

BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 3, 2020

Council President F. John Betts opened the meeting via teleconference with the following members present in the Bryan City Council Chambers: Jim Kozumplik, Mary Leatherman, Judith Yahraus, and Richard Hupe. Also present in the Council Chambers were: Mayor Carrie Schlade and City Clerk-Treasurer Laura Rode. Other City employees participating via teleconference include: City Attorney Rhonda Fisher, City Engineer Brian Wieland, Police Chief Christopher Chapa, Street Commissioner Tyson Engstrom, Fire Chief Bruce Siders, Parks and Recreation Director Benjamin Dominique, and Local Programming and Production Lead Eric Herman. Also appearing in Council Chambers for the meeting was Waterwater Treatment Operator III Rodney Carlisle.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020, Regular Meeting as written. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Rode requested Council make a motion to change the number of Ordinance 30, 2020, to Ordinance 28, 2020, as it was erroneously numbered at the previous Council meeting.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to renumber Ordinance 30, 2020, to Ordinance 28, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner Engstrom informed the public that recycling operations have now resumed in the City.

Mr. Dan Fenter, a Bryan resident and Chaplain for the local Eagles, approached Council requesting that the Eagles and the rear parking lot of the Eagles be included in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for downtown Bryan. He stated that being included would allow the Eagles to stimulate business. Further discussion was held regarding the requirements and costs for the applications and permits to hold special functions.

Mr. Kevin McDougle, an Eagle's trustee, and Wastewater Treatment Operator III Carlisle, who is also an Eagle's trustee, approached Council requesting that the Eagles be included in the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area reminding the Council of the amount of donations granted by the Eagles in recent years for Bryan. They also indicated that including the Eagles could improve bike and car events attendance. Further discussion was held with Councilman Hupe thanking the Eagles for their generosity to our community.

Ordinance No. 29, 2020, titled,

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRYAN, STATE OF OHIO, AND CONFORMING TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODE PROVISIONS TO STATE LAW CHANGES.

was presented and read by title only. City Attorney Fisher requested Council approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bryan to conform with traffic and general offenses code provisions to State law changes.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 29, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Ordinance No. 29, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 30, 2020, titled,

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR “REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS”, (RFQ), FROM ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR THE FINAL DESIGN PHASE, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PHASE AND CONSTRUCTION MONITORING FOR THE 2020 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, “WIL-SRTS BRYAN CITY SCHLS”, PID-113489.

was presented and read by title only. City Engineer Wieland addressed Council requesting to advertise for request for qualifications from engineering firms for the final design phase, bidding, and construction engineering phase and construction monitoring for the 2020 Safe Routes to School project. At present, the project is planning to be completed in 2023.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 30, 2020, on three separate days. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to pass Resolution No. 30, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mayor Schlade presented Council with an application for the establishment of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for downtown Bryan. She described to Council the steps required including approving the application, having public hearings, presenting an ordinance, and submitting it to the State for approval. She noted that the ordinance could be modified if Council requested. Further discussion was held regarding

effective date for the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area as well as the possibility of including the Eagles in the map and the nightly closing time restriction per the document.

Council President Betts asked the Council to consider if now is the right time to implement a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for Bryan in light of COVID-19 pandemic and continued that a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) promotes social situations at a time when social distancing is to be practiced. He also shared a quote by Dr. Fauci concerning the spread of the corona virus to rural areas. With that in mind, he proposed reviewing the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) for downtown Bryan in early 2021 and allowing it to be in effect for 2021 with the public voting on the issue in November 2021 for the future.

Council member Yahraus disagreed with Council President Betts indicating that she felt the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) should be in place. Councilman Kozumplik concurred that now is the time to move forward with the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) in hope of stimulating downtown revitalization. Further discussion was held.

Councilman Hupe then proposed that if the December 31, 2021 expiration date were in place, perhaps the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) could be set to begin January 1, 2021, leaving a buffer of time for the current pandemic. Further discussion was held.

Mr. Hupe moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to approve the application for the establishment of a Downtown Bryan Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area adjusting the map to include a route to the Eagles building and parking lot with the effective date of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Roll call vote: Hupe, aye; Kozumplik, aye; Yahraus, aye; Leatherman, aye; Betts, nay. Motion carried.

Council President Betts continued that while he appreciated the January 1, 2021, start date, he would have liked to wait until later.

Discussion was then held regarding when the first reading of the ordinance would be to which City Attorney Fisher replied that August 17, 2020, should be fine as legal notice would have been sufficiently given to the public.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mrs. Yahraus seconded, to hold a public hearing for the Downtown Bryan Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area on August 17, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Leatherman, aye; Yahraus, aye; Kozumplik, aye; Hupe, aye; Betts, nay. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa requested Council approve the resignation of Patrol Office Jesse Barrera effective August 9, 2020.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to accept with regret the resignation of Patrol Office Jesse Barrera effective August 9, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Police Chief Chapa then requested to hire Ian Younts as a Patrol Officer pending the successful completion of the required examinations at a rate of \$20 per hour.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to hire Ian Younts as a Patrol Officer pending the successful completion of the required examinations at a rate of \$20 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders requested to appoint Greg Grisier to the position of Fire Crew Lieutenant effective August 3, 2020.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to appoint Greg Grisier to the position of Fire Crew Lieutenant effective August 3, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Siders then requested to hire Nicholas A. Cooper as a Volunteer Firefighter effective August 3, 2020.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to hire Nicholas A. Cooper as a Volunteer Firefighter effective August 3, 2020, at a rate of \$8.70 per hour. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

City Engineer Wieland informed Council of the resignations of Niki Warncke and Marv Merillat from the Bryan Planning Commission.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to approve with regret the resignations of Niki Warncke and Marv Merillat from the Bryan Planning Commission. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Director Dominique requested Council approve to set the community Halloween date for the City of Bryan on October 31, 2020.

Mr. Kozumplik moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to set the community Halloween date for the City of Bryan on October 31, 2020. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Council member Yahraus inquired about the road under construction in Recreation Park to which Parks and Recreation Director Dominique replied that it should be completed in September 2020.

A brief recess was taken.

Ms. Leatherman moved, Mr. Hupe seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss the compensation of public employees at 6:48 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Asked to attend the Executive Session were: Mayor Schlade, City Attorney Fisher, and City Clerk-Treasurer Rode.

Mr. Hupe moved, Ms. Leatherman seconded, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

Mrs. Yahraus moved, Mr. Kozumplik seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes; nays, none. Motion carried.

President of Council

Clerk-Treasurer