

MADEIRA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Spencer led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Nancy Spencer, Mayor
Scott Gehring
Tom Henning
Chris Hilberg
Doug Moormann
Brian Mueller
Traci Theis

Officials/Staff present:

Brian Fox, Law Director
Tom Moeller, City Manager
Lori Thompson, Assistant City Manager
David Schaefer, Police Chief
C. Robert Paul, Treasurer
Kristie Lowndes, Asst. Treasurer
Christine Doyle, Clerk of Council

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

A. Changes to the agenda:

1. Mr. Moormann asked to add the proposed Federal Infrastructure Bill to New Business.
2. Ms. Theis asked to add Vaccine Distribution to Homebound Seniors to New Business.

B. Changes to the City Council Regular Meeting minutes from March 8, 2021:

None

C. Res. No. 16-21: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Parr Public Safety Equipment for Cruiser Equipment and Installation

D. Res. No. 17-21: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Kleingers Group for Professional Survey Services for the McDonald Commons Master Plan

Motion to accept the amended agenda; the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes; Res. No. 16-21: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Parr Public Safety Equipment for Cruiser Equipment and Installation; and Res. No. 17-21: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with the Kleingers Group for Professional Survey Services for the McDonald Commons Master Plan made by Ms. Theis, second by Mr. Moormann. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

V. MAYOR'S MOMENT

A. Public Comment Reminder

B. In the Community

1. Mayor Spencer said beautiful weather is upon us, and it's wonderful to see people out on the streets and in the parks. She reminded residents to send an email to nspencer@madeiracity.com to share the great things going on in the community.

2. Ms. Theis said Madeira Schools spring break would begin on Saturday April 27. Mr. Moormann said Hamilton County is accepting applications for women to serve on the Commission on Women.

C. Special Recognition
None

VI. NOTICES OF OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Mayor's Court March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Steering Committee March 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
- Inclusion Committee April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Municipal Offices Closed April 2, 2021
- Board of Zoning Appeals April 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting April 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

VII. COMMITTEE AND OFFICIAL REPORTS

A. Economic Development Committee meeting on March 9, 2021

1. Mr. Moormann reported resident Paul Yankie attended the meeting to discuss property tax abatements, as Mr. Yankie is deeply involved in the sustainability movement. The Committee is working on a draft policy for property tax abatement focused on renovating existing homes to encourage aging in place; they will have more information to share in the next few weeks.
2. Representatives of Eagle Homes attended the meeting to request property tax abatements for the Overlook development on Miami.
3. The Committee made the recommendation to contract with a consultant to make an application for the historic properties to the National Historic Trust. An historic designation would allow the City to proceed with a Downtown Redevelopment District.
4. Mr. Moeller is being seated to represent the City on the Hamilton County Community Investment Corporation Board.

B. Parks and Recreation Board meeting on March 10, 2021

1. Mr. Mueller reported Parks Manager Andy Disbennett would be managing invasive plants, primarily bamboo and honeysuckle, at the Bird Sanctuary. When asked, Mr. Mueller said Mr. Disbennett could likely use assistance from groups, such as Scout troops, were they interested in helping.
2. The Board met with MSA Design as stakeholders in the McDonald Commons Master Plan project.
3. Easter Eggs were available for pickup at the Municipal Building starting March 22. Information about the eggs was made available online as well as on signage posted around the City.
4. The Board continues to work on events despite conflicting statements from government officials about what will and will not be allowed later this year. They are developing a Plan B for Independence Day in the event the parade and fireworks cannot be held as in the past.

C. Public Works Committee meeting on March 15, 2021

1. Mr. Gehring reported Sam Morton, of Kleingers Group, attended the meeting. Mr. Morton and Mr. Moeller will be meeting to finalize the scope of service for the 2021 Street Program.

2. As of the meeting, the owner of the property needed to reconfigure the Euclid/Camargo intersection had not yet agreed to a sale.
3. The Committee decided to hold off on the hardscape plan for gateway areas and plans for the Municipal Plaza until MSA completes the McDonald Commons Park design; the intent would be to possibly use elements of the Park's design in the other areas of the City.
4. The Committee discussed possibly relocating the Madeira Service Department to give the Department more room and to remove the industrial element from McDonald Commons Park. Three potential sites were reviewed.

D. Senior Commission meeting on March 15, 2021

1. Mr. Hilberg noted the meeting took place exactly one year after their previous meeting. They restarted their discussion of how to restructure the Commission to get more people involved.
2. The Commission asked the Chamber of Commerce to develop a list of resources specific to the needs of seniors.
3. Commission members David Walsh and Clare Heinsler volunteered to participate in the Inclusion Committee. Members also met with MSA as McDonald Commons stakeholders.
4. The Commission will be presenting A to Zs of Sleeping Healthy on June 2 and Welcome to Medicare on August 4. These will be Zoom presentations that will also be recorded and made available; there will also be limited seating available in Council Chambers at the time of the event.

