

Legislative Session Minutes

June 13, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
June 13, 2022

5:55-6:20	Executive session: Union negotiations	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:22-6:30	Workforce development	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:30-6:44	AV Technician position	Employee & Community Relations Francis
6:44-6:49	Tax Incentive Review Council	Planning & Zoning Hillier
6:55-7:13	Stormwater refund policy	Utilities Woods
7:30 p.m.	City Council Legislative Meeting	Ref: Agenda

- 06-13-22 Committee Meeting Schedule

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
Josh Kirby	Board Member	Present
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Present
Mel Severns	Councilman	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present

<RollCallList Status="Absent">		
{ Attendee(*)}:First Last}	{ Attendee(*)}:Title}	Absent

INVOCATION

Matt Otto, Faith Baptist Church, performed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - May 23, 2022 7:30 PM

Kirby made a motion to accept the minutes from Council's Legislative Session of May 23, 2022 and Council's special meeting of June 6, 2022, with a second by Woods. Motion passed by voice vote.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns

- City Council - Special Meeting - Jun 6, 2022 6:00 PM

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Council received two letters from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities pertaining to the issuance of licenses for two Gantt Homes group homes at 619 Coshocton Ave. and 305 Teryl Drive. The deadline to send any written comments on the licenses is June 27, 2022.

- 06-13-22 Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Letters (2)

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the Streets and Public Building Committee meeting of May 23, 2022 and the two Employee and Community Relations Committee meetings of May 23, 2022.

- 05-23-22 Streets and Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes
- 05-23-22A Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
- 05-23-22B Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Jeff Gottke, President, Knox County Area Development Foundation, gave a presentation on the findings of the Intel Steering Committee.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD 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

Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-50, with a second by Hillier. Francis, Hillier and Seavolt expressed concerns about tax issues related to the legislation. Woods stressed the importance of recognizing

City employees for their work, and Keener added that she liked the idea behind the legislation. Law Director Rob Broeren noted that the IRS limit for taxable fringe benefits is \$75. Motion to adopt defeated by a roll-call vote of 0-7.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 5]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier
NAYS:	Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

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

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-55, with a second by Francis. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-55, with a second by Francis. Emily Platt, contracted project engineer in the Engineering Department, noted that Ohio Public Works Commission grant funds will be used for the new traffic signals on Mansfield Avenue, with \$120,000 in matching funds from the City, and that they will include audible signaling. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-57

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2022 KNOX COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL CONCERNING PARCELS OF COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON RECEIVING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Resolution No. 2022-57 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING**Next: 6/27/2022 7:30 PM****RESOLUTION NO. 2022-58**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CINDY CUNNINGHAM AS A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, 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. 2022-58, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Seavolt voting no. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-58, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the qualifications of Cindy Cunningham for a position on the Board of Zoning Appeals, replacing Don Carr, whose term had expired. Hillier thanked Carr for its efforts on the BZA, and Seavolt noted that she was sorry to see him go. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Seavolt voting no.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns
NAYS:	Seavolt

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-59

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. 2022-59, with a second by Kirby. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-59, with a second by Kirby. Auditor Terry Scott discussed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Josh Kirby, Board Member
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-60

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Kirby

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-60, with a second by Kirby. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-60, with a second by Kirby. Auditor Terry Scott discussed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Josh Kirby, Board Member
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, TO ACQUIRE TOMCO RECARBONATION CONTROL PANELS FOR THE MOUNT VERNON WATER AND WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Woods, Keener

Resolution No. 2022-61 was given a first reading. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik discussed the legislation.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 6/27/2022 7:30 PM
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ORDINANCES FOR THIRD 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

Keener made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-22, with a second by Woods. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Kirby, Amber Keener
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-23

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

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Francis made a motion to postpone Ordinance No. 2022-23 indefinitely, with a second by Hillier. Francis noted that it will be easier to contract out the position of audio-visual technician. Motion to postpone indefinitely passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

None.

