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JANUARY 16, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

Tiffin City Council met for its second meeting of the month in accordance with Codified Ordinance Section 121.03. Council President Bridget Boyle opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The invocation was given, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Clerk of Council Ann Forrest recited roll call and seven councilmembers were present: Aaron Jones (1st Ward), Scott Hoernemann (2nd Ward), Kevin Roessner (3rd Ward), Dennis Snay (4th Ward), Cheyane Thacker (At Large), John Hays (At Large), and John Kahler (At Large) were present. Also attending were Mayor Lee Wilkinson, City Administrator Nick Dutro, Director of Law Zachary Fowler, Police Chief David Pauly, and Director of Finance Kathy Kaufman and Director of Communications and Constituent Services Liz Croak.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 2, 2024 Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings were approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilmember Hays reported that a Personnel & Labor Relations Committee meeting was held in City Chambers on January 8th, 2024, starting at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Mayor's Request for Legislation #24-01 – Appointments to the 2024 City of Tiffin Boards and Commissions and any other business to come before the committee. Attending were committee members John Hays, Cheyane Thacker, and John Kahler. Also attending were Mayor Lee Wilkinson, Law Director Zachary Fowler, City Administrator Nick Dutro, and councilmembers Aaron Jones, Scott Hoernemann, Kevin Roessner, and Dennis Snay. Councilman Hays started the meeting by discussing the reappointments recommended by Mayor Wilkinson. No member of the committee had comment on the reappointments. Law Director Fowler clarified that the original list of appointments included some individuals whose term is not expired. He also read the correct end-of-term dates for these appointments. The Law Director stated that corrections will be updated in the resolutions for the next city council meeting. The Law Director explained the appointments to the Local Income Tax Board of Review and whether action was needed to fill a vacancy on this Board. The Mayor confirmed he would like his original appointment to serve at his discretion without an end-date to the term. Councilman Hays asked about the three new appointments and the reason for their selection. Mayor Wilkinson told the committee the basis for his selections and there was no further discussion. Councilwoman Thacker motioned to accept all of the Mayor's appointments based on the changes discussed during the meeting. Councilman Kahler seconded. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0. In other business, City Administrator Nick Dutro discussed with the committee a recent incident involving deployment of Tiffin Police and a SWAT team. Nick made the committee aware that depending on the frequency of these overtime situations, there may be a request for an increase to the overtime budget brought to the Personnel & Labor Relations committee this year. With no other business to discuss, our meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. Report respectfully submitted by John Hays, chair.

Councilmember Thacker reported that a Streets, Sidewalks, and Sewers Committee meeting was held on January 8, 2024 at 5:58 P.M. in Council Chambers. Attending were committee members Cheyane Thacker, Aaron Jones, Scott Hoernemann, Kevin Roessner, and Dennis Snay, along with Council Member John Hays, Law Director Zach Fowler, Mayor Lee Wilkinson, City Administrator Nick Dutro, and Public Works Superintendent Brandon Burner. Thacker called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Mayor's Request for Legislation 24-02, 24-03, 24-04, 24-05, and any other business that may come before them. Burner informed the committee of the need to participate in the ODOT Road Salt Contract. The City has participated in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid for the past several years. ODOT provides a competitive rate to keep the cost of road salt relatively low for the city. Roessner motioned to have the Law Director prepare legislation authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded or the City Administrator to competitively bid for the purchase of road salt. Jones second the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Burner informed the committee of his plan to work with a company to inventory the City's urban forest. This inventory would consist of all major trees owned by the city and give us better information on the location of all trees, type, health, risk assessment, etc. Dutro commented on the rich history of Tiffin being a Tree City since 1981. Roessner motioned to have the Law Director prepare legislation authorizing and directing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with an environmental consulting firm to complete a full inventory of the City's urban forest and declaring an emergency. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Burner informed the committee of sewer work that may need to be completed in the Eastland Park area. He would like to have a condition assessment performed on the area and hopefully have the area lined instead of a full replacement of the sewer. Jones asked about the life expectancy of the lining. Burner reported that lining is estimated to last

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about 50-75 years. Roessner motioned to have the Law Director prepare legislation. Snay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Burner informed the committee of several locations that will need updates to traffic signals, including the intersections of Circular Street and Melmore Street, W. Perry Street and Clinton Avenue, and W. Market Street and Hopewell Avenue. Hoernemann motioned to have the Law Director prepare the legislation. Roessner seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. Roessner informed the committee of a request by a constituent in the Third Ward to put in a street lamp near the constituent's home. Roessner will give a copy of the petition to the constituent to get signed by his neighbors. With no further business the committee adjourned at 6:55 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Cheyane Thacker, Chairperson.

