

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Meeting

Meeting

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

Held May 17, 2022 20

The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00pm on May 17, 2022.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of silence

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Evans, Vice Mayor Sandy Russell, Kyle Mitchell, Janet Cooper, Ben Redman and Kim Chamberland. All yes *Mr. Haskins arrived(excused) late due to family commitment. All yes Also present was City Manager, Michael Doss and Law Director, Mike Minniear. The public was able to view via Facebook live and via ICRC TV broadcast.

Presentation

Regarding the Issue of Short-Term Rentals That They Are Being Considered-Mr. Doug Michaels spoke on behalf of 27Milford residents that allowed him to speak on their behalf as well as the sixty-two that did sign a document in support of 740.

Proceedings Approve the Council meeting Work Session minutes from May 5, 2022 Ms. Russell made a motion to approve Seconded by Mr. Redman Mr. Haskins absent All others yes

Financial Statements Adopt March 2022 Financial Report – Ms. Russell made a motion to receive. Seconded by Ms. Chamberland Mr. Haskins absent All others yes Receive the April 2022 Financial Report Ms. Russell made a motion to receive Seconded by Ms. Chamberland Mr. Haskins absent All others yes

Public Comments

Proponents

John Huber Center Street

Custom Home Builder for 40 years. Talk it over to come up with good solutions. They are not transients but guests. Also owns an Airbnb in Batavia, Ohio. And recently sold rental property on Center Street in Milford Ohio. A huge factor is that 98% of the property owners are not aware that their property rights are in jeopardy. With his Airbnb property in Batavia, guests leave it better than they find it. His rental property is located right next door and it has a car on blocks in the driveway, who he must contact every week and they have been a nightmare. People that buy property are invested. The Airbnb’s are different. This is being blown out of proportion. This is about a small number of people who do go to the restaurants, and they do support the community. Regarding right-offs, Mr. Huber asked who does not use a right-off when you can? It is not a valid point to him. He supports Milford before he even lived here. And his company is the company that helped a resident remove a tree from their property, as a favor to the resident. He does not think it is right, on any level, to take away his property rights, all which is based on a small number of people contesting, with no evidence regarding the issues.

Mark Schoney Wallace Avenue

Has owned in the past 8 years, properties in Milford. Many in the South Milford area. He also owns an Airbnb across the river and has owned it for 10 years. He likes to use the property himself and has someone managing the property. In the past five years, they have had over five hundred guests. At least 95% of his guests will eat every meal out. His guests are paying great money to rent his property. They are typically family that are in town to visit other family members, or they stay at his home to enjoy the river. He has not had any problems with any of his guests. He has bought and sold over 150 houses in this area and on the East side. An Airbnb property is kept a lot nicer than a rental property. He has established more regulations on what you cannot do on his property than they do at school.

Bill Maloney Terrace Park resident

Loves Milford and wanted to thank the employees at City Hall that gave him documents that brought him up to speed with this information. He spoke of his large family and how the family made arrangements to come into town and visit those at SEM and walk down to see them. He and his family have built homes in the City of Milford. Mr. Maloney is an active member of the church here and has served for over twelve years at the Nature Center. He supports the businesses here in Milford almost every day and loves the wonderful gifts that Milford provides. The short-term rentals have been wonderful to his family.

Mike Menkhaus – City of Milford property owner

The money that Milford residents spend is rotating money, from A to B to C to A to B to C. The money that comes in from renters and from out “guests” is new money coming into Milford. This ordinance was passed in committee by a 2 to 1 margin. Potentially based on some fabricated information prior to the meeting, prior to the vote. Mr. Menkhaus expressed how his daughter is a Super Host at a local Airbnb. She or someone she engages is at that facility, four to six times a week, at a minimum. The grass did get too high once and that was due to the lawncare service company fired one of their employees. At the front corner of the property, a vehicle did run over a wall. The parking is in the rear of the building which did not

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allow her to see the damage immediately. Both situations have already been remedied. No one has acknowledged the hours that she has invested into the property in order to clean up unruly growth near the entrances of the property to help facilitate the walkways. Take a drive through the city. If you notice that people are not taking care of their properties, are we going to evict them? I do not believe so. And this creates a two-tiered system of justice. If you get three complaints, you cannot run your business. My daughter invested in this property 7 months ago and now is going to be forced into a losing position in where she cannot even sell it for a reasonable amount of money because it cannot be used anymore in the same way that it was. We feel that we are unfairly being targeted. We ask that you identify the problems, document the problems, and address the problems in the least onerous way. We are taking a sledgehammer to a potential tack. Why not use the zoning laws?

Tara Menkhaus – Garfield property owner
Ms. Menkhaus discussed how she acted in good faith when she purchased her property. It was an existing rental property marketed on Airbnb since 2013. Pam Holbrook confirmed that continuing its current use would be permitted as a legal non-conforming use. Otherwise, she would never have purchased the property. She has provided substantial evidence on how she has managed her property and spoke of how there is lack of evidence regarding police reports in the past nine years. To suggest that she does not care for her property, or her community is beyond reason. She is also concerned that this issue could set a president. What if other business owners were not welcomed here and they found out that people here were pursuing unusual ordinances rather than typical zoning measures to force them out of business. Would Milford be a vibrant or desirable without them? Ms. Menkhaus voiced her concerns regarding Sections 740.15a, c and d and 740.16a, b. In conclusion, she strongly recommends that council return this ordinance to committee and propose it as a zoning ordinance as it is far more typical in other jurisdictions and with consideration of the specific concerns that she has raised in the proposed ordinance.

*Mr. Haskins is now present at the council meeting.

Trish Montag – City of Milford property owner
Her property is in the River District. She is concerned that the homeowners have not been notified and now they will have their income wiped out. To come to some type of compromise by either Grandfathering people in or be clearer about the zoning districts. Homeowners do not know about this happening to them and there have been no problems with the Airbnb properties. They have been wonderful, and they have not received any complaints. It is fear mongering amongst people who do not want them here. They do bring an economic boost to Milford and good publicity.

Keith Conover – Main Street Milford Ohio
Why are we here? What is the problem? He heard from one other presenter that trash was a problem. Can't this be regulated? The proposed ordinance wording regarding guests with parking on premises. According to parking, his guests cannot use the public parking spots. His guests purchase gift certificates to use at a city business. Why do you have a sledgehammer in your hand ready to whack people over the nose? You will be in court over and over and over.

Opposing
Anna Singh – Milford Ohio
Spoke of the emotional ties that the citizens have to the community. Discussed was the information in the proposed ordinance. The non-owner-occupied short-term rental property becoming prohibited in the City of Milford. Her neighborhood and collective individuals have a concern that in the last six months they have seen one corner becoming occupied by now four units of short-term rentals. Ms. Singh proceeded to read the letter she had sent to council members.

Jen Liles - Milford Ohio
Their family are a big Airbnb user. They will be using an Airbnb in Indianapolis with approximately twenty-five using the house. The owners encourage large gatherings at the location. It is up to the owner and the community to monitor this. It is not something that Airbnb will take care of. It is up to the owner to take care of the properties and our government to make it how we want it to be.

Standing Committee Report

Administrative Services Committee
Administrative Services Committee Meeting Minutes May 11, 2022Ms. Russell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present: *Sandy Russell*, Lisa Evans, Kim Chamberland Staff: City Manager - Michael Doss, Law Director – Mike Minniear and Executive Assistant - Jackie Bain Visitors: Numerous Visitors Proceedings: The updated minutes from the May 4, 2022, Administrative Services Committee Meeting were approved. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED LEGISLATION RE: SHORT TERM RENTALS AND REGULATIONSMs. Russell opened the meeting by addressing that we have discussed a proposed Ordinance and it was read at the last Administrative Services Committee meeting (May 4, 2022). The committee discussed changes to the proposed Ordinance at that meeting regarding Short Term Rentals and

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Regulations. Ms. Chamberland discussed the proposed information for the ordinance that since we are a Trail town, regarding feedback for those that use our trail system that to have a two-night consecutive minimum could impede them. And to not have a minimum stay. Ms. Evans is okay with the changes, but her mindset is to come up with a new proposal to meet in the middle and to allow some of the non-owner occupied STRP to operate with very strict guidelines. To counteract all the reasons for not allowing. For instance, you could propose that the STRP would have to be a Single-Family Dwelling, then an Apartment building would be out to operate as an Airbnb. Other small towns in Ohio have in their ordinances that the owner must live within x miles. This would prevent owners who live in other states. We could limit the number of Airbnb's in the city. Could we put things in place to possibly meet in the middle and be fair to all? We then take the options to council as a discussion for them as Committee of the Whole. Mike Minniear – to take two options to council to be drawn up as Ordinance A and Ordinance B is council could decide, if either they would like to go with. They could combine or reject or come up with a new proposal. Lisa Evans – Proposed the following: the property is to be a Single-Family dwelling; the owner would have to live within so many miles of the property. The three strikes and the permit is revoked to still apply. To limit the number of permits in the City of Milford and to include the buffer of 300 feet. We have had some owners here that have not received any complaints against them, and they are bringing people to our town. And before we just dismiss them, is there a way we can create an ordinance to where we can meet in the middle? Mr. Doss stated that there may be only one change to draft from the Ordinance which would be: 1/Period of less than 90(?) days max and a minimum of two consecutive nights stay Is there a consensus in the committee to eliminate the minimum of two consecutive nights stay? Ms. Evans stated that if council is okay with this, but she is trying to find some type of reasonable compromise for those that have already invested. Ms. Chamberland stated that if you look at our zoning code, if someone prior to moving into their home or buying the property, had investigated that information, that they must follow the laws that are in place. Most of the residential Airbnb properties have been purchased within the last one to two-years. And feels that the entire beginning part of our zoning talks about how we are trying to protect the integrity of our neighborhoods. And we have not received any complaints regarding our Airbnb's in our neighborhood. Ms. Evans stated that we have more problems with long term rentals and agrees that we do not want to see our neighborhoods destroyed. But from the Airbnb's that we have so far...they have not destroyed our neighborhoods. Ms. Evans also asked if the regulations will limit the quantity of rooms available on a property, even if owner occupied. Ms. Chamberland expressed that we are not banning Airbnb in the city but proposing that if you want to run an Airbnb in a neighborhood, you have to live at the property, it must be Owner Occupied, unless you are in an area zoned Commercial. Laurie Howland Milford Ohio Ms. Howland brought to the committee's attention that if the city has a permitting process, then the city just must notify Airbnb/VRBO. The city does not have to get into the details with the property owner. Airbnb/VRBO then contacts the city to validate the information. Ms. Howland also commented on the IRS Tax code regarding a commercial (business) venture and also discussed the people who have invested in these properties in the city of Milford. Ms. Howland also commented about how fair is it to the residents who have invested in their properties and purchased property here to live here and make it their home. When we were named Best Hometown in 2018, it was not because we were a vacation destination, it was because of the residents who live here and support our businesses. Mike Menkhaus – owns property at Double Gate Avg sale price 101% ask price in the last year. Discussed lost revenue, lost job opportunities and legislative actions. The Airbnb owners spend a lot of money at Lowes/Home Depot. And asks if there are problems that we are to address then to identify them and document them and to see if there are potential solutions. Mr. Menkhaus does not believe that the permit fee will change the class of owners that we get. Zoning laws are local whereas Federal Tax code is not just local. Let's be deliberate and look at the problems and if we can solve them in a less onerous way. Patrick Hines – Garfield Milford Ohio He is For Airbnb and this discussion makes sense to have permits and limiting and not banishing Airbnb's. You do not want to have a cheap room that people can have on a single night basis. He lives in the home and does not allow anyone to cook and the guests go downtown to eat. If the owner is responsible, no one would even know that they had an Airbnb property. First and foremost, as a person who lives in the community, he wants to protect the way the streets look, protect the Best Hometown. The owner should live at the property or close by the property. Keith Conover – Main St Milford Ohio Mr. Conover discussed the standard by which you rate the owner is to let Airbnb do it. Instead of the 3 strike rule, which would only keep you from contacting the police or Fire/EMS if you had a problem with one of your guests, to where you would keep from Public Safety and try to handle matters yourself. His guests go downtown to eat and shop. He promotes our businesses in the city with his guests. There are other ways to regulate by talking it out. He went through the proper channels to get his business started. There are other ways to go to regulate rather than call the Police. Ms. Russell stated that we are trying to place boundaries that we see with what is going to grow within the city. Lynn Chaney Mound Ave Milford Ohio We are all residents and want what is best for us. This is not personal but business. This issue has been lingering since 2019. We cannot afford to be short sighted in how we look at this. We have had problems with enforcement and maintenance complaints which forces neighbor against neighbor, except when the neighbor is a business the impact is significantly less. The owner is not actually there. This becomes a burden on the city. Residents within the city of Milford limits must pay a 1% Earnings Tax that contributes to the overall of the city. This is lost when apartment buildings, duplexes and people who have apartments, no longer rent them because they are making more money with short term rental property. If your business is in the business district, you are exempt from this conversation. If your Airbnb is Owner Occupied, you are exempt. We are accommodating