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Safety-Service Rick Dzik noted that City offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 to observe the new federal holiday of Juneteenth.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Severns noted that he enjoyed attending a recent PAK United event, and congratulated the Fire Department for its efforts on a recent planned practice fire. Woods thanked Kirby for attending the meeting, and asked that Joel Mazza attend a Council meeting soon to discuss a property he owns. Seavolt advised residents to take precautions during the forecast hot weather. Kirby expressed his heartfelt thanks to the community for reaching out to him during his illness. Hillier thanked Kirby for attending the meeting, noted that there will be a public hearing upcoming on the Order of the Eastern Star Home's development plans, and asked for an update on the City's lime sludge removal from its sludge lagoons. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik said preparations are under way this week, and that area farmers can call his office to make arrangements to pick up sludge for free. Keener thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 2022-22, highlighted the benefits of the PAK United program, and emphasized that the City's Recreation Board is currently without a director. Francis thanked Kirby for attending the meeting. Hawkins congratulated the Fire Department for its efforts on a recent planned practice fire.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, with a second Keener. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

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40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Todd Hill, Clerk of Council
740-393-9517 Fax: 740-397-6595

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 8, 2022

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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.
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Department of Developmental Disabilities
Division of Residential Resources

Mike DeWine, Governor
Kim Hauck, Director

June 9, 2022

Todd Hill
Mount Vernon Clerk of City Council
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

**Re: Gantt Homes Inc.
Gantt/Coshocton Ave.
619 Coshocton Ave.
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050**

Dear Mr. Hill,

Gantt Homes, Inc. has applied for the issuance of licenses for four persons with developmental disabilities at the above address.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will inspect this facility for compliance with this Department's licensure standards.

As required by Section 5123.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, you may send any written comments regarding the issuance of these licenses to this office no later than **June 27, 2022**. The Director shall make written findings concerning the comments and her decision regarding the issuance of the licenses. If the Director does not receive written comments from any notified local officials within the specified time, the process for the issuance of the licenses shall continue.

If you have any questions regarding this development or licensure procedures, please contact Rhea Kemper, RPS2, at Rhea.Kemper@dodd.ohio.gov, or (614) 705-1201. In addition, you may also contact LicensureDevelopmentApps@dodd.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Ashley McKinney, ICF Program Administrator
Division of Residential Resources
Phone 614-644-7596 | Ashley.McKinney@dodd.ohio.gov

c: Vanessa Prather, Office of System Support & Standards Manager, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Communication: 06-13-22 Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Letters (2) (Receive Petitions and Communications)



Department of Developmental Disabilities
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June 9, 2022

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Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

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Gantt/Teryl 2
305 Teryl Drive
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050**

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2022-2023

**Streets and Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2022 – 6:20 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council 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:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
David Stuller, Treasurer
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Dan Jackman, Community Advocate
Maurine Perry, Human Resources
Tanner Salyers, County Recorder
Todd Hill, Council Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Eric Lyons, Bird Scooters

Council members had several questions for Eric Lyons, local fleet manager for Bird Scooters, about the use and placement of scooters throughout the City. Concerns were voiced about their safety, where they cannot be used, particularly the South Main Street viaduct and on the bike path, and their blocking of sidewalks when they're not in use. Lyons said there are about 90 scooters in the City now, down from a year ago. Concerns were expressed that the geo-fencing designed to keep the scooters away from certain areas, particularly the bike path, was not working. A follow-up was requested to clarify how the public can contact Bird to report issues with the scooters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Severns, Chair
Streets and Public Buildings Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

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Communication: 05-23-22 Streets and Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes (Receive Committee Reports)

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**Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting**

May 23, 2022 – 6:35 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council 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:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
David Stuller, Treasurer
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Dan Jackman, Community Advocate
Maurine Perry, Human Resources
Tanner Salyers, County Recorder
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2022-51, confirming the Mayor's appointment of Mike Miller to the Utilities Commission for a two-year term, which was up for a first reading during the legislative meeting later in the evening. The chair asked Mayor Starr about the vetting procedure for selecting appointees, and stressed that politics should not be involved in the process. The Mayor discussed the factors that go into selecting appointees. Hillier noted that Keith Burley, in his recent resignation letter as an alternate on the Utilities Commission, expressed frustration with serving on the board. No decisions were made, and no further meetings on the matter were scheduled. Resolution No. 2022-51 was adopted during the legislative meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