No additional Committee of the Whole was scheduled.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

MAYOR LEE WILKINSON:

Mayor Wilkinson reported that he had needed to withdraw the following appointment requests due to incorrect term-ending dates: Traci Stark for the Board of Health and Civil Service Commission and George Fretz Jr. for the Parks and Recreation Board.

The Shop Small/Win Big project in collaboration with TSEP and the Chamber will still be going on for the next two weeks. He encouraged everyone to stop in to make a purchase at 22 locally-owned participating businesses and register to win \$500 cash. The drawing will be February 9 at noon and streamed live on Facebook.

It's Restaurant Week in Tiffin and Seneca County. Check out the details about how you can win some great prizes at the Destination Seneca County website and on their Facebook page.

The old BP station at the corner of Market and Circular Street had been leveled. He thanked Zoning Inspector Dan Brickner for getting the ball rolling on that. In the next week or so, Chief Chappell and the Fire Department will be doing ice-rescue training in a pond out by the Willows.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting at Fire Station #1 to celebrate 130 years of service to the Tiffin Community. It will be at 4:00 on February 1st and is open to all.

The Mayor proclaimed January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and presented the proclamation to "Sisters in Shelter". It was accepted by their executive director Jennifer Kin.

Mayor Wilkinson introduced Police Chief Pauly who presented 2023 awards to the following officers:

- Officers Elizabeth Miller, Kaden Wuescher and Michael Moore received Perfect Attendance Awards for being consistently present and ready every day.
- Ofc. Marcus Somers received the Community Service Award for surpassing the standard of expectation in delivering exceptional service to the community. He leads the department in overall arrests and removes impaired drivers from the road.
- Ofc. Brent Riley was given the Leadership Award for consistently demonstrating exemplary leadership through both his actions and behavior.
- Lt. Jake DeMonte also received a Leadership Award for his exemplary service and leadership in the patrol division. He said he had researched and created a three-week training program for the department, and all met and surpassed state requirements.
- Officer of the Year for 2023 was awarded to Ofc. Andrew Stevens for his work ethic, overall contributions to the community and exceptional police service throughout 2023.
- The Dispatcher of the Year Award was given to Dispatcher Patty McIntyre for her exceptional work ethic and dedication in maintaining a standard of excellence.

The Mayor then introduced TSEP President & CEO Aaron Montz, who presented their annual update. He said that the annual meeting will be held March 13th which is when the new annual report will be presented, so the details he is showing is from last year. Their organization was founded 40 years ago in 1983 as SIEDC, and they are now TSEP, although still formally known as SIEDC. They are a project-based organization, particularly economic

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development. Last year they renovated their heart of downtown offices and were able to “condo” the upstairs and cut the organization’s debt load by two-thirds. Montz reviewed some of their key organizational initiatives such as Seneca-Sandusky CEDS which is nearly complete and will be their comprehensive economic development strategy. It is required to be done once every ten years and updated every five years and brings potential for additional grant money. Economic development districts can also be formed, and they are already discussing a Firelands Coalition because too often we don’t meet the requirements for large projects. They are working on five active housing projects to address our housing shortage. Regarding industrial park growth, he noted that Eagle Rock Industrial Park is down to 18 acres and soon will be out of land. They are in talks with an adjacent family whose broker is already marketing their site of about 100 acres with road frontage and utilities, so it would be a great site for future growth. There are 55 projects for potential investment in the pipeline. One project is in cooperation with Fostoria Economic Development for rural Seneca County, in between Tiffin and Fostoria, and we are one of three finalists for a potential \$1 billion investment. Project Dublin will be a late first quarter announcement for a 50,000 SF facility and a \$3.5 million investment. Project Guitar is the \$10-\$12 million downtown Gibson Hotel Project, which still needs one more investor before the historic tax credits expire the end of the year. The hotel management company is already under contract. Noting the many exciting projects that they are working on, he thanked City Council for their ongoing support.

Corrina Eidt, Operations Manager, said she handles all TSEP internal operations and is the point of contact and secretary for the Sandusky County-Seneca County-City of Tiffin Port Authority. She is currently working on streamlining internal operations, implementing QuickBooks online, coordinating meetings and members visits, and website updates. She explained that the Port Authority railroad line, operated by Omnitrax, runs between Tiffin and Woodville with 1,500-2,000 carloads per year. Tiffin customers are Ameriwood Laminate Technologies, MGQ and National Machinery. A future SSTPA project will provide major updates to the 26-mile track with a \$6 million investment and some federal funding.

