

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Held
March 18, 2024
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The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00pm on March 18, 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. The public was able to view via ICRC TV broadcast.

Proceedings

Approve the Council Meeting Special Meeting minutes from March 5, 2024, Mr. Parrish made a motion to approve the proceedings Seconded by Mr. Vilardo All yes Approve the Regular Meeting Proceedings from March 5, 2024, Mr. Parrish made a motion to approve the proceedings Seconded by Mr. Vilardo All yes

Financial Statements

Receive the February 2024 Financial Report Mr. Parrish made a motion to receive the report Seconded by Mr. Vilardo All yes.

Public Comments None at this time

Committee Reports

Community Development Committee

Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024Ms. Cooper called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Present: Janet Cooper, Brad Price, Kristopher Parrish Staff: City Manager Michael Doss and Executive Assistant Jackie Bain Visitors: Darryl Donovan Appoint Committee Chairperson: Mr. Parrish made a motion to appoint Janet Cooper Seconded by Mr. Price All yes Proceedings: Mr. Parrish made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2023, Community Development Committee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Price All yes DISCUSSION: FIVE POINTS LANDING OUTDOOR FURNITURE Mr. Doss discussed how this is one of the last pieces of completing Phase I of the Five Points Landing Park. Staff researched various outdoor furniture companies that would fulfill the request for quality outdoor furniture that not only looked great but was also durable. Mr. Doss reviewed with the committee the estimate that was provided for the individual pieces of furniture. The company also provides a warranty on pieces of furniture as well. Minus a few benches, the furniture will be stored inside during the winter months. And replacing most of the furniture with some park benches. The estimated total is \$39,692.00. Mr. Doss has discussed this with Finance Director Pat Wirthlin and will require an Appropriation Amendment that will come out of the park budget and have to be reappropriated. Mr. Doss stated that this is something that we are all striving for with this park, is to make it another crown jewel premier park of Milford and as the gateway to downtown Milford and eventually uptown Milford. The committee discussed options regarding possibilities of securing the items in the park and benches that will be used at the park during the winter months. Without further discussion...THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE LAW DIRECTOR DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE OUTDOOR FURNITURE FOR FIVE POINTS LANDING FROM CLEAR CREEK AMISH FURNITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,692.00 Seconded by Mr. Parrish Mr. Vilardo asked if this was the amount budgeted for the park benches? Mr. Doss replied that there was no budgeted amount. Mr. Vilardo asked about the price of the furniture and if this is one company or do we have multiple bids? Mr. Doss stated that they had looked at multiple companies offering outdoor furniture but it was decided that this furniture provided a warranty and were more durable versus other cheaper equipment that was being offered. Mr. Vilardo asked about year round benches. Mr. Doss said that they could be but we would be storing the chairs and picnic tables and some of the benches inside during winter months. Mr. Vilardo no All others yes DISCUSSION: JIM TERRELL PARK CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH CONSTRUCTION BIDS City Manager Michael Doss reviewed with the committee competitive bid information from three companies. Engineering group/Kleingers regarding the Jim Terrell park Canoe/Kayak Launch Construction project specs that were out for bid. The goal is to have this site in operation by Memorial weekend. We did secure money from the State of Ohio, and their current Capital Budget for \$190,000. We also secured money from the Community Development Block Grant through the Clermont County Commission. Mr. Doss is still fighting to see if we can still utilize that money, because we should have expended that but the process that we had to go through, with permitting, has made this somewhat of a daunting task. But we are still trying to obtain the funds. Right now, we have \$190,000. If we can get them to allow us to still utilize the appropriated Community Development Block Grants, then it will be at no cost to the city. At this point, right now, if you accept the base bid and the alternatives, it will be approximately \$50 more than we receive from the State of Ohio. The bid that was recommended by our Engineer/Kleingers Group was Loveland Excavating and Paving. Mr. Doss is asking that we include Alternative #1/resurface Longworth Street and the parking lot and Alternative #2/Grass Pavers that would connect Longworth Street and off of Longworth Street, to the actual concrete boat launch itself. This will help maintain the greenspace area. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE LAW DIRECTOR DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN



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AGREEMENT WITH LOVELAND EXCAVATING AND PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,050.00  
Seconded by Mr. Parrish Mr. Vilardo stated that he hopes this will be an appropriate launch. All yes

Ms. Cooper asked if there will be a flag pole at the Five Points Landing Park? Mr. Doss stated that if that is the desire of the committee and council, he can obtain information and quotes to establish a display from a flag pole or for the flag to project from one of the structures at the park. Mr. Doss reviewed information from the Parks and Recreation meeting regarding the application guidelines for the Farmers Market. Darryl Donovan – Milford, Ohio Mr. Donovan discussed his concern with the parking in the area of Longworth Alley/boat launch. People think this is a public launch. He suggested widening the street and more control of the parking in the area. Mr. Doss is aware of the issues with parking in that area and will discuss them with the Chief of Police to have monitored. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m. with a motion from Mr. Price, Seconded by Mr. Parrish All yes. Respectfully submitted, Jackie Bain, Executive Assistant Council members agreed that the Five Points Landing Park should have a flag pole. Mr. Doss was asked to get a quote for both a single flag pole and a quote for a flag pole to fly three flags.

City Manager Report

MEMORANDUMTO: City Council FROM:City Manager CC: Jackie Bain, Executive\_Assistant/Clerk  
DATE: March 18, 2024, RE: Manager’s Report Rivers Edge Development – Vision Development has approached the City about getting on the April Board of Zoning Appeals agenda for the proposed apartment complex between Target and Cinemark Cinema at Rivers Edge. The proposed 300+ unit, high-end apartment complex would be an estimated \$50 million investment and likely be completed in late 2026. Downtown Redevelopment – The City continues to have meetings with potential developers regarding the Fountain Specialist block of downtown. Developers propose a mixed-use development with additional parking on Main Street and High Street to accommodate additional demand. Five Points Landing Park Farmers Market – The City will begin soliciting vendors for the market later this week. Applications will be made available online later in the week. The Market is expected to open the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend from 8:00 am to noon. The City is exploring an evening market on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month. New Finley Ray Park Sports Complex – Representatives from the baseball/softball and soccer associations have met with FC Cincinnati and the City to explore an expansion of FCC’s youth soccer academy and the prospect of a new complex for youth sports in the community. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS None at this time REMINDERS March 19 – Election Day March 23 – Easter Eggstravaganza at Riverside Park 10:00 am April 2 – City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm April 10 – Tree Commission at 2:00 pm April 10 – Planning Commission at 6:00 pm.

Police Report

Chief Jamey Mills department report summarizes the various activities and functions of the Milford Police Department during the month of February. *TRAINING* • Sergeant Belcher attended the annual Police Executive Leadership College conference in Columbus. • All members reviewed and signed off on our Patrol Operations Directive. *NOTABLE OCCURRENCES* • Squad One investigated two stolen Chevy Camaros from Mike Castrucci Chevrolet. The vehicles were subsequently located in a parking garage at 231 W. 4th St. in Cincinnati. • Squad One took a report from a victim who reported missing Oxycodone pills. A fellow resident was identified as the suspect and subsequently confessed to Detective Brown. • Squad One assisted a resident who reportedly received an email from Norton Anti-virus stating her computer was compromised. The victim paid over \$800 before realizing it was a scam. • Squad One investigated a single vehicle crash that involved a driver crossing the center line on Main Street and striking a telephone pole near Five Points Landing. • Squad Two officers responded to 825 Main for a male acting erratic and operating a motor vehicle. Officers located a male having a drug induced episode which resulted in a Response to Resistance situation. The suspect was subsequently charged with OVI and resisting arrest. • Squad Two responded to 603 Brooklyn Ave for a Breaking & Entering in progress. Several agencies were called to assist with perimeter and canine search, which resulted in a female suspect being apprehended and charged with Breaking and Entering. • Squad Two responded to a road rage/hit-skip accident where the suspect vehicle struck two vehicles prior to the suspect fleeing. The suspect was later located and charged with a variety of traffic offenses as well as Leaving the Scene of an Accident. • Squad Two responded to Walmart for trouble with a female refusing to leave and making threats toward staff. Officers attempted several unsuccessful de-escalation techniques before ultimately charging her with Criminal Trespass. • Squad Two investigated an auto accident involving a vehicle striking a building after striking a parked car and propelling it into Memorial Park. • Squad Three responded to a structure fire 959 Mohawk, that started when a resident fell asleep while cooking. • Squad Three investigated a vehicle rollover at the Oakwood Apartments where the driver fled prior to police arrival. The driver was later identified and cited by Officer Bogan. • Squad Four took a report of a “smash and grab” from a parked vehicle at Terrell Park. • Squad Four mediated a large disturbance between families at the Oakwood Apartments, which was set off by poor juvenile behavior. • Squad Four located old spent casings in the area where a shots fired call was received. No other information was available at the time; however, an officer safety bulletin was issued, and the information was subsequently shared with Miami Township. • Squad Four responded for an Aggravated Burglary and Rape at the Chateau Apartments. *TOTALS* • Call Records: 1081 • Directed Patrols: 480 • Offenses Investigated: 142 • Auto Accidents: 20 • Written Warnings: 138 • Traffic Citations: 144 *ADMINISTRATIVE* • A California resident filed a complaint against the Department in the Ohio Court of