E. Planning Commission meeting on March 15, 2021

1. Mr. Moormann reported the Commission discussed feedback from the Law and Safety Committee on the first half of the zoning code. A special session of Planning Commission is scheduled for April 8 to discuss the suggestions in further depth.
2. The Commission also continued to develop a list of Comprehensive Plan priorities to recommend to Council.
3. When asked, Mr. Moormann said the City is waiting for the developer of the Stewart Road development to submit the engineering plans for review.

F. Administration and Personnel Committee meeting on March 16, 2021

1. Mr. Hilberg reported the Committee discussed how best to get the word out about vacancies on Board and Commissions.

G. Police Report

1. Chief Schaefer reported that, as of the meeting, 35 applicants were signed up to take the test to be considered for the open position in the Department. Lieutenants Phillips and Roy were conducting in-person recruiting at the area academies.
2. Chief Schaefer reviewed the overtime pay saved by the Department since 2019; the savings was achieved by moving officers and lieutenants to cover shifts to ensure a minimum of two people on duty at all times.
3. He shared his research on intersection cameras, focusing on Flock Safety, as they do not require the purchase of the hardware up front. The cost would be \$2,500 per year to capture two lanes of traffic in one direction; it would cost \$10,000 per year to cover an entire intersection. The cameras would capture the back of vehicles, in most cases providing the color, make, and model of the vehicles as well as the license plate. When asked, Chief Schaefer said he would prioritize a camera at Miami and Euclid. A camera on the Municipal Building captures part of the intersection, but the resolution is not high

enough to capture plates; the Chief is looking into upgrading this camera with the current vendor. It was noted subdivisions or businesses could purchase the cameras and have the data go to the Police Department.

- Chief Schaefer said he prefers an arrangement that doesn't require the purchase of equipment. He is currently negotiating pricing for body camera and in-car camera data storage, which is complicated because technology has changed and companies have stopped supporting the items or gone out of business. When asked, he said the Governor may earmark money for body cameras in the future but not in-car cameras.
 - Mayor Spencer asked for price comparisons from different vendors and the cost for the prioritized intersections as well as the parks.
4. Mr. Hilberg commended the Department on the arrest of the person suspected in the Madeira Beverage shooting. Chief Schaefer said he could not comment on the arrest but did say the suspect was indicted.

VIII. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

A. Guests and Registered Visitors

1. Jon Clemons, 6542 Madeira Hills Drive, said he initiated a petition to install speed humps on Madeira Hills Drive due to the speed of traffic, in particular large trucks and trailers, through the hilly, tree-covered, and children-filled neighborhood. Greylock Drive is at the end of Madeira Hills and is an access street to Indian Hill's Clippinger neighborhoods. Mr. Clemons needed signatures from 51% of the affected property owners to investigate the issue and received signatures from 30 of the 58 owners. Only one homeowner that he asked declined to sign because they were selling their home.
- Mr. Moeller noted Madeira Hills is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2022, so now would be the time to determine if speed humps would be the best way to calm traffic.
 - Chief Schaefer said the Police Department conducted a speed study on the street and would schedule a blind study to see how traffic moves. He said speed humps can lead to an increase in cycling accidents and snow plow damage.
 - Council discussed other related topics, including assessing the cost of the speed humps to homeowners and changing access to Greylock in a way that we reroute GPS.

B. Correspondence

1. The City received a petition to install speed humps on Madeira Hills Drive, as discussed above.
2. Alex Loehr sent the City an email regarding train noise.

IX. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Steward Road Development Update/Annexation Discussion

1. Mr. Moeller said the developer of the Stewart Road development has asked if Council would be willing to annex the rear portions of lots 3, 4, and 5 into Madeira. The annexation would simplify property taxes for the potential owners of the lots and make the lots easier for the developer to sell. The benefit to Madeira would be a bit of property tax revenue. Council agreed to support the annexation if Columbia Township was in favor of it.

B. Federal Infrastructure Bill

1. Mr. Moormann said it appeared the Federal government would be passing an infrastructure bill and allowing members of Congress to recommend ten projects from their district for funding. He suggested writing a letter to Congressperson Wenstrup to ask that the Miami Avenue project be included on his list.
2. It was decided Mr. Moormann would draft the letter and members of Council would sign it if possible given vacation schedules. Otherwise the letter would come from the City.

C. Vaccine Distribution to Homebound Seniors to New Business

1. Ms. Theis said she had been in communication with Fire Chief Oughterson to start a program that would allow the Fire Department to vaccinate homebound individuals in the City for the corona virus. She said she would get in touch with Chief Oughterson again to discuss a plan for sign-ups.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

None

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

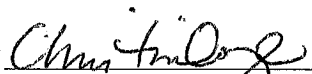
- A. Pending Litigation
- B. Real Estate

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and real estate made by Mr. Henning, second by Mr. Moormann. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 9:18 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Gehring, second by Ms. Theis, to adjourn Executive Session and return to regular session at 9:32 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Ms. Theis, second by Mr. Moormann, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:33 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.



Christine Doyle, Clerk of Council