Development manager Adam Gillmor handles our community development, rural development and entrepreneurship projects. He currently has 15 active projects for about \$25 million of new investment in the pipeline, three of which are housing projects, eight are rural development, and five are entrepreneurial projects including the Tiffin-Seneca Entrepreneurial Clearing House. Regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), they are working on the 2022 project with Seneca County Common Ground on their Community Kitchen project, which has to be closed by October 31, 2024. For the \$150,000 allocation for Program Year 2024, Applejack Park was selected through Dream Big Tiffin because of its location in a low-to-moderate income area. The application deadline is June 12, so public meetings will be held late March/early April and enabling legislation to apply for the grant will need to be presented to Council by May. The Rainbow Muffler brownfield next to Ralph’s is being held in trust by TSEP for the City. The sinkhole repair was completed in December, and they have been told to expect the No Further Action letter or a permanent monitoring well on site. The final draft of the strategic plan for the Tiffin-Seneca Entrepreneurial Opportunity Clearinghouse (TSEOC) was submitted for review and should be complete by June. The Clearinghouse takes businesses for sale and passes them along to interested parties. He noted that it has become a model for other counties. Under Rural Development, a recent announcement was made about Price Manufacturing’s investment in a 2,400 SF addition and two additional machines. Other active projects include housing on the outskirts for mainly workforce residences.

Business Services Consultant Carol Owen’s focus is on developing our workforce and apprenticeships to improve our worker retention. This is done through ApprenticeOhio and their Manufacturing Showcase in October with local manufacturers and ten local schools. Virtual reality headsets are being used for training especially in the fields of health and medicine. In 2023 job orders were received from 329 customers and reimbursements made to employers for training were \$24,645 for new hires and \$41,817 for incumbent hires.

Donna Gross, Downtown Tiffin and Main Street Manager, reported on her four focus areas. Business Enhancement includes monthly Trivia Nights, merchant meetings and training, and insight calls to over 200 businesses. There were 10 new businesses downtown, three relocations, one expansion and two transfers of ownership. In March the Wild Bunch Wellness Bar will open next to Reino’s, and a new restaurant in the Laird Arcade, The Turntable, in the spring. Under Design, the Downtown Clean-Up Litter League volunteers collected over 900 bags of trash and 35 bags of leaves, they are working with TMAC and ABR n a 3M non-invasive product for brick wall murals, a new concept design for parking lots, and volunteers raised \$27,000 to install 82,000 new holiday lights. The Façade Enhancement Program had 12 projects in 2023 for over \$230,000 in investments, for a total of \$2.7 million in investments since 2014. Marketing events have included nine 3rd

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Thursdays, Kris Kringle Market, a free holiday movie at the Ritz and two window decorating contests, along with multiple press releases, community updates on the radio and social media postings on Facebook and Instagram. Downtown Development included downtown banners, a progress visit as part of the accreditation process, an annual visit to another Main Street Community, and at the annual Ohio Heritage Conference we were awarded Honorable Mention for the Best Ohio Main Street Committee Project “Kris Kringle Markt 2022”. She also thanked the community for their total of 1,193 volunteer hours.

CLERK OF COUNCIL ANN FORREST: No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE KATHY KAUFMANN:

Director of Finance Kaufman explained that suspension of Ord. 2024-2 has been requested to get parts ordered for the traffic light repair as soon as possible. Ord. 2024-6 is to pay for investment fees for the investment advisor; she wasn't sure last year how much to invest and did not know what those fees would be. She wants to record the fees in the month they happen and asked for the suspension in order to record those in January. The Street Department insurance reimbursement under Ord, 2024-8 needs to be appropriated to pay for damage to a John Deere tractor, and there also is a donation to the Parks that needs to be put to good use as soon as possible.

Director of Finance Report for the month ending:	DECEMBER 31, 2023
Total Receipts for the month:	\$6,223,885.49
Total Expenses for the month:	\$6,636,013.99
The General Fund unencumbered balance:	\$5,446,060.23

The income tax receipts for December 2023 were \$1,076,042.56. The total annual increase in income tax collections for December 2023 compared to December 2022 is \$95,833.95. Year to date income tax receipts are up 1.22%.

The portion of income tax receipts that was transferred into fund 215 for public streets for December 2023 is \$132,337.39.

The unexpended balance for all funds is **\$38,398,390.99** which is the same as the bank balances for the same time period.

Councilmember Roessner moved to accept the December 31, 2023 financial report as presented, as well as the bank reconciliation emailed to Council; Councilmember Hoernemann seconded. On a voice vote motion was approved 7-0.