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Claims regarding a large public records request that we processed. • There were two low-level Response-to-Resistance incidents during the month. Both were investigated by command staff and found to be within policy. • Probationary Officer Heather Mason has successfully completed field training and is now assigned to independent patrol status. • Probationary Officer Alex Dresselhaus moved into a Shadow Phase of his field training. • Background investigations were conducted on three applicants, with one conditional offer being extended. *COMMUNITY RELATIONS* • The 5th graders at Pattison Elementary School provided Valentine’s Day gifts to the Department. • Chief Mills attended a ribbon cutting at Holsten’s Bakery. • Officer Eshman conducted several senior visits. *OUTSIDE MEETINGS AND ASSOCIATIONS* • Chief Mills attended a planning meeting at the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce for this year’s Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. • Chief Mills attended the monthly meeting of the Clermont County Chiefs of Police Association. • Chief Mills attended the monthly meeting of the Clermont County CIT Advisory Committee.

Fire and EMS Report

February 2024 Fire Chiefs' Report

General "All-Hazards" sirens received annual preventative maintenance by the vendor. The equipment at Carriage Way Park required a minor repair to return it to service. Annual NFPA physicals were completed on the members. Annual preventative maintenance was completed on ambulance stretchers, power-load systems, and stair-chairs by the vendor. Training Crews completed the first of three, week-long structural firefighting trainings with mutual-aid partners Madeira-Indian Hill, Terrace Park, Goshen and Miami Townships, and Loveland-Symmes LT. Wurzelbacher and Firefighter/Paramedics Baird and Clifton attended an ice rescue, train-the-trainer course presented by Dive Rescue International and hosted by Miami Township Fire & EMS.LT. Thompson and LT Nagelhout completed the Maxwell Course presented by Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association at Colerain Township Fire Department. District Chief Nickell, LT. Thompson, and Firefighter/Paramedic Smith attended a Blue Card Command Tactical Decision-Making Workshop in West Chester. Crews attended training by the UC Stroke Team hosted by Miami Township. District Chief Miller, Lt. Wurzelbacher, and LT. Thompson completed the third of four sessions of this year's Collaborative Leadership Academy for company officers. Fire Marshal Nause completed the Fire Officer III course from Bowling Green State University at Green Township Fire Department. Company-level training was held with Terrace Park firefighters on Vent-Enter-Isolate-Search (VEIS) scenarios. Chief Baird, Fire Marshal Nause, and part-time Firefighter/Paramedic Jim Watkins attend Fire Code Academy's two-day continuing education conference for fire inspectors and building department officials in Columbus.100+ students including several from Milford Community Fire Department attending two days of homeland security training by New Mexico Tech, sponsored by Clermont County Fire Investigation Team. Thank you, Jeff Wyler Automotive Family, for being a great host at its corporate training facility in Milford. Thank you, Milford Towing, and Equipment Moving for recently making several cars available for rescue training. We appreciate the continuing support of many local businesses like this that promote the continuing education of our members! District Chief Miller attended the two-day Ohio Public Employee Labor Relations Association conference in Columbus. Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic James Whalen and ten others from multiple-fire departments completed the Ohio Fire Safety Inspector course taught at MCFD by Chief Baird. Community Outreach Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati stopped-by to visit the firefighters with two canine friends. MCFD Unit 2 crew enjoyed one of our agency's favorite events, the annual chili contest judging and chair volleyball match with residents of SEM Laurels Retirement Community. Thank you to Pattison Elementary School fifth graders for the Valentine's Day basket of goodies for Milford Community Fire Department firefighters! Unit 2 crew members were judges for the Quaker Steak & Lube chili contest. Appreciation letter from Anderson Township to MCFD for paramedic coverage to Anderson Township during the funeral of Firefighter Michael Willenbrink.

