

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**May 26, 2021**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at roughly 6:21 p.m. (Zoom Meeting) with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley. (Meeting held in Council Caucus Room #11 due to Executive Session of Struthers City Council)

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick was present at the Meeting.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Pledge was recited.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller and Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. Zoom Guest: Michelle Ray, Ray Capezzuto (S Rep), Mike Agnone, John Socha, and Scott Kehres.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, April 28, 2021 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Burnside moved seconded by Bayus to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting Dated April 28, 2021 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (Late/Absent), Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Dallas A. Bigley from the Regular Meeting of Council due to his outside work schedule.

Carcelli moved seconded by Burnside to excuse Mr. Dallas A. Bigley from the Regular Meeting of Council due to his outside work schedule.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (Absent), Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Dallas A. Bigley was excused from the Meeting by 6-0 Vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the three (3) pieces of communications.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) STRUTHERS MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S CASH TRANSACTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021 SUBMITTED BY ROBERT D. CARCELLI, STRUTHERS CITY TREASURER.**
- 2) STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR'S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2021, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**
- 3) MAYOR'S REPORT DATED MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021 SUBMITTED BY MAYOR CATHERINE CERCONO MILLER.**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to receive and file the communications.

Carcelli moved seconded by Baluck to receive and file said communications.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (Late/Absent), Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.

Motion carried 6-0.

Communications accepted and received by 6-0 vote.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT (On File)**

Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller was present and had said report entitled Mayor's Report May 10, 2021 for Council this evening. MAYOR'S REPORT: 1) Memorial Day Service, 2) Struthers Clean-Up Day 2021, 3) Struthers "RIG" Clean-Up Trail Winners, 4) The Medvec Family presents the 44<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Of July Parade, 5) Stand Grown Thrive: Mahoning Resiliency Movement, 6) Paycheck Protection Program and 7) FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. (ON FILE)

*Catherine Cercone Miller*

*Mayor*

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### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**May 24, 2021**

#### Memorial Day Service

The United States Marine Corps will be holding their annual ceremony for Memorial Day on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am at the Hamilton Lake, Beirut Memorial.

#### Struthers Clean-Up Day 2021

Thank you to everyone who participated in clean-up day this year! It was a huge success thanks to everyone who worked to spruce up our streets. Thank you to Basista Hauling for donating two large dumpsters for the event.

#### Struthers "RIG" Clean-Up Trailer Winners

We are happy to announce the winners of the artwork which will blanket our community clean-up trailer. Peyton Socha & Leah Markotan, Santino Radcliff, and Kaylyn Vlosich. Their artwork will be stretched out to cover the sides and back of the RIG.

#### The Medvec Family presents the 44<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

The Struthers 4th of July Parade is returning for 2021! The parade will start at 1pm this year on Sunday, July 4th. Entry forms will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Entry forms can be obtained via email at: [struthersparade@yahoo.com](mailto:struthersparade@yahoo.com) or picked up at my office in City Hall. More updates will follow.

#### Stand Grown Thrive: Mahoning Resiliency Movement

If you don't already, please follow along on Facebook with SGT MRM. It is a coalition of community professionals and citizens dedicated to sharing principles of trauma-informed care throughout Mahoning County and beyond. Both the City of Struthers and the Struthers City Schools are involved with these efforts.

#### Paycheck Protection Program

Some citizens may have received a letter from our department of Taxation regarding PPP loans. These letters are meant to verify the validity of the recipient of these monies and detect possible fraud. If you have received one of these letters please visit the Tax Department in City Hall as soon as possible.

### FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced that enrollment in Emergency Broadband Benefit is underway. Households unable to afford internet service during the pandemic can apply for this benefit. <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>

Stay Safe and Healthy,  
Mayor Cat Cercone Miller

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor.

### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (On Audio) WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

Mr. Richard S. Bayus, Chairman of Park & Recreation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (Via Zoom Meeting App) at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Music In The Park, Movie Nights and Rowan's Playground.

Miss. Lori A. Greenwood, Chairman of Public Utilities Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (Via Zoom Meeting App) at 6:15 p.m. following the Park & Recreation Meeting to discuss AQUA Utility. (To Follow Park & Recreation Meeting)

Mr. Robert D. Burnside, a member of Finance & Legislation Committee scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 (Via Zoom Meeting App) at 6:30 p.m. for the Chairman of Finance & Legislation, Mr. Dallas A. Bigley. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation. (To Follow Public Utilities Meeting)

### **ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

There were no remarks or comments under Anyone Wishing To Address Council On Pending Legislation.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick stated that there was Four (4) pieces of legislation this evening.

### **LEGISLATION**

#### **21-032**

#### **AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 FROM THE 2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY CONTINGENT # 100 9000 53024 FOR MUSIC IN THE PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley that the rules of Council be suspended and the ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
No Remarks.

Carcelli moved seconded by Pingley that the ordinance be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
No Remarks.

Motion Carried 7-0.

Legislation passed by 7-0 vote.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments for Unfinished Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no remarks or comments for New Business.

**REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was present on the Zoom meeting and had no Report for Council this evening. He stated that he would be available for any questions that any one may have. Thank you.

There were no remarks or comments for the Law Director.

**REPORT OF AUDITOR**

Auditor Christina Bohl was not present on the Zoom meeting and had no said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR**

Safety Service Director was not present on the Zoom meeting and had no report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Safety Service Director.

**ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (On Audio)**

**(On Audio - These minutes are a summarization of the Regular Meeting and not verbatim.)**

There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

**President of Council, Michael S. Patrick announced the Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021 is as follows: "Zoom Meeting App"**

**6:00 P.M.**

Park & Recreation Committee Chairman Richard S. Bayus & Members: Lori A. Greenwood, Dallas A. Bigley. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Music- In-The Park, Movie Nights and Rowan’s Playground.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
TO FOLLOW  
PARK & RECREATION**

Public Utilities Committee Chairman Lori A. Greenwood & Members: Ronald A. Carcelli, James E. Baluck. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss AQUA Utility.

**FINANCE & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
TO FOLLOW  
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Finance & Legislation Committee Chairman Dallas A. Bigley & Members: Robert D. Burnside, Ronald A. Carcelli. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION OF STRUTHERS CITY COUNCIL:**

**CALLED FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.**

Bigley motioned seconded by Greenwood to go into Executive Session to discuss matters required to be kept confidential under the Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter Three: Executive Session for:

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.**

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion Carried 7-0.

Motion passed by 7-0 for Council to go into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. in Council Caucus Room #11

**MOTION TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION TO RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING MATTERS  
REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNDER THE OHIO OPEN MEETING  
ACT CHAPTER 3: EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST A PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEE.**

Council stayed in the Council Caucus Room #11 and those not asked to stay in Executive Session to be seated in the hall outside and went into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. and returned at 7:48 p.m.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to reconvene from the Executive Sessions and to go back into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting of Council for Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Bigley motioned seconded by Greenwood to reconvene from the Executive Session and go back into the Special Meeting of Council.

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion Carried 7-0.

Reconvened from Executive Session by 7-0 vote.

**RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Pingley moved seconded by Greenwood that the meeting be adjourned.  
Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley (Absent), Burnside, Carcelli, Greenwood, Pingley.  
Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick declared the meeting be adjourned and thanked everyone for joining "Zoom Meeting" App. (End Time: 6:35 P.M.)

Megan R. Shorthouse  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Michael S. Patrick  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL