

Legislative Session Minutes

May 23, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 05-23-22 Committee Meeting Schedule

6:20-6:35	Scooters	Streets & Public Buildings Severns
6:35-6:45	Utilities Commission appointment	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:45-6:56	Workforce development	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:56-7:19	MVPD quarterly report	Fire, Police, Civil Defense Kirby
7:30 p.m.	City Council Legislative Meeting	Ref: Agenda

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee	Title	Status
John Francis	Second Ward	Present
Mike Hillier	Fourth Ward	Present
Janis Seavolt	At Large	Present
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Present
Mel Severns	Councilman	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present
Josh Kirby	Board Member	Excused

Francis made a motion to excuse Kirby, with a second by Keener. Motion passed by a voice vote of 6-0.

INVOCATION

Tim Overly, Covenant Christian Church, performed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - May 9, 2022 7:00 PM

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes from Council's Legislative Session of May 9, 2022, with a second by Francis. Motion passed by a voice vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	John Francis, Second Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Kirby

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the Parks and Lands Committee meeting of May 9, 2022 and the two Utilities Committee meetings of May 9, 2022.

- 05-09-22 Parks and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
- 05-09-22A Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
- 05-09-22B Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Scott Savage, 53 Woodlake Trail, spoke for eight minutes about a stop-work order he received from the City regarding a swimming pool he is putting in at his residence.

Vickie Kinney-Adams, 1105 Martinsburg Road, spoke for four minutes in opposition to the City's recent purchase of the property at 3 E. High St. for relocation of the City's Municipal Court and Law Director offices. In response to her comments, Law Director Rob Broeren noted that legal prohibitions prevent the City from purchasing property in Cooper Progress Park and that Knox County is unwilling to sell its property adjacent to the County Jail on Upper Gilchrist Road.

Vickie Fitzgerald, 206 E. High St., spoke for four minutes in opposition to the City's recent purchase of the property at 3 E. High St.

Michael Abrams, Mount Vernon, spoke about the City's recent purchase of the property at 3 E. High St., and about other properties in the City.

Julia Greenwich-Suggs and Sam Filkins with the Knox Area Development Foundation spoke for eight minutes about their agency's recent childcare needs assessment.

- ADF Childcare Needs Assessment

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT AN EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN THE WORKPLACE, INCREASING EMPLOYEE MOTIVATION, AND RECOGNIZING EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT OF EMPLOYEES TO THE CITY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Resolution No. 2022-50 was given a second reading. Employee and Community Relations Committee Chair Francis requested a 10-minute committee meeting on the legislation for June 13, 2022.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-51

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MIKE MILLER TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-51, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-51, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the legislation. Hillier commented on the importance of the Utilities Commission and the importance of having experienced members on the board. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 5-1, with Hillier voting no.

RESULT: ADOPTED [5 TO 1]

MOVER: John Francis, Second Ward

SECONDER: Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward

AYES: Francis, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns

NAYS: Hillier

EXCUSED: Kirby

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-52**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE NAMED VACANT BUILDING REGISTRY FUND PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(D), O.R.C.5705.10(C); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Kirby

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-52, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-52, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott detailed the legislation. Hillier asked if

the Fire Department will be involved in the inspection of vacant buildings, and Scott responded that they are. Law Director Rob Broeren added that the legislation is directed only at commercial properties. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Kirby

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Kirby

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-53, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-53, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott and Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik detailed the legislation. Engineer Brian Ball noted that the City is currently negotiating a contract for the reinforcement of the parking garage at 5 N. Gay St., that the steel for the project will probably arrive by August, and that the project will add as many as 25 years to the life of the building. Seavolt added that a committee formed to look for a new site for the Municipal Court and Law Director offices considered several sites before deciding on 3 E. High St. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-53 passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Kirby

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-54

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SARAH WAGNER TO THE SHADE TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-54, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-54, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Kirby

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR MANSFIELD AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Francis

Resolution No. 2022-55 was given a first reading.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-56

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CITY HALL HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Francis

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-56, with a second by Francis. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-56, with a second by Francis. Engineer Brian Ball detailed the legislation, noting that the heating and cooling units in City Hall would be replaced, not repaired. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Francis, Second Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Kirby

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 902 "STREETS" OF PART NINE, TITLE I; RENUMBERING SEC. 311.06; AND CREATING SEC. 902.02 "ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON

Parks and Lands: Keener, Woods

Ordinance No. 2022-22 was given a second reading.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-23