John Francis, Chair
Employee and Community Relations Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

JF/th



**Employee and Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
Committee Meeting**

May 23, 2022 – 6:45 p.m. to 6:56 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council 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:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
David Stuller, Treasurer
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Robert Morgan, Police Chief
Dan Jackman, Community Advocate
Maurine Perry, Human Resources
Tanner Salyers, County Recorder
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Resolution No. 2022-50, 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. Mayor Starr detailed the proposed program, and added that \$10,000 is requested to cover the cost of events and promotional items. Human Resources Director Maurine Perry also discussed the program. Hawkins added that he periodically calls City departments to thank them for their work, and union reaction to the program was also discussed. Resolution No. 2022-50 was given a second reading during the legislative meeting later in the evening, and a 10-minute committee meeting on the resolution was requested for June 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

John Francis, Chair
Employee and Community Relations Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

JF/th



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Rob Broeren

Initiator: Todd Hill

DEFEATED

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.

05/23/22 City Council **SECOND READING**

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.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-50, with a second by Hillier. Francis, Hillier and Seavolt expressed concerns about tax issues related to the legislation. Woods stressed the importance of recognizing City employees for their work, and Keener added that she liked the idea behind the legislation. Law Director Rob Broeren noted that the IRS limit for taxable fringe benefits is \$75. Motion to adopt defeated by a roll-call vote of 0-7.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [2 TO 5]
MOVER:	John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES:	John Francis, Mike Hillier
NAYS:	Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-55

Meeting: 06/13/22 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.

HISTORY:

05/23/22 City Council FIRST READING

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-55, with a second by Francis. Motion passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-55, with a second by Francis. Emily Platt, contracted project engineer in the Engineering Department, noted that Ohio Public Works Commission grant funds will be used for the new traffic signals on Mansfield Avenue, with \$120,000 in matching funds from the City, and that they will include audible signaling. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-57

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3578 A

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 2022 KNOX COUNTY TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL CONCERNING PARCELS OF COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON RECEIVING TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Mount Vernon City Council has from time to time provided economic development incentives through means of Community Reinvestment Area (CRA), Enterprise Zone (EZ) and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) exemptions to foster development of various real property within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Area Development Foundation, Inc., in support of the City of Mount Vernon, annually collects performance data from each such exempted economic development project and reports the same to the Ohio Department of Development; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to reporting to the State, the Knox County Auditor has acted pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85 to create the Knox County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for purposes of annually reviewing all City agreements granting CRA, EZ and TIF property tax exemptions; and,

WHEREAS, the TIRC met on April 27, 2022 for purposes of its annual review of performance data collected from all tax-exempted economic development projects (the same data reported to the State), with the TIRC making recommendations concerning the status of each such economic development project; and,

WHEREAS, Mount Vernon City Council must thereafter meet and vote to accept, reject or modify all or any portion of the TIRC's recommendations within 60 days of the TIRC's review, as per Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85(E); and,

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of ensuring that each tax-exempted economic development project that remains in good standing and eligible under Ohio law continues to receive the benefits of such tax incentives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Mount Vernon, County of Knox, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Mount Vernon City Council hereby accepts the TIRC's recommendation to find as in compliance for tax year 2021 the CRA exemption in place for Woodward Development Corp. on the basis of job and investment performance data reported for tax year 2021.

SECTION 2: That the Mount Vernon City Council does hereby accept the TIRC's recommendations to continue as-is, and as found to be in compliance, the active EZ exemptions in place for Owens Corning Insulating Systems, Pisces Properties, LLC (i.e., Replex Plastics), and Chesterland Productions PLL (i.e., Sanoh America) respectively, on the basis of job and investment performance data reported for tax year 2021.

SECTION 3: That the Mount Vernon City Council hereby accepts the TIRC's reported information concerning the three (3) active TIF projects for the year ending December 31, 2021.

SECTION 4: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor of Knox County, Ohio, after its passage and upon request made by said Auditor's representative.

SECTION 5: That the Clerk of Council be instructed to record said Resolution in the appropriate record book.