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and bending the rules for people who, A. Do not live within the City limits. B. Are not vested in the community C. We are setting a precedence. What is the next thing we are going to bend? It's not just the rules you have, it is how you enforce them. Ms. Russell this is not a personal issue but for all the residents who live in the city. It is time for us to establish regulations and enforce them and move forward. The ordinance that we have been working on that we went over and made changes to and read the changes I want to move forward with this current ordinance with changes made and to make it move on to city council. Jeremy Davis Mariemont OH He is representing his girlfriend Ms. Menkhaus. Mr. Davis read a statement provided by Ms. Menkhaus. No issues have been brought to her attention as the owner of an Airbnb. She purchased property from an out of state owner. She cares about her property and her neighborhood. She listed her rules and regulations for her guests. She has invested a large amount into the property. Mr. Davis commented that she is as part of this community as anyone else here. And he feels that it is unfair to assume that since she does not live here, she cares less about the community. She is a super host and Airbnb has a way of regulating their hosts and guests. The neighbors have her contact information and the neighbors have never voiced their concerns with her in the eight months that she has owned the property. Mr. Davis agrees that this is a hammer to a solution of trying to meet halfway with a solution. Possibly compromise with a separate ordinance and he appreciates the discussion here tonight. We are in a community where we can discuss these things respectfully. Ms. Russell asked if she had approached the city to find out the zoning for her property? Mr. Davis said yes because the property was zoned in such a unique way. He feels that the other Airbnb owners here in the City are not in it to make a quick buck and not care about their neighborhoods. Mr. Tim Howland Laurel Avenue Milford Ohio Discussed the comments of Mr. Davis. The owner may be invested but he is also invested. The property is not well maintained and there are parties at that location. The responsibility then falls upon his shoulders to contact the owner of the property to come and correct this or the Police department to come and shut it down. It is the city's responsibility to set the standard and to enforce the standard. Mr. Howland further discussed that he has no issue if you yourself are invested for a profit as a business based upon code and restrictions. However, the detached businesspeople who are letting people do their thing. The facts have been presented and this should move forward to council. Ms. Russell agreed and that her purpose today was to move this information, with the changes, to council and if it didn't pass there then we start over again. It has been recommended that the ordinance that was put together by Mr. Minniear and staff to move this proposed ordinance forward. She wants to move this proposed ordinance information forward today. Trish Montag Milford Ohio Owns property in a commercial zone and other real estate in Milford. There will be a lot of people losing out that were not notified. They should have been notified that this was a problem. There are plenty of rental properties that are not kept up. They look like trash. And agrees with limiting the amount of rental properties. But to say no Airbnb's in the city, you need to at least think of grandfathering in some of the current Airbnb's. She was glad that Lisa Evans didn't go so quick to the vote last week. She was flabbergasted to learn of the issues. Mr. Minniear respectfully answered that this has been an issue for a very long time. Public notices go out for the meetings and people that are interested on what goes on in Milford will visit to learn more information. Trish Montag This had been an issue when she inquired about her Airbnb there was no information available. She registered the property as a rental. She pays her taxes, and her guests spend a lot of money to eat out, which contributes to the community. Besides the good publicity that they give. Ralph Vilardo Milford Ohio It is time that you act on this. Since you have heard multiple for and against information. And there is a motion on the floor. This has been going on for years. We ask that you as the elected officials, take the to debate, discuss and you have got to have your opinion by now and you vote on this. Mary Kipp Milford Ohio This is an emotional issue and people are hurting and she has talked to Council and Planning Commission for some time and that you go out of your way to accommodate businesses before residents. South Milford is a neighborhood and we deserve to have neighbors. Ms. Evans asked if we are going to limit, even if it's owner-occupied, how many guests they can have? Ms. Russell stated that there shall be a Residential unit containing no more than four sleeping rooms. Mr. Davis Mariemont OHAs for parties at their Airbnb, please go look at the property. Mr. Minniear stated that he will work with the basis of the proposed Ordinance that he and Pam Holbrook came up with, with the changes. It will take a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance information with additional changes. Mr. Pelle Milford Ohio Clarified that if you have more than four rooms in/on a property, you are considered a BNB and not shared economy short rental. If you have four rooms, you could rent out each room to four different guests and no more than that it is not going to be considered a different category in the State of Ohio. Mr. Minniear Stated that the key is that an Airbnb must be Owner-Occupied in Residential areas. An application will be processed that will list all the details with the information on what an owner is required to do. Mr. Doss stated that the proposed ordinance that Mr. Minniear wrote plus the items that were identified at the last committee meeting, that Ms. Russell read at this committee meeting, although you have agreed to take out the minimum of two consecutive nights, that is what you are going to advance to council. Ms. Chamberland stated that Ms. Russell made the motion, she Seconded the motion. Ms. Evans said no but feels that there are still things that are non-intrusive to what we currently have. It is not an Airbnb issue but a rental issue and believes that we could be more flexible. Mr. Minniear stated that this will be considered by Council and be voted upon. Mr. Minniear stated how a council meeting is processed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm with a motion from Ms. Evans, Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes Respectfully submitted, Jackie Bain, Executive Assistant