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF AV TECHNICIAN, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Ordinance No. 2022-23 was given a first reading. The Employee and Community Relations chair requested a 10-minute committee meeting on the legislation for June 13, 2022.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Matt Starr congratulated First Church of the Nazarene on its 100th anniversary, and stressed the importance of Memorial Day. Treasurer David Stuller released 2021 income tax statistics for the City, and noted that withholding and business and individual tax returns were up over the previous year.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Keener stressed the importance of Memorial Day, and called attention to the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, as well as the first First Friday event of the summer. Severns shared an inspirational thought, and thanked the Police Chief for his quarterly report and the Police Department for its work. Hillier detailed issues with a resident's storm sewer bill, and Engineer Brian Ball noted that the City's Codified Ordinances do not currently allow for refunds on such bills. Hillier also called attention to the condition of derelict properties at 206 N. Division St. and 404 N. Gay St. Woods noted that her thoughts are with Council Person Kirby, and asked for an update on the old middle school property. Woods also suggested that fewer residents will continue working from home now that the coronavirus pandemic is fading, and Treasurer David Stuller suggested that we could see more hybrid workforces going forward. Francis stressed the importance of Memorial Day. Hawkins stressed the importance of Memorial Day, and asked for an update on the repaving of North Sandusky Street. Ball responded that a small concrete strip will remain unpaved until after work funded with a Community Development Block Grant is completed in the fall.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Keener. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

CD on file/th



PRESS RELEASE

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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 18, 2022

Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule May 23, 2022

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6:45-6:55	Workforce development	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:55-7:15	MVPD quarterly report	Fire, Police, Civil Defense Kirby
7:30 p.m.	City Council Legislative Meeting	Ref: Agenda

The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
Mount Vernon News - WMVO - WNZR – City Hall Bulletin Board



**Parks and Lands Committee Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022 – 5:45 p.m. to 5:57 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce E. Hawkins, President
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Janis Seavolt, At-Large
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Josh Kirby, First Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Brian Ball, Engineer
David Stuller, Treasurer
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2022-22, which would allow for audible pedestrian signals at future crosswalk projects. The chair noted that the devices would be for future intersections only, would cost about \$6,000 each, and that grants could be available to help pay for them. The devices would not be placed at locations with flashing crossing lights. Law Director Rob Broeren, Auditor Terry Scott and Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik also commented on the legislation.

Ordinance No. 2022-22 was given a second reading during Council's legislative session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Keener, Chair
Parks and Lands Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

AK/th



Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022 – 5:57 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce E. Hawkins, President
 John Francis, Second Ward
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
 Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Josh Kirby, First Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
 Robert Broeren, Law Director
 Terry Scott, Auditor
 Brian Ball, Engineer
 Tom Marshall, Utility Director
 David Stuller, Treasurer
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

Utility Director Tom Marshall gave a presentation, which was begun by Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik, assessing the staffing of the Utilities Department, including critical utility infrastructure needs, allocation of resources and department structure reorganization. He suggested that with consolidation, staffing re-allocation could be accomplished without layoffs or the hiring of additional staff, although some employees could move into other positions.

No action was taken, and no further committee meetings on the matter were scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
 Utilities Committee
 Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th



Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2022 – 6:45 p.m. to 7:14 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce E. Hawkins, President
 John Francis, Second Ward
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
 Janis Seavolt, At-Large
 Amber Keener, At-Large
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Josh Kirby, First Ward

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
 Robert Broeren, Law Director
 Terry Scott, Auditor
 Brian Ball, Engineer
 Tom Marshall, Utility Director
 David Stuller, Treasurer
 Todd Hill, Clerk
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
 Representatives from Rumpke, Mount Vernon Waste

The committee discussed various issues related to trash removal in the City, including hours of operation, truck noise and traffic, trash haulers missing pickups, recycling, vehicle weight, and the ability of residents to choose their own hauler. Sarah Matthews of Rumpke and Betsy Scott with Mount Vernon Waste addressed the issues from their companies' perspectives.

No action was taken, and no further committee meetings on the matter were scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Woods, Chair
 Utilities Committee
 Mount Vernon City Council

TW/th

Assessment 2022

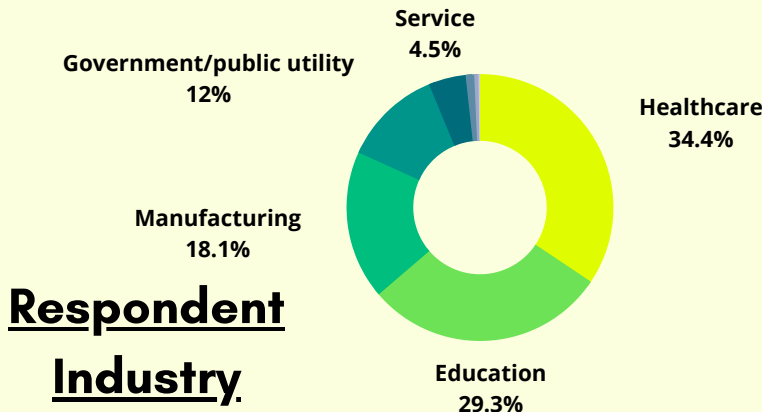
Safe, accessible, and affordable childcare is a necessity for any vibrant community and lack of childcare is impacting the workforce participation

Survey Distribution Method

- Directly distributed to top 25 employers
- Issued to the public through social media and partner organizations
- Anyone who lived or worked in Knox County was able to participate

Sample Composition

- **589** total responses
- **322** have children
- **216** have no children
- **41** plan to have children in the next five years.

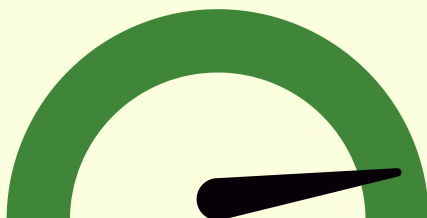
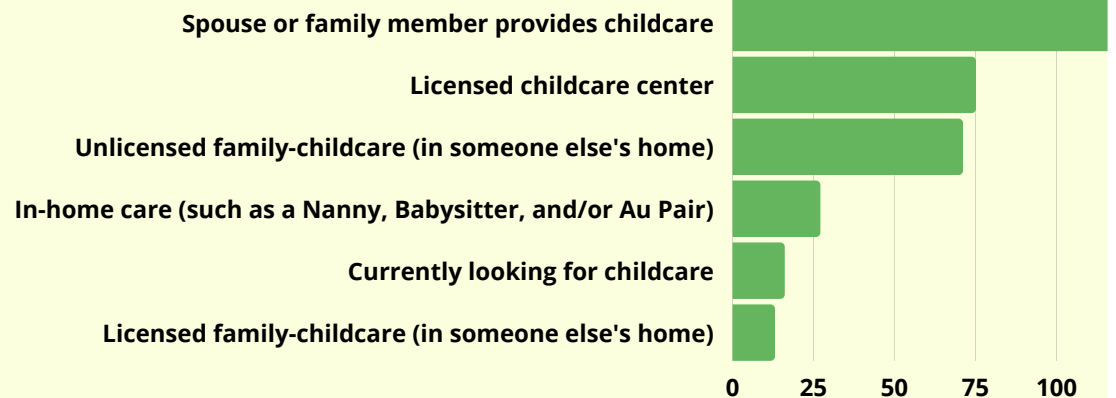


Age of Respondents Children

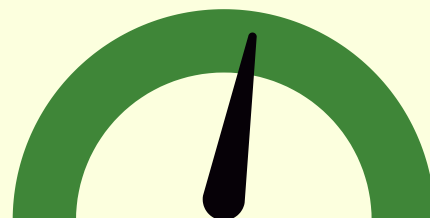
1 month - 3 years old	156
3-5 years old	163
6-10 years old	187
11-14 years old	50

559 Children represented

Current Childcare Arrangement



92.3% of respondents have found it difficult to find childcare



55% of respondents have considered leaving their current job due to childcare needs



58% of respondents have someone in their family who is unable to work full-time due to childcare demands

Affordability: Balancing the affordability of childcare with providing a living wage for caregivers is almost impossible without a subsidy

11.1



The median current weekly cost per child of respondents is **\$150**



The median desired weekly cost per child of respondents is **\$125**



Based on the median income of Knox County and recommended "affordability" by Health and Human Services* the total weekly cost should be **\$114**

*According to the Department of Health and Human services, childcare should cost no more than 10% of a household budget

Availability: No matter what the cost there are not enough available spaces

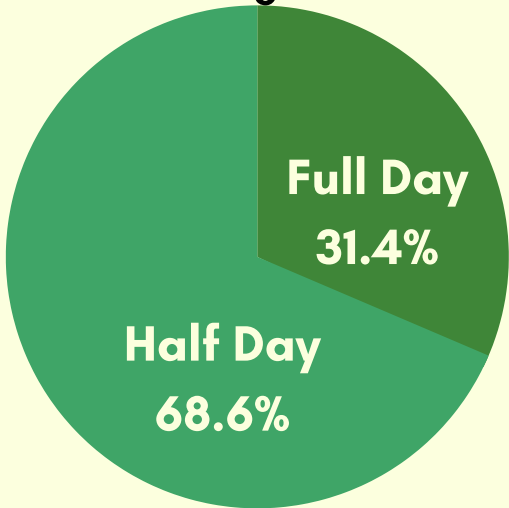
Licensed Childcare Enrollment in Knox County

There are very few, if any, openings in full-time licensed childcare

	Total
Infant Toddler	73
Preschool	837
School Aged	76
Total Overall	986

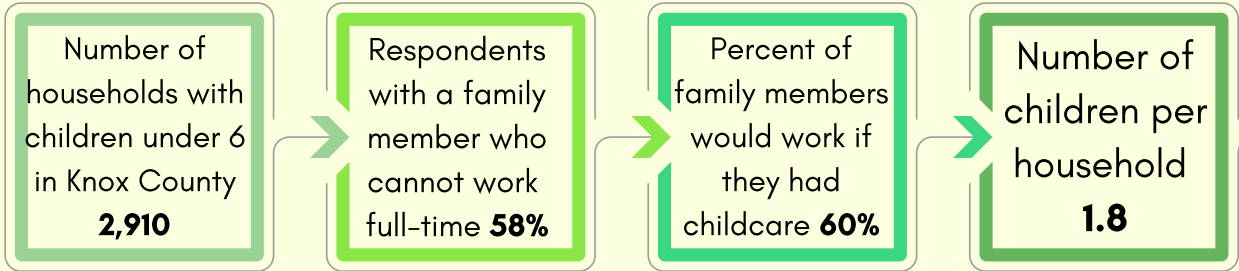
The greatest need is for full-time infant toddler care

Preschool Offerings in Knox County



There are openings in half day preschools but not in full day preschools

Demand: Estimated demand for additional childcare in Knox County



Approximately **1,822** new childcare spots needed



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Rob Broeren

Initiator: Todd Hill

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-50

DOC ID: 3564

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT AN EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE IN THE WORKPLACE, INCREASING EMPLOYEE MOTIVATION, AND RECOGNIZING EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT OF EMPLOYEES TO THE CITY.

WHEREAS the City of Mount Vernon wishes to invest in its workforce through intra-agency activities of recognition, professional development, and interdepartmental networking; and

WHEREAS participants from the City of Mount Vernon's most recent leadership development training program, which concluded in 2021, have expressed their desire to have opportunities for on- or off-site socialization activities that promote an *esprit de corps* among employees; and

WHEREAS this measure would fulfill the City's mission ... to providing modern city services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service, and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors while retaining and attracting investors in our community; and

WHEREAS the measures set forth in this Resolution address guiding principle #2 of the City's Strategic Plan, "Support public safety and criminal justice through skilled and diverse hiring, modern facilities and equipment, and investment in staff and training," and guiding principle #7, "Continue to act in stewardship of the public interest through enhanced public communication, implementation of innovative solutions, ongoing professional development of the workforce, and efficient, effective, and fiscally responsible governance;" and

WHEREAS the items listed below are for workforce development and do not constitute fringe benefits under definition of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC); and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the City of Mount Vernon to comply with the advice rendered by the Ohio Attorney General in OAG No. 82-006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director shall have the authority to utilize City funds not to exceed \$8,000 for the year of 2022 for the purchase and dissemination of promotional items and apparel that include the City's official logo to be provided to employees for recognition of safety and/or customer service.

SECTION 2: That the Safety-Service Director shall have the authority to utilize City funds up to \$2,000 for the year of 2022 for workforce development activities which may also highlight socialization opportunities for employees and their families.

SECTION 3: That the Safety-Service Director shall have the authority to utilize City funds on food and non-alcoholic beverages, delivery, catering, and additional gratuity which is not to exceed 15% of the expense when applicable for the purpose of providing meals or sustenance for staff during professional development activities.

SECTION 4: That Council determines that the expenditure of the funds in Sections 1 through 3 are necessary to further a public purpose.

HISTORY:

05/09/22 City Council **FIRST READING**

Resolution No. 2022-50 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2022-50 was given a second reading. Employee and Community Relations Committee Chair Francis requested a 10-minute committee meeting on the legislation for June 13, 2022.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Appointment

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-51

DOC ID: 3567

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MIKE MILLER TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirm the Mayor's appointment of Mike Miller, 304 Oak St., Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Utilities Commission of the City of Mount Vernon, fulfilling the unexpired term of Rachel Curtis, beginning immediately and expiring on March 10, 2024.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

HISTORY:

05/09/22 City Council FIRST READING

Resolution No. 2022-51 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-51, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-51, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the legislation. Hillier commented on the importance of the Utilities Commission and the importance of having experienced members on the board. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 5-1, with Hillier voting no.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [5 TO 1]**
MOVER: John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER: Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES: Francis, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
NAYS: Mike Hillier
EXCUSED: Josh Kirby