SECTION 6: 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. 2022-57 was given a first reading.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 6/27/2022 7:30 PM



**Knox County Tax Incentive Review Council
2022 Meeting Minutes**

The Knox County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) meeting of Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 was called to order at 2:04 pm by Knox County Auditor Chairwoman Jonette Curry, TIRC Chair.

The TIRC members in attendance appear on the attached roster sheet. The TIRC had a quorum. Jeffrey Gottke, Sam Filkins, and Julia Suggs of the Area Development Foundation, Inc., who serve as staff support to the TIRC, were also in attendance.

Chairwoman Curry asked the assembled TIRC members to review the minutes of the July 6th, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Bemiller moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Scott seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairwoman Curry turned over the meeting to Mr. Gottke to lead the discussion.

Mr. Gottke began with comments about how TIRC is statutorily required to review the county's tax abatements against their stated goals companies agree with to receive abatements. The TIRC committee is able to act as they see fit. Those in attendance can only vote on abatements that are in their jurisdiction. Mr. Gottke also added that all recommendations made by TIRC will be submitted to each jurisdiction's legislative body for final approval. That legislation must be introduced within 60 days of the meeting or by September 1st, whichever comes first. The TIRC committee must be conservative and intentional when voting on abatements due to the impact of decisions on public tax dollars.

Mr. Gottke discussed the two types of financial incentives: Enterprise Zones and Community Reinvestment Areas which are only abating the improved value and can be approved/terminated based on meeting specific growth goals. The active Tax Increment Financing Districts were also described. It was noted that TIF district funds can only be used for infrastructure improvements in the defined area, and all details are negotiated uniquely for each district. Please refer to the cover memorandum for more details.

Mr. Gottke highlighted that most companies have not met their job-creation goals due to the current workforce shortage. They have created the positions for more jobs and are performing at capacity and therefore are in compliance with their abatement. Two of the agreements expired in 2021 and Owens Corning's will end this year. Recipients are provided three years to meet the stated goals and then they are monitored for the duration of the agreement. Danbury Senior Living has been approved but has not been monitored yet because construction is not finished yet.

Ms. Elliott asked who is responsible for having the abated companies notified when their funds are due to the school. The companies are billed annually by each affected district. Mr. Gottke can share the information he has to ensure that the school representatives can show how much the schools are owed. The companies abated still must pay what they would have been paying to the schools to ensure the schools have their deserved tax funds.

EZs and CRAs are different because CRAs can be applied to residential properties and there are fewer restrictions. Mount Vernon has two CRAs in existence, but only 1 active project. A third area will be in effect next year. Mr. Filkins shared that the new CRA is to encourage development throughout the whole city. The new CRA does not apply to commercial, sub-divisions, and industrial property.

Knox County communities abated \$328,742 while collecting \$491,877 in property tax revenue. Municipalities collected \$314,894 in income taxes. The abated projects totaled \$30,963,981 in payroll, 684 jobs protected and \$20,096,600 in increased property value.

Mr. Gottke proceeded with the Enterprise Zone exemptions, beginning with *FT Precision*. Most of the companies have enough positions to adhere to their requirements but they are unable to find employees. It is believed that they are still within the realm of their agreement. Every company except UMD and FT precision has met their investment commitments, but that is due to their saving money by making an addition to a particular building instead of building a new one.

The *FT Precision* project in Wayne Township was reviewed. The abatement from 2006 expired in 2021, and their current abatement will expire in 2026. It was highlighted that abatements do not end on the calendar year but have specific dates. Chairwoman Curry asked for a motion to approve the staff recommendation that the abatement is continued. Mr. Ashcraft from Wayne Township so moved and Commissioner Bemiller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gottke reviewed the *Columbia Gas of Ohio* project in Liberty Township. *Columbia Gas of Ohio* has paid the required fees for receiving the tax abatements, but they are very difficult to contact and work with. They have paid their fees and met their investment and job creation requirements.

Ms. Allen from Liberty Township moved to accept the reported EZ exemption activities for the tax year 2021 and the staff's recommendation that the project is in compliance. Commissioner Bemiller seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Gottke reviewed the *Unique Metal Designs, Inc.* project in the Village of Fredericktown. The discussion and vote were tabled due to the lack of representatives from the Village of Fredericktown. A separate meeting will have to be held with the Fredericktown representatives before legislation can be submitted to Fredericktown Village Council.

Mr. Gottke then reported on the EZ exemption activity in the tax year 2021 in the City of Mount Vernon (zone 39):

Replex Plastics: Mayor Starr moved to accept the staff recommendation that the project is in compliance. Mr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Owens Corning Insulating Systems: Mr. Scott moved to accept the staff recommendation that the project is in compliance. Mayor Matt Starr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Sanoh America, Inc: Sanoh has enough positions to fulfill requirements but cannot fill the positions due to a lack of employees. There have been no issues. Mr. Scott moved to accept the staff recommendation that the project is in compliance. Mayor Starr seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Danbury Senior Living: Is finishing construction on its Mount Vernon facilities. They are behind due to the supply chain but they hope to be open by June 2022. Their abatement begins in June when the business officially opens. It is a 10-year 80% abatement. No vote is required.

Mr. Gottke covered the details of the Woodward Opera house CRA. It has far exceeded its job and investment requirements. Mayor Starr moved to accept the staff recommendations that the project is in compliance. Mr. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gottke explained the details of the TIF district maps that were provided. It was noted that the TIF making significant value is the Coshocton Avenue TIF. Mr. Gottke then asked Mr. Scott to report on the activity of the three (3) tax increment financing (TIF) areas active in Mount Vernon during 2020. Mr. Scott's Combined TIF District Annual Reporting form is included with the 2021 TIRC memorandum.

- *Coshocton Avenue/SR 36 TIF:* This “parcel TIF” was created under Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) §5709.40(B) by Mount Vernon City Council on January 25, 1999 (effective tax year 2000). The City exempted (i.e., redirected) 100 percent of taxes on the value of improvements made to identified parcels for a term of 25 years. (School compensation payments are as such: \$0.25 per net dollar received to Mount Vernon, and \$0.025 to the Career Center. The remaining funds are retained by the City. There are no job or payroll commitments.) Mr. Scott reported that 2021 revenues were \$1.4 million with expenses of \$981,146 and an ending fund balance of \$4.5 million. This district expires in 2025.
- *Mount Vernon Enterprise Complex TIF:* This “parcel TIF” was created under ORC §5709.40(B) by Mount Vernon City Council on December 31, 2006 (effective tax year 2006.) The City sought to TIF the entire Mount Vernon Enterprise Complex, on the basis that when previously undeveloped parcels were improved, the City would face extensive infrastructure costs to support the new developments. Mr. Scott reported that 2021 revenues were \$156,001 with expenses of \$156,151, and an ending fund balance of \$57.00.
- *Sandusky Street Corridor TIF:* This “parcel” TIF was created by Mount Vernon City Council on December 18, 2012 (effective tax year 2012) under ORC § 5709.40(B). The TIF was written such that only those included parcels that increased in value are incorporated into the TIF's revenue stream. Mr. Scott reported that the 2020 income was \$11,078.15, expenses were \$310.37, and an ending fund balance of \$56,962.

No information was provided by Clinton Twp about its existing TIF area. Mr. Gottke will attempt to secure a report from its fiscal officer.

Having no further business, Mr. Scott moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bemiller seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Julia Suggs
Area Development Foundation, Inc.

**Tax Incentive Review Council
2022 Roster**

Jonette Curry, County Auditor (Chair)
Teresa Bemiller, Knox County Commissioner
Tracy Elliot, Treasurer, Knox County Career Center
Gary Hankins, Mount Vernon City Schools
Terry Scott, Auditor, City of Mount Vernon
Mayor Matthew Starr, City of Mount Vernon
Kim Allen, Liberty Township
Wayne Ashcraft Wayne Township
Sarah Thorn, Deputy Auditor

Area Development Foundation, Inc.
Jeffrey Gottke, President
Sam Filkins, Vice President
Julia Suggs, Economic Development Coordinator



MEMORANDUM

TO: Knox County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) Members
 FROM: Jeffrey Gottke, President, Area Development Foundation, Inc.
 DATE: April 27, 2022
 SUBJECT: Knox County Property Tax Exemption Monitoring & Recommendations 2021

This memo is presented to provide you with background and staff recommendations concerning Knox County's eight (8) active Enterprise Zone (EZ) exemptions, one active Community Reinvestment Area exemption (CRA) projects, and four active tax increment financing (TIF) projects for 2021.

