

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

February 20, 2024

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The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00pm on February 20, 2024.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call

Present: Lisa Evans, Kristopher Parrish, Ralph Vilardo Jr., Brad Price, Mark Thompson, Janet Cooper and Kim Chamberland. Also present was City Manager, Michael Doss, and Law Director Bryan E. Pacheco. The public was able to view via Facebook live and via ICRC TV broadcast.

Presentation: State of the City – City Manager Michael Doss Most Common Industries A municipality needs a Diversified Employment Portfolio to absorb any negative financial impact of a lost business or industry. Top 3Service Industry = 28%Light Industrial Manufacturing = 20%Professional and Technical Services = 18%Makeup 2/3 of the employment industry in the City of Milford

Quality of Life

Ohio’s Median Household Income is \$66,990
Ohio’s Median Home Value is \$183,300

Quality of Life

The expectation is that home ownership will increase in 2024/2025 with the addition of the Aerie and Redknot subdivisions.

Economic Development

The City is experiencing more renovations and remodels to existing commercial buildings and residential properties. A significant portion of the overall new construction valuation was the new subdivisions. Building permits remain steady with previous years. Several small businesses continue to take advantage of the small business incentive program in which businesses may receive up to a 50% rebate annually (maximum rebate amount is \$5,000) for external improvements such as windows, doors, and signage or permanent interior improvements such as HVAC, electrical, or fire protection.

Ribbon Cutting-The City Of Milford Welcomed Several Small Businesses In 2023

Ani + Mo
Magnify Education
Howard Hanna
SuperGreen Solutions
Resin Rockers
Stronger Her

Thank you for your investment in our ever-growing business community!

Infrastructure Improvements and Public Improvements-The City realizes 3-5% annual savings by participating with the Clermont County Engineer’s Office. Most of the savings are derived from area mobilization and bulk asphalt tonnage.

The paving of Cleveland Avenue coupled with the paving of South Milford Road in 2024 will complete approximately 70% of Milford’s major road arterials over the past six years. The remaining identified arterials are Garfield Avenue, Milford Parkway, and Chamber Drive.

The City continues to utilize the Pavement Management Study as a method of evaluating, scoring, and prioritizing street projects.

Infrastructure Improvements and Public Improvements continued

The Wallace Avenue and Garfield Avenue Waterline Replacement Project is funded by a combination of OWPC funds and ARPA funds. The outsourced funds fund approximately 90% of the \$1.2 million dollar project. The waterline project replaces and upgrades both the water supply line and discharge line from the water tower. The new lines will service the future new Wallace Water Tower and will provide increased line pressure, service delivery, and meet the capacity requirement for future City expansion. The project was completed on schedule at the end of 2023.

Five Points Landing Park

Phase I was completed in the fall of 2023. The total project cost for Phase I was \$3.1 million dollars. Phase I of the park includes restrooms, a splash fountain, a farmers’ market (opening in May 2024), meandering sidewalks, a performance landing area, parking, and several areas to sit, relax, and enjoy the outdoors. Phase I was funded by residents in support of the levy designed to bring about the creation of a park that would serve as the crown jewel of the Milford Park System and provide a gateway between downtown and uptown.

2024 Goals and Objectives

The new Wallace Water Tower is a \$3 million dollar investment funded by Ohio’s Water and Wastewater Program and will replace the existing water tower that was placed in service in 1955. The new tower is expected to be complete and in service by 2026.
Seven years ago, there were eleven empty lots. Today, only five developable lots remain on the entire Parkway. There is an expectation that a future development between Target and Cinemark Cinemas will produce enough investment interest to the development the remaining lots and complete the overall development which began over twenty-four years ago.
Milford continues our existence as a destination location for the greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. Increasing business equates to increased demand for parking and business recognition. Wayfinding will not

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only improve the vehicular traffic flow but also foot traffic as individuals patronize our downtown business district and visit our river and trails.

A second phase of the Riverside Walking Path will complete a true riverwalk experience long anticipated and recommended in the City’s original Park Master Plan. The walking path will combine all three parks (Riverside, Jonas, and Critchell) linking the park system with our business district and the Little Miami River.

The City will continue to address stormwater issues in our community. The City intends to apply for OPWC funding to begin to address long-standing stormwater issues for residents in and around the surrounding neighborhood.

In conclusion, the state of Milford is stronger than ever. Increasing tax revenues, commercial and resident property values, and continuous improvements to our public infrastructure will inevitably position the City with a prosperous future for the next generation of Milford residents and families.

Thank you.... City Council and the residents of Milford for allowing me to serve as your City Manager and be part of this special journey over the past eight years.

Proceedings

Approve the Council Meeting minutes from February 6, 2024, Mr. Parrish made a motion to approve the proceedings Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes

Correspondence: Ohio Division of Liquor Control EEAT Burgers LLC 714 Lila Av & Upper Deck Milford Ohio 45150 Permit Transfer. Mr. Vilardo made a motion to not request a hearing/do nothing Seconded by Mr. Parrish All yes

Financial Statements

Receive the January 2024 Financial Report Mr. Parrish made a motion to receive the report Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes

Public Comments

Donna Luecke – Milford Ohio

Asked if there would be any help before the completion of the water tower (2026) street repair as it stands right now? Mr. Doss stated that there will still be some street repair done at the site and there is one area that they have to leave open for when they turn the water line back on. There are plans to fix that area with paving in 2024/2025 to complete that road. Commended the Ford Development Group that were great workers! Real Estate Taxes increased – will Milford see the benefit of that and when will Milford see the benefit of the Park Levy money? Mr. Doss said that the money is already being taken out of the property tax. As far as the new evaluations are concerned, it will not impact the city as much as you think. Our State Representative Schmidt and Ohio Senator Terry Johnson are working hard to get this changed. The vape smoke shop on Lila Avenue, did they have to get a permit to paint that on the outside of that building? Mr. Doss said that he would have to check with Christine Celsor.