DIRECTOR OF LAW ZACHARY FOWLER: No report.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor's Request for Legislation #24-06 – Appointment to the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission

Referred to the Personnel & Labor Relations Committee

Mayor's Request for Legislation #24-07 – Authorization to Solicit Request for Quote of Engineer Services

Referred to Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers Committee

Mayor's Request for Legislation #24-08 – General Consulting Services

Referred to Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers Committee

Mayor's Request for Legislation #24-09 – Urban Waters Federal Partnership Authorization

Referred to Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers Committee

Finance Director's Request for Legislation #F24-1 to amend the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate funds into the Finance Professional Services Budget (\$15,000.00).

On file in Clerk of Council's office; prepared under Ord. 2024-6.

Finance Director's Request for Legislation #F24-2 to amend the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate funds into the Capital improvement Budget, and to approve a transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund (\$241,000.00 + \$500,000.00).

On file in Clerk of Council's office; prepared under Ord. 2024-2.

Finance Director's Request for Legislation #F24-3 to amend the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate funds into the Street and Park Budgets (\$28,998.03 + \$4,670.53).

On File in Clerk of Council's office; prepared under Ord 2024-7.

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Finance Director's Request for Legislation #F24-4 to amend the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate funds into the .25% Income Tax Public Streets Budget, and to approve a transfer from the .25% Income Tax Public Streets fund to the OPWC Loan Street Paving Fund (\$18,750.00).

On file in Clerk of Council's office; prepared under Ord. 2024-8.

Finance Director's Request for Legislation #F24-5 to amend the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate funds into the General Administration Budget (\$25,000.00).

On file in Clerk of Council's office; prepared under Ord. 2024-9.

Finance Director's Request for Legislation #F24-6 to amend the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate funds into the City Hall Budget (\$25,000.00).

On file in Clerk of Council's office; prepared under Ord 2024-10.

Finance Director's letter dtd January 3, 2024 re Unclaimed Funds Written Off from 2022.

On file in Clerk of Council's office.

Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Liquor Permit Transfer from Phat Cakes LLC to Coastal Swing Three LLC.

Referred to Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers Committee.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

MOTIONS:

- A. Councilmember Hays moved that Resolutions 2024-4 through 2024-21 be read and then voted on as one; Councilmember Roessner seconded. On a voice vote, motion was approved 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2024-4, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Dennis Berger to serve a three-year term on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-5, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Dan Distel to serve a three-year term on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-6, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Robert Mack Jr. to serve a three-year term on the Architectural Board of Review from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-7, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Tony Consolo to serve a three-year term on the Architectural Board of Review from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-8, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Jessica Wirth to serve a three-year term on the Architectural Board of Review from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-9, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's appointment of Allan MacKenzie to serve an unexpired term on the Civil Service Commission from the effective date of this resolution until December 31, 2025.

Resolution 2024-10, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Nancy Bailey to serve a three-year term on the Fair Housing Board from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-11, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Wayne Wax to serve a two-year term on the Investment Advisory Committee from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2025.

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Resolution 2024-12, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of JoAnn King to serve a two-year term on the Investment Advisory Committee from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2025.

Resolution 2024-13, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Susan E. Payne to serve a five-year term on the Julia M. Weller Memorial Commission from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2028.

Resolution 2024-14, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of James Boroff to serve a term on the Local Board of Tax Review from the effective date of this resolution.

Resolution 2024-15, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Randy Schwartz to serve a four-year term on the Planning Commission from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2027.

Resolution 2024-16, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's appointment of Victor Perez to serve a six-year term on the Sewer Review Board from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2029.

Resolution 2024-17, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Michael Pinkston to serve a five-year term on the Tree Commission from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2028.

Resolution 2024-18, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's appointment of Christopher Beidelschies to serve a three-year term on the Tiffin Municipal Arts Commission from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-19, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Nick Consolo to serve a three-year term on the Tiffin Municipal Arts Commission from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-20, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Victor Perez to serve a four-year term on the Tiffin Recreation & Beautification Fund Board from the effective date of this resolution until December 31, 2027.

Resolution 2024-21, introduced by John Hays and read for the first and only time required.

A RESOLUTION approving Mayor's reappointment of Timothy Hopple to serve a four-year term on the Tiffin Recreation & Beautification Fund Board from the effective date of this resolution until December 31, 2027.

Councilmember Hays moved for passage of above Resolutions 2024-4 through 2024-21; Councilmember Thacker seconded.

Roll call vote was taken on the passage, which was approved 7-0.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 2024-2, introduced by Cheyane Thacker and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the City Administrator to prepare plans and specifications, advertise for and receive bids, and recommend and enter into a contract to purchase traffic signal equipment, amending 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to pay for the expense, and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Thacker moved for suspension of the three-reading rule and passage; Councilmember Jones seconded.