TIRC Basics

The Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) is statutorily required to meet annually and review each of the county's tax incentive programs for compliance with stated targets and to make recommendations to the respective local government regarding the status of each tax incentive project. To make its decision, TIRC should determine whether the owner of the exempted property has complied with the agreement, and may take into consideration any fluctuations in the business cycle unique to the owner's business. TIRC is made up of representatives from every political jurisdiction and school jurisdiction that has an EZ or CRA located in it. Each political jurisdiction is required to pass legislation regarding the status of each tax abatement annually. TIRCs recommendations must be submitted to each jurisdiction by September 1st and passed by October 31st, or within 60 days of receipt, whichever comes first. A report of the status of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is also presented but no action has to be taken.

Property tax incentives are some of the most commonly used tools in the economic development toolkit. Area Development Foundation, Knox County's contracted economic development entity takes a cautious approach to tax incentives. Because they essentially award public money to private concerns, ADF wants to ensure that doing so has wide appeal and fits with community goals toward creating rewarding and needed economic opportunity in Knox County. These goals include new, quality job creation, investment in blighted areas and total project investment. Also, ADF wants to ensure that any tax abatements awarded are "but for" money. That is to say that without the award, the potential project could not have been completed. Companies are carefully vetted, and projects are conservatively negotiated before being presented to the necessary jurisdictions for approval. In Knox County, there are two primary forms of financial incentives:

Incentives Basics

Abatements

Enterprise Zones ("EZ") provide property tax exemptions of up to 100 percent for up to 15 years for industrial and commercial properties. Only improved value is abated however. Whatever the taxes were in place before the implementation of the EZ, still have to be paid. While EZs officially have geographic boundaries, Knox County's four (4) EZ areas have been drawn to cover most of its land area and thus are not geographically targeted in practice. EZs are the preferred incentive for commercial and industrial property because they require the recipient to set specific job creation and investment goals. If a recipient does not meet those goals within a specified timeframe, then the terms of the agreement can be altered upon the recommendation of TIRC and action from the local government. Projects in each zone have been utilized inconsistently since their creation in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Figure 1. - Current Projects per each EZ

EZ Number	Number of Projects
122C	0
121C	0
072C	3
039C	3

Figure 2: Map of existing EZs

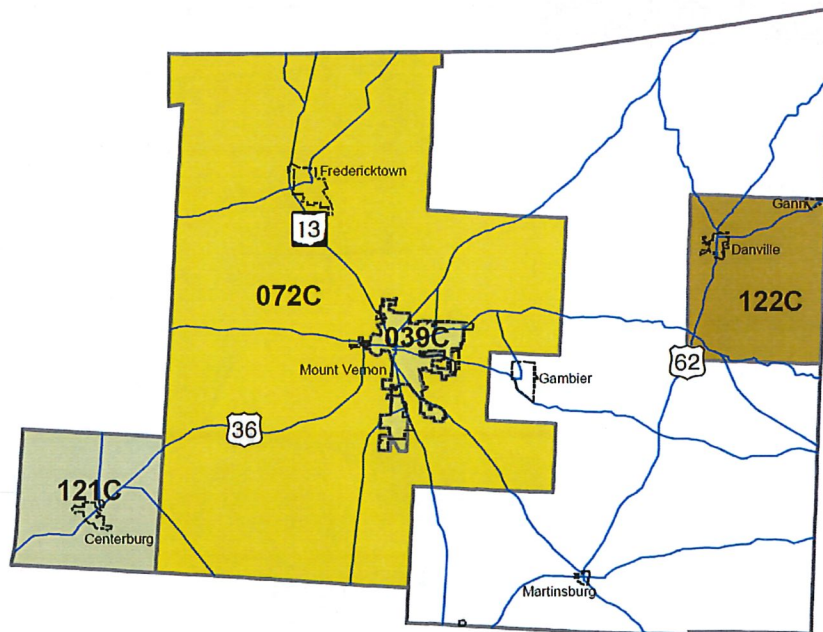
