

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED
AT THE CAUCUS PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

I. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. DISCUSSION:

1. AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING WARD BOUNDARIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. - PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY UPFITTERS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR POLICE VEHICLE LIGHTS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHANGE-OUT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt- PER COUNCIL PRESIDENT VECCHIO

3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR POLICE VEHICLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

4. ALTERNATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATE FOR NOVEMBER 8TH (ELECTION DAY).

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was called to order by Council President Vecchio at 7:00 p.m., the assistant clerk called the roll and the following Members of Council answered:

MENCINI, ROBERTS, POINDEXTER, SALVATORE, TROYER, SCOTT

Also in attendance were Mayor Orcutt, Law Director Horvath, Safety Director Sensel, Service Director Beyer and Recreation Director Gonzales. Madam Coyne (7:02) p.m.

DISCUSSION:

1. AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING WARD BOUNDARIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Introduced by Councilman Scott

Mr. Vecchio stated this ordinance is up for discussion but there will be new legislation redrawn to reflect how this was done in past years.

Mr. Troyer stated I don't agree with boundaries and have checked on some items and what Council works off of is the proclamation from the Secretary of State. City Charter requires that Council work on this within six months of receiving that proclamation, the statement is dated September 28, 2021. I am constantly talking about following the Charter and all of us have sworn to protect the Charter. To Mrs. Horvath is there significance in this with going against the Charter? Is it okay to still do this or did we break the rule by not doing it in time?

Mrs. Horvath responded will split this up into a couple parts, in order, to understand the question. Are you talking about the process to get to the point of being able to determine what the boundaries should be? Or are you talking about the process of when legislation was requested and forwarded? I believe this is a lengthy process and is Council's duty to have someone do this and did their best under the circumstances. This can still be done and it is incumbent on Council to do this because the last time was 2001 and population has shifted. This should be done and will check at Council's request the validity of this. Keep in mind a lot of people have worked hard on this and I still believe it's possible to have legislation passed and valid. First phone call tomorrow will be to the Board of Elections and if it's Council's wish to have a new piece of legislation conforming to legislation adopted in past years, that can be done. If I would have known this yesterday that legislation would have been drafted; would like to see this change because it matches the city's demographics.

Mr. Troyer continued the question was whether this could be done after the deadline of six months and it's been a year.

Mrs. Horvath will check on that to make sure it's not a problem.

Discussion: cont.

Mr. Troyer continued when the vote was taken by a raise of hands I asked after that meeting and was told it's all done, nothing had to be done. The Board of Elections would handle that after the November election.

Mr. Vecchio stated the portion as far as voting populous is handled by the Board of Elections as told to Mr. Scott and myself. The Councilmembers that worked on this to get the boundaries set up went through a third party that was presented to Council in March; well within the six-month period. The Board of Elections needs this by November 9th and our portion was started within that six-month period.

Mr. Troyer stated if this was why is there legislation seven months later?

Mr. Vecchio stated there were processes that had to be put together.

Mrs. Horvath stated there has been a series of texts and emails between Councilman Scott and Mr. Washburn who performed the ward street boundaries that was sent over on October 7, 2022.

Mr. Vecchio continued as far as the timeline everything went through the process and as of Friday, October 14th, Council had their agenda packets. It is not 7:17 p.m. and there is a request to have a different layout. Over the weekend this could have been corrected.

After discussion between Council President Vecchio and Councilman Troyer of whether emails were received or not received.

Madam Coyne - Point of Order

Mr. Vecchio recognized.

Madam Coyne stated gentlemen, if you want to go back and forth about emails that should not be done on the Council floor, currently, we need to focus on the legislation.

Mr. Scott stated just want to clarify some items when Mr. Washburn appeared before Council he presented four (4) variants; Council chose one. I contacted Brent Lawler of the Board of Elections and was informed by Mr. Lawler nothing would be done until after the November 8, 2022 general election. Then contacted Mr. Washburn to proceed with the legal descriptions that are in front of Council in both text and map format. Secondly, I think that another certificate was requested and sent in January. Everything has been done in proper form and found out today that different legislation is needed. This was agreed by Council after presentation by Mr. Washburn.

Madam Coyne stated do recall the presentation that was wonderfully done and know this has to be done; do understand Councilman Troyer's frustration being a ward 1 resident.

Discussion: cont.