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Administrative Committee Chairperson Sandy Russell asked if there were any council comments or questions regarding the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Redman commented by first thanking everyone for their comments and concerns. He is in favor of the legislation being presented tonight. He is concerned however on how it is written. Enforcement is an issue.

Mr. Doss commented that the City Staff provided Mr. Minniear with items specifically for section 1 of the proposed ordinance. When all this is finished, we as a City Staff will have to enforce it. The proposed ordinance currently reads that only Owner-occupied Airbnb properties would be subject to the three-strike rule. Only owner-occupied Airbnb renters must be of age 25 years or older. Only owner-occupied renters cannot park RVs in visible areas Only owner-occupied properties cannot advertise with signs Only owner-occupied Airbnb properties need smoke alarms Only owner-occupied Airbnb properties must obtain a permit Only owner-occupied Airbnb cannot post this on their website for Milford properties. If we remove the Owner-Occupied section in 1. Definition of short-term rentals, then all the above rules would apply to all short-term rentals not just owner occupied. In short, in section 1. If we change this which staff recommended, this will broadly define short term rentals to include all Airbnb properties. And that is a good starting point. Section 2. Would ban non owner occupied residential short-term rentals. Section 6. Would require all residential short-term rentals to have onsite parking. All our sections would apply to all short-term rentals, twenty-five or older, three strikes, RV limited, smoke alarm, etc. The concern is for when we go to enforce this and if we run into an issue with the ordinance, we feel that taking the owner occupied out of section 1. Provides a little bit more clarity on an enforcement standpoint.

Mr. Redman asked: As the legislation is currently written, let us say someone is going on vacation for example, 60 days, as it is currently written, would they be allowed to rent out their house to someone since technically they would not be there as an owner operator?

Mr. Minniear stated that yes, they would.

Mr. Redman asked for clarification if an owner of a home, rents their Airbnb on the weekend, and they go somewhere else and stay, is that allowed, since they will not be there as owner occupied?

Mr. Minniear stated that owner occupied is defined in the section as your primary residence. If you are on vacation, even if you are gone for two or three months, that is still your primary residence, and you are defined as owner occupied residence.

Mr. Redman is concerned about is effective immediately if this does pass this evening, you are pulling the rug out from people who have made an investment in Milford. And he understands the concerns of the citizens, but we as council can make balanced legislation that works to try honor the things that have not caused any issues, while respecting the concerns of the citizens. When we receive a petition from sixty people, we hear that you do not want Airbnb. I support this but I also wanted to be considerate of the people who have made investments in the city. We represent multiple interests here.

Finally, if there cannot be any type of Grandfathering and honoring, I am wondering if there is any way to allow this ordinance to go into effect later so people could fulfill their bookings. If it were to pass tonight, hundreds of bookings would have to be cancelled and thousands of dollars will not come into Milford from these guests.

Mike Minniear stated that typically when we pass this type of legislation there is a moratorium enforcement. Usually, it is thirty days, but it can be more. If this passes this evening, then it will be effective this evening. But we can declare a moratorium when we start enforcing it.

Ms. Evans wanted to thank everyone for their concern and support for our city. She has lived here 33 years and values the community in which we call home. She believed that a better ordinance could have been drafted from the committee meeting that would have addressed residents' issues as well as the owners of the short-term rental properties. Her goal was to create a compromise that was fair to both parties. She does not want Airbnb to take over the town. We currently have 25 – 30 in the city and her suggestion was to limit the number of permits and not have any additional amount in the city. She also had suggestions to prohibit the four-bedroom units. To add in the ordinance that it had to be a single-family dwelling. We also must balance our support for our businesses and our residents. Restrictions to be placed on owners that they must live within thirty miles of their residence, so they are available when needed. Long term properties in the city have owners that live out of state, and they are not available or on sight for the property. The non-owner- and owner-occupied Airbnb's that we have in Milford look nicer than many of our long-term rental properties. We are not guaranteed who our next-door neighbor is and whether we approve of them or not. Whether it be an Airbnb or renter or an owner. All bad situations can come from anywhere. We have not had any issues with the Airbnb's that we have now and to find a way that we can honor them and keep a balance in our city. It would equal less than 1% of our properties being Airbnb's in the city if we capped our permits at 30.

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Ms. Russell asked if there was anyone else that had a comment on council.

Mr. Redman appreciated Mr. Michaels presentation. He asked Mr. Minniewar for clarification regrading legislation as it was written. If we pass an ordinance like this, does it supersede current zoning laws? Because now as presented, there is no short-term rentals allowed in a residential area. That would include owner occupied operated.

Mr. Minniewar says it only supersedes anything that previously is in effect now if it conflicts with that.

Ms. Russell continued with the information from the Administrative Services Committee meeting stating that as the Chairperson of the committee she made a motion to go ahead and adopt the proposed legislation and the motion was seconded by Ms. Chamberland.

Ms. Evans asked Mr. Doss that in the proposed ordinance that they must provide off street parking. IF we are going to allow Airbnb's in our Commercial District, most of that district does not have off street parking.

Mr. Doss agreed, it does not.

Ms. Evans stated that the legislation, as written, states that all Airbnb's must follow the same rules.

Mr. Doss said yes

Ms. Evans said that this is an issue.

Ms. Russell commented that they made the necessary changes on the legislation.

Mr. Minniewar stated that the committee asked him to prepare the ordinance for tonight. Is there a motion and a second for that?

Ms. Russell made the motion

Ms. Chamberland seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Mr. Mitchell yes Ms. Cooper – asked question to clarify

Ms. Cooper asked if we were voting to read and not pass the legislation.

Mr. Minniewar said yes.

Ms. Cooper yes Ms. Russell yes Ms. Chamberland yes Ms. Evans yes Mr. Haskins yes Mr. Redman recused himself

