few more years."

Mr. Stanley said it was an exciting time and he thought everyone would be happy with what the next year was going to bring.

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6. Mr. Bruns moved that the council meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Oberer seconded the motion. All concurred and the council meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Winemiller,
Clerk of Council

John Bruns, Vice Mayor