Council Comments

Mr. Parrish complimented and thanked the Service Department for quickly repairing pot holes in the neighborhood. Mr. Price complimented the MCFD for their quick response to an incident on Cleveland Avenue. Ms. Cooper said that the BZA has a meeting on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. And Ms. Cooper also asked if there were any council members available to help at Saturday’s Easter Eggstravaganza, to please let her know. Mr. Vilardo asked Mr. Doss if there is an existing TIF for the Rivers Edge project. Mr. Doss replied that there is an established TIF for the property at Rivers Edge. It is a TIF for ten years at 75%. 25% of the taxes assessed would be paid to the appropriate entities that receive levies: Schools, Milford Community Fire Department (through our contract) and Clermont County has some Senior Services and other pieces that are assessed on their as well. Mr. Vilardo stated that this has been a long-drawn-out process of approximately two years and is a well thought out project. Mr. Vilardo also brought up the Noise Ordinance for the city and to go back to committee to discuss further. Much of this has to do with the loud music from the roof top pavilion of Cincinnati Distilling. The brewery has done a great job of really listening to the residents and doing a lot to try and prevent noise when there are music performers at their location. Mayor Evans stated that the ordinance can be reviewed in a committee meeting. Mr. Vilardo stated that there was some talk during the budget meetings regarding water and sewer rates. He can see where we have done our due diligence in controlling those rates but believes that this needs to be addressed by committee sooner than later so that we can address the rates so that the funds do not drop any lower than

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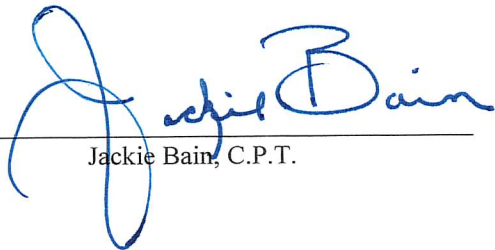
they currently are. Ms. Cooper also mentioned that the Spring Litter Clean Up will be conducted on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open. April 20<sup>th</sup> is also Community Shred Day.


New Business:  
Ordinances And Resolutions

- 24-273 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Mgr to Purchase Outdoor Furniture for use at Five Points Landing from Clear Creek Amish Furniture at a cost not to exceed \$39,692.00 Mr. Parrish made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Seconded by Ms. Chamberland Mr. Vilardo no All others yes Mr. Parrish made a motion to adopt Seconded by Ms. Chamberland Mr. Vilardo no all others yes
- 24-274 An Ordinance Awarding Jim Terrell Park Canoe/Kayak Launch Construction Bid to Loveland Excavating and Paving and Authorizing the City Mgr to Enter into a Contract for such work at a cost Not to Exceed \$190,050.00 Mr. Parrish made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes Mr. Parrish made a motion to adopt Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes

Old Business:

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the City Council; Ms. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm with a motion from Mr. Parrish Seconded by Ms. Cooper All yes

  
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Jackie Bain, C.P.T.

  
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Lisa Evans, Mayor