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-52

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Kirby
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3568

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE NAMED VACANT BUILDING REGISTRY FUND PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(D), O.R.C.5705.10(C); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 5705.09(D) requires each subdivision to establish a special fund for each special levy and Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.10(C) requires all revenue derived from a special levy to be credited to a special fund for the purpose for which the levy was made; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish this fund for the collection and distribution of revenues generated from vacant buildings pursuant to the Vacant Buildings and Industrial Properties Ordinance (No. 2019-24).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to create a new fund to be called Vacant Building Registry Fund pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.09(D) and O.R.C. 5705.10(C).

SECTION 2: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Auditor's department of the municipal government, and said Ordinance shall therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-52, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-52, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott detailed the legislation. Hillier asked if the Fire Department will be involved in the inspection of

vacant buildings, and Scott responded that they are. Law Director Rob Broeren added that the legislation is directed only at commercial properties. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Josh Kirby



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-53

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Kirby
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3569

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Auditor for the City of Mount Vernon be, and he herewith is, authorized and directed to make supplemental appropriations as follows:

1. To Account 401.2500.55516, Public Buildings & Lands, in the amount of \$132,000.00.
(Unappropriated Funds-Parking Garage Repairs)

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the city, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.20, it shall become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-53, with a second by Woods. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-53, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott and Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik detailed the legislation. Engineer Brian Ball noted that the City is currently negotiating a contract for the reinforcement of the parking garage at 5 N. Gay St., that the steel for the project will probably arrive by August, and that the project will add as many as 25 years to the life of the building. Seavolt added that a committee formed to look for a new site for the Municipal Court and Law Director offices considered several sites before deciding on 3 E. High St. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-53 passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Tammy Woods, Third Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Josh Kirby



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Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Appointment

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-54

DOC ID: 3570

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SARAH WAGNER TO THE SHADE TREE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council for the City of Mount Vernon confirms the Mayor's appointment of Sarah Wagner, 604 E. High St., Mount Vernon, Ohio to the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission, for a three (3) year term, commencing immediately, and ending May 24, 2025.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-54, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-54, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Josh Kirby



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RESOLUTION 2022-55

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Francis
 Category: Bid/Contract
 Prepared By: Todd Hill
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3576

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR MANSFIELD AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and to enter into a contract for Mansfield Avenue traffic signals.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2022-55 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM



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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-56

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Francis
Category: Bid/Contract
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3577

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CITY HALL HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for City Hall heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the various departments of the municipal government, and said Resolution shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-56, with a second by Francis. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-56, with a second by Francis. Engineer Brian Ball detailed the legislation, noting that the heating and cooling units in City Hall would be replaced, not repaired. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
SECONDER:	John Francis, Second Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Josh Kirby



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SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2022-22

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Lands
Keener, Woods
Category: Streets
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3563

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 902 “STREETS” OF PART NINE, TITLE I;
RENUMBERING SEC. 311.06; AND CREATING SEC. 902.02 “ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING SIGNALS” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT
VERNON**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 902 “Streets” of Part Nine, Title I of the Codified Ordinances be created.

SECTION 2: That sec. 311.06 “Preservation and maintenance of brick streets” of the Codified Ordinances be renumbered as sec. 902.01 “Preservation and maintenance of brick streets” of the Codified Ordinances.

SECTION 3: That section 902.02 “Accessible Pedestrian Crossing Signals” of the Codified Ordinances be created to read as follows:

902.02 ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS

The construction of new, or reconstruction of existing, signalized intersections where pedestrian signal units control the crossing of pedestrians within a marked crosswalk, shall include accessible pedestrian signals which, if applicable, conform to the requirements of the latest edition of *the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices*. Any deviation must be approved by the City Engineer or their designee.

HISTORY:

05/09/22 City Council FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2022-22 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2022-22 was given a second reading.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM



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ORDINANCE 2022-23

Meeting: 05/23/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Francis, Hillier
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3571

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITION OF AV TECHNICIAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the following non-exempt position is authorized at the following hourly rate, and maximum number of hours per week:

AV Technician, no more than \$16.00 per hour, for a maximum of 10 hours per week.

SECTION 2: This position will not be eligible for any additional benefits other than those required by law.

SECTION 3: The wage authorized by this Ordinance shall be payable bi-weekly.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the further reason to upgrade the City's audio/video productions, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2022-23 was given a first reading. The Employee and Community Relations chair requested a 10-minute committee meeting on the legislation for June 13, 2022.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 6/13/2022 7:30 PM