Mr. Scott did a fantastic job on this and my question is with the new boundaries will the same councilmembers will be in effect?

Mr. Vecchio responded yes.

Mr. Mencini stated this will take effect on January 1st, it was a great presentation and there is never a perfect draw. I could question how Ward 2 could be in close proximity to Middleburg Hts. There has been plenty of time to review this and have discussions, let's move forward. Mr. Mencini clarified with Mrs. Horvath of calling the Board of Elections tomorrow.

Mrs. Horvath responded yes and will send an email to the clerk with the response received. Not sure how much faster Council could have done this when the new boundaries were received on October 7th.

Mr. Mencini asked if this was sent to the Board of Elections?

Mrs. Horvath responded will have to check on that to confirm.

Mr. Mencini welcomed former Clerk of Council, Michelle, for filling in.

Mr. Poindexter stated Council discussed and agreed to the boundaries. Didn't know anyone was working on this until I picked up the agenda so any kind of conversation prior to today could have ironed this out.

Mr. Troyer stated just heard that the person hired to do this put it off for six months and then at the last minute sent the information to the law director.

Motion by Madam Coyne, supported by Mr. Mencini, this was discussed.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Coyne, Mencini, Roberts, Poindexter, Salvatore, Troyer, Scott
NAYS: Unanimous.

2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY UPFITTERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR POLICE VEHICLE LIGHTS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHANGE-OUT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Mayor Orcutt stated in June the city ordered four police vehicles and one detective vehicle from Statewide Ford Lincoln and found out today they are not able to fulfill that order. due to a city not taking vehicles a letter of intent was sent out to purchase those vehicles. This legislation is for the switching out of equipment from the existing vehicles to the new vehicles. Three bids were received the Hall Public Safety quote for each vehicle is \$15,068.78; the second quote from Cleveland Communications is \$23,315.86 per vehicle

Discussion: cont.

and the third quote from Fallsway is \$16,247.98 per vehicle; Hall was the lowest and best bidder at \$15,068.78 totaling \$65,278.12, for all four vehicles.

Madam Coyne stated to Mayor Orcutt 100% for safety vehicles, has the city done business with this company before?

Mr. Sensel responded not 100% positive and the company was checked out to be a reputable company.

Mr. Troyer stated to Mayor Orcutt this will be a lease in the end so the \$110,000.00 will be less?

Mayor Orcutt responded considerably, the previous quote totaled a little under \$105,000.00 for six vehicles; this will be four vehicles.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Mencini, to place under letter M, first reading.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Mencini, Roberts, Poindexter, Salvatore, Coyne, Scott

NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-8 as Ordinance No. 11290-2022.

3. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MONTROSE FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR POLICE VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Orcutt.

Mayor Orcutt these are for four (4) vehicles under the statewide competitive bidding with each vehicle totaling \$33,815.25 for a grand total of \$135,261.00; when including the up-fitting of each vehicle at \$65,278.12 the grand total equals \$195,536.12.

Mr. Poindexter stated to Mayor Orcutt since the city can't get the six vehicles hoped for and only getting four. Are you open to exploring the idea of electric vehicles, this could be the opportunity to try something different?

Mayor Orcutt responded am open to that and there has been discussions, still going through the testing. Open to any option because vehicles are needed and overdue. Looking at the option of creating a pickup truck to be used as a police vehicle.

Mr. Poindexter continued when the technology committee gave a presentation on electric vehicles this could be the chance to explore new options.

Mr. Troyer commented with green vehicles there may be grants for them.

Motion by Mr. Mencini, supported by Mr. Troyer, to place on tonight's Council agenda under letter M, first reading.

Discussion: cont.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Mencini, Troyer, Coyne, Scott, Roberts, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: Unanimous.

Mr. Vecchio stated this will appear under M-9 as Ordinance 11291-2022.

- 4. ALTERNATE COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 - ELECTION DAY.

Motion by Mr. Troyer, supported by Mr. Poindexter, to move to Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.


ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Poindexter, Salvatore, Roberts, Mencini, Scott, Coyne
NAYS: Unanimous.

There being no further business to come before this meeting a **motion** by Mr. Troyer, supported by Madam Coyne, to adjourn.

ROLL CALL: AYES: Troyer, Coyne, Scott, Mencini, Roberts, Poindexter, Salvatore
NAYS: Unanimous.

Council President Vecchio declared this meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Carol Johnson
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 11/15/2022

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