City Manager's Report

MEMORANDUM TO: City Council CC: Mike Minniewar, Law Director Jackie Bain, Executive Assistant/Clerk FROM: City Manager DATE: May 17, 2022 RE: Manager's Report Engineering/Design/Project Management Services – The City intends to publicly advertise and bid for engineering, architectural, and project management services related to the Five Points Landing Park project, and the Wallace Avenue Water Tower project. SWORRE Waste and Recycling Bids – The Center for Local Government and SWORRE recently received bids for future waste collection and recycling services. The city is working with the consortium and the Center for Local Government on a recommended approach for said services in Milford. Development Updates – Harbor Freight plans to locate in the old Office Depot building on Rivers Edge by mid-summer. Staybridge Suites is finalizing construction and anticipates an opening in July. Cincinnati Distilling continues construction and anticipates an opening late summer. The 910 Lila Avenue property has a respective business exploring expansion operations from its existing facility in Cincinnati. A downtown Cincinnati business is looking to expand its location at 18 Main Street. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS None at this time REMINDERS June 21 – City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm. (Summer Schedule)

Police Department

Chief Mills reported. This report summarizes the various activities and functions of the Milford Police Department during the month of April. TRAINING • All sworn members were assigned e-OPOTA CPT courses • All sworn members were assigned Police One Academy in-service courses • Officers Williams and Dennis attended Crisis Intervention Training • Officer Dennis attended dive team training. • Officer Yearly attended Clermont Co. S.R.T. training. • Sgt. West attended his second week of S.T.E.P. NOTABLE OCCURRENCES • A vehicle was stolen from the Valleybrook Apartments on April 8th. The Butler County Sheriff's Office recovered the vehicle and charged the operator with Receiving Stolen Property. The victim's car was returned. • Mariemont Police Department pursued a stolen vehicle into Milford on April

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8th. The driver crashed into the Greenlawn Cemetery, damaging several headstones. • Officer Williams responded for a suicide attempt where a subject had cut herself. Officer Williams applied his tourniquet to stabilize the woman until emergency medical personnel arrived. • Squad 3 officers responded for an auto-theft in progress at Mid-American Motors. While processing the scene the suspects were calling in fictitious emergencies to 911. Officers found one suspect in the trunk of a vehicle and a second suspect in a nearby strip mall. • Squad 4 responded for an unconscious person behind the wheel and blocking the driveway of River Hills Bank. Awaiting lab results on the urine sample. • A seventeen-year-old female reported being raped by an acquaintance in the Cinemark parking lot. The case is assigned to Detective Wilson. *ADMINISTRATIVE* • Five officers were recognized at the annual Milford Police Department Awards Ceremony. • Sergeant Belcher conducted an ammunition inventory. • Sergeant Lane worked on grants for replacement body armor and DARE. • Sergeant Lane is working with Milford Kroger, Kiwanis, and MCFD to host a community food drive. • Squad 2 assisted with Shred-it and Eggstravaganza. • Squad 3 officers distributed donated Easter baskets to children. • Officer Adam Yeary has resigned after accepting a position with the Indian Hill Rangers. *COMMUNITY RELATIONS* • Officer Bogan issued sixteen COP Watch forms during the month of April! • Chief Mills, along with MTPD Chief Mills, were guests on the Bootleggers Music Podcast called Bridging the Gap. *OUTSIDE MEETINGS AND ASSOCIATIONS* • Chief Mills attended the monthly meeting of the Clermont County Police Chiefs Association. • Chief Mills attended the Clermont County Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet Selection Committee meeting. • Chief Mills attended a meeting with the Clermont County Prosecutor’s Office regarding their new case management software.

Fire and Ems Report
April 2022 Fire Chiefs’ Report District Chief Miller reported

Emergency Activity YTD

Emergency Activity YTD Total Details	Fire Details	EMS Details	Patient Transports
669	124	545	304

Budget YTD

April 30, 2022,	YTD	Over/Under Budget	Checking Account Balance
Expenses	29%	-4.3%	
Revenue	33.1%	-0.2%	\$689,284.86

*as of 4/29/22

General MCFD Board of Trustees Vice-President Laura Whalen and Milford Community Firefighters’ Club Member Karen Wikoff were each honored for community service by the Milford-Miami Township Chamber of Commerce at its annual WHAMM! Awards gala. Firefighters delivered Easter Bunny to the annual Easter Eggstravaganza aboard the antique fire truck. MCFD cooked a “firehouse-style” dinner of chicken and side dishes as a gift to Hamilton County Communications Center employees during National Public Safety Telecommunicator’s Week in appreciation of their important work. An annual “Spring Cleaning” of the fire station was completed. The work included an inspection afterward conducted by three neighboring fire chiefs. Milford Community Fire Department and Miami Township Fire/EMS firefighters are fought a brush fire behind the apartments on Edgecomb Drive on April 23. An engine from Goshen Township Fire & EMS Station backed into Station 71 for area coverage. Milford and neighboring firefighters answered a 3:14pm structure fire dispatch for 5 Main Street on April 20. Arriving firefighters discovered an arcing electrical box on the building exterior as well as wires sparking overhead. While investigating that original situation the owner of 1 Main Gallery reported smoke inside that business. A 2nd alarm dispatch was requested but firefighters already on scene quickly confined the damage there to electrical components. Firefighters remained on the scene until approximately 6:00pm when Duke Energy deemed everything to be safe. There was fortunately minimal damage and no injuries. The cause remains under investigation but is considered accidental in nature. Thank you to the over fifty firefighters, EMTs, and police officers who responded to this and other details in the city. Fire Marshal Nause and Fire Inspector Moulden met with officials of Little Miami Event Center to discuss emergency preparedness during future concerts and other events to be held there. This was conducted as a proactive measure, not in response to complaints. District Chiefs Thiele and Miller participated in the planning committee for the 2022 Hamilton County Mass-Casualty Incident Drill conducted by the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs’ Association and Amberly Village Police Department. Training Completed this Month: ☐ All-day, live burn training with Terrace Park Fire Department at Loveland-Symmes training tower on April 2. ☐ Building construction and walk-throughs at businesses on Chamber Drive with Union Township Fire Department. ☐ Hamilton County MCI Drill at the Jewish Community Center in Amberley Village. ☐ National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and mobile data computers (MDC). ☐ Fire/EMS Instructor Instructional Methods continuing education for instructors. ☐ Blue Card Command checkoffs at Loveland-Symmes Fire Department. ☐ MCFD’s newest career member Wesley Hartoin completed the firefighter II course at Warren County Career Center.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

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

Held _____ 20 _____

Council Comments

Mr. Redman wanted to make it clear that we as a council and as city staff, care about the community. This has been a very heated debate amongst people. For future, I encourage people to be nice to each other and be adults the way people say we are in Milford. We will try our best and we will not always get it right, but we will try our best because we care. And this is why we ran for council. It is because we care about everyone’s concerns.

Ms. Russell said that it is not for one group or another but for the whole community. We must think if this is the best thing that we can do. It may not always be the right decisions in everyone’s mind, but it is best for the time.

New Business:

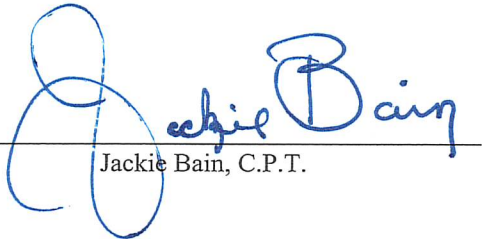
Ordinances and Resolutions

22-634 Resolution Appointing Initial Region 14 Representative and Alternate Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board Ms. Russell made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes

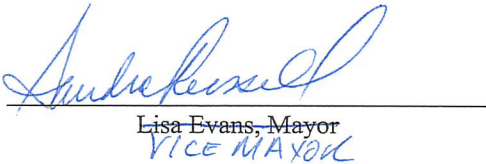
22-146 Ordinance Short Term Rental Properties Ms. Russell made a motion to read the rules and read by title only Seconded by Ms. Chamberland Mr. Mitchell yes Ms. Cooper Yes Ms. Russell yes Mr. Redman recused himself Ms. Chamberland yes Mr. Haskins yes Ms. Evans yes Ms. Russell made a motion to adopt Seconded by Ms. Chamberland Ms. Evans No Mr. Haskins yes Ms. Chamberland yes Mr. Redman recused himself Ms. Russell yes Ms. Cooper No Mr. Mitchell yes
Second reading will take place at the next council meeting.

Old Business:

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the City Council; Ms. Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:29pm with a motion from Ms. Russell Seconded by Ms. Chamberland All yes



Jackie Bain, C.P.T.



Lisa Evans, Mayor

VICE MAYOR