Mary Kipp – Milford Ohio

Ms. Kipp stated that she was addressing the inadequate River District Noise Ordinance. They have been subjected to quite a few evenings of music of what they feel is beyond what should be an allowed level. They were hoping that there would be some way to make some changes to the noise ordinance. Ms. Evans explained that at the time, council chose to go by time vs. decibel level. It is hard for the Police to patrol a decibel level where it is easier to patrol by time. Ms. Kipp stated that she is sure it is easier, but it is unpleasant and thinks there needs to be some changes. The music is coming from the Distillery, and they can hear the music coming from the rooftop even when their windows are closed.

Committee Reports None at this time

Police Department

This report summarizes the various activities and functions of the Milford Police Department during the month of January. *TRAINING* • All members completed RCIC Security Training. • Sergeants conducted training with their respective squads on Swatting. • All members completed a policy review and test on our Anti-Bias Based Policing Directive. *NOTABLE OCCURRENCES* • Squad One responded to Walmart for quick-change type theft where the suspect left with money and merchandise. The suspect had been arrested in Xenia and was positively identified by a Romanian passport. Det. Brown has submitted a Rule 16 for theft. • Squad Two responded to 740 Main (Lehr’s) for a reported theft of alcohol involving two unidentified females. Detective Brown was able to subsequently identify and charge the suspects. • Squad Three handled an OVI crash on Mohawk Trail where a utility pole was cut in half. The driver unharmed, however power out for almost 10hrs • Squad Three assisted the Indian Hill Rangers with a crash of a stolen auto following a traffic pursuit. Officer Dennis subsequently apprehended one of the suspects on the Bike Trail • Squad Three investigated a vehicle into house crash on Edgecombe Drive. The investigation revealed the driver had a seizure. MCFD determined the structural damage significant enough to necessitate the family evacuating. • Squad Four officers checked the welfare of Walmart management after CPD received a swatting call that an employee shot a manager at an unknown Walmart location. • Squad Four officers addressed a suicide attempt where a subject intentionally overdosed on over the counter

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medication. • Total number: 1101 o Extra Patrol (Vacation House Checks & School Checks): 519 o Offenses Investigated: 90 o Auto Accidents: 14 o Written Warnings: 117 o Traffic Citations: 145 *ADMINISTRATIVE* • Chief Mills met with a nineteen-year-old criminal justice major to discuss career opportunities. • Background investigations on three applicants were conducted. *COMMUNITY RELATIONS* • Squad One assisted with getting a homeless veteran in touch with resources to assist with housing and sobriety. • Officers conducted extra patrols at the Bike Trail Head to prevent smash and grabs. • Officers Mell and Clark received citizen compliments. • The Little Miami Brewing Company provided lunch for the officers and staff. *OUTSIDE MEETINGS AND ASSOCIATIONS* • Chief Mills wrote and proctored a written exam for the Hamilton Township Police Department’s sergeant selection process. • Chief Mills attended the monthly meeting of the Clermont County Chiefs of Police Association.

Fire and Ems Report

Chief Baird reported that Wyler Automotive Headquarters – held two-day conference/training at their facility. Acknowledge Wyler Automotive for their generosity. And Texas Roadhouse. Thank you. Also, thanking the fifth graders from Pattison Elementary School for dropping off Valentines Gift Baskets to Milford’s Police and Fire Fighters. Chief Baird also wanted to state that he has worked with two of the most outstanding City Manager’s. One from New Richmond/Dave Kennedy and the other is City of Milford City Manager/Michael Doss. Two of the finest individuals that he has had the pleasure to work with. Mr. Doss has successfully brought things to the City of Milford. Including the new water system which is essential that this be completed. This will give us a safety margin that we desperately need. And to go out and get these grants successfully with low interest loans gives you the type of money that you need to complete these multi-million-dollar infrastructure projects. It is essential to the operation of a city like this. Mr. Doss has done an outstanding job bringing the tax payer money back to the city, in support of the city.

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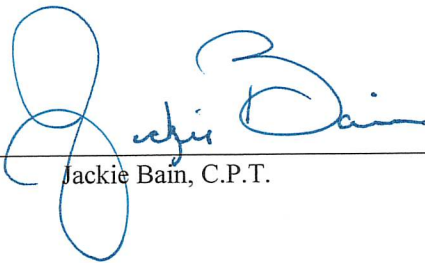
Ms. Cooper agreed with Chief Baird and Thanked Mr. Doss for all he does because most do not realize all that you do. Ms. Evans agreed and appreciated Ms. Cooper’s statements.

New Business:

Ordinances And Resolutions None at this time

Old Business:

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the City Council; Ms. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm with a motion from Mr. Parrish Seconded by Ms. Cooper All yes



Jackie Bain, C.P.T.



Lisa Evans, Mayor