Roll call votes were taken on the suspension, emergency and passage, and each was approved 7-0.

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Ordinance 2024-3, introduced by Cheyane Thacker and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with an environmental consulting firm to complete a full inventory of the City's urban forest and declaring an emergency. Councilmember Thacker moved for suspension of the three-reading rule and passage; Councilmember Snay seconded.

Discussion: Councilmember Roessner stated that this will streamline the tree inventory in the City so the Street Department can operate more efficiently.

Roll call votes were taken on the suspension, emergency and passage, and each was approved 7-0.

Ordinance 2024-4, introduced by Cheyane Thacker and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded or the City Administrator to competitively bid for the purchase of road salt.

Ordinance 2024-5, introduced by Cheyane Thacker and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the Board of Control to enter into an agreement with a professional design firm for preparation of the engineering and design and construction administration and inspection services for the Eastland Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Thacker moved for suspension of the three-reading rule and passage; Councilmember Hoernemann seconded.

Discussion: Councilmember Thacker explained that this is for updates that need to happen in the Eastland Park Sewer to save the City some money and extend the life of the sewer that is there.

Roll call votes were taken on the suspension, emergency and passage, and each was approved 7-0.

Ordinance 2024-6, introduced by Kevin Roessner and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE amending Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate \$15,000.00 into the General Fund.

Councilmember Roessner moved for suspension of the three-reading rule and passage; Councilmember Thacker seconded.

Roll call votes were taken on the suspension and passage, and both were approved 7-0.

Ordinance 2024-7, introduced by Kevin Roessner and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE amending Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate \$28,998.03 into the Street Maintenance Fund and \$4,670.53 into the Park & Recreation Fund.

Councilmember Roessner moved for suspension of the three-reading rule and passage; Councilmember Thacker seconded.

Discussion: Councilmember Roessner expressed his gratitude to Amvets for their donation to the Parks fund.

Roll call votes were taken on the suspension and passage, and both were approved 7-0.

Ordinance 2024-8, introduced by Kevin Roessner and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE amending the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate \$18,750.00 into the .25% Income Tax Public Streets Fund and approve a transfer from the .25% Income Tax Public Streets Fund to the OPWC Loan Street Paving Fund.

Ordinance 2024-9, introduced by Kevin Roessner and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE amending the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate \$25,000.00 into the General Administration Budget.

Ordinance 2024-10, introduced by Kevin Roessner and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE amending the 2024 Budget Ordinance 23-94 to appropriate \$25,000.00 into the City Hall Budget.

Councilmember Roessner moved for suspension of the three-reading rule and passage; Councilmember Jones seconded.

Discussion: Councilmember Roessner explained that Fire Station #1 needs a floor inspection. City Administrator Dutro added that the City had contracted with an Ohio-based engineering firm for a structural study, and we got a good price for the entire structure including City Hall. This company has done work in our area before.

Roll call votes were taken on the suspension and passage, and both were approved 7-0.

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Ordinance 2024-11, introduced by Cheyane Thacker and read for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing the City Administrator to prepare plans and specifications, advertise for and receive bids, and recommend and execute a contract for the West Market Street and Hopewell Avenue traffic signal repair project.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Hays announced a Personnel & Labor Relations Committee meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in Council Chambers to discuss Mayor’s Request for Legislation #24-06 regarding an appointment to the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission, and any other business that may come before them.

Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers Committee Chair Councilmember Thacker confirmed that none of her committee members ask for a hearing on the Ohio Division of Liquor Control permit transfer from Phat Cakes to Coastal Swing Three. She asked the Clerk of Council to sign and return the document indicating no hearing required.

Councilmember Thacker then announced a Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers Committee meeting to be held Monday, January 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Mayor’s Requests for Legislation #24-07 (authorization to solicit request for quote of engineer services), #24-08 (general consulting services), #23-09 (Urban Waters Federal Partnership authorization), and any other business that may come before them,

City Administrator Dutro reported on the total tonnages total that Rumpke collected in 2023. For year ending 2023 they collected 5,368.98 tons of municipal solid waste/garbage plus 941.40 tons of recyclables. This is an increase on the recyclables from the prior year and a slight decrease from 2022 when we were at 5,340.82 tons collected. Our contract with Rumpke was approved last year and goes through March 2028. We had a wonderful visit to one of their recycling facilities in Columbus a couple of years ago. They have since done some major investments at that facility, and if Council is ever interested in going back we could do it again next year.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Forrest, Clerk of Council.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2024

Presiding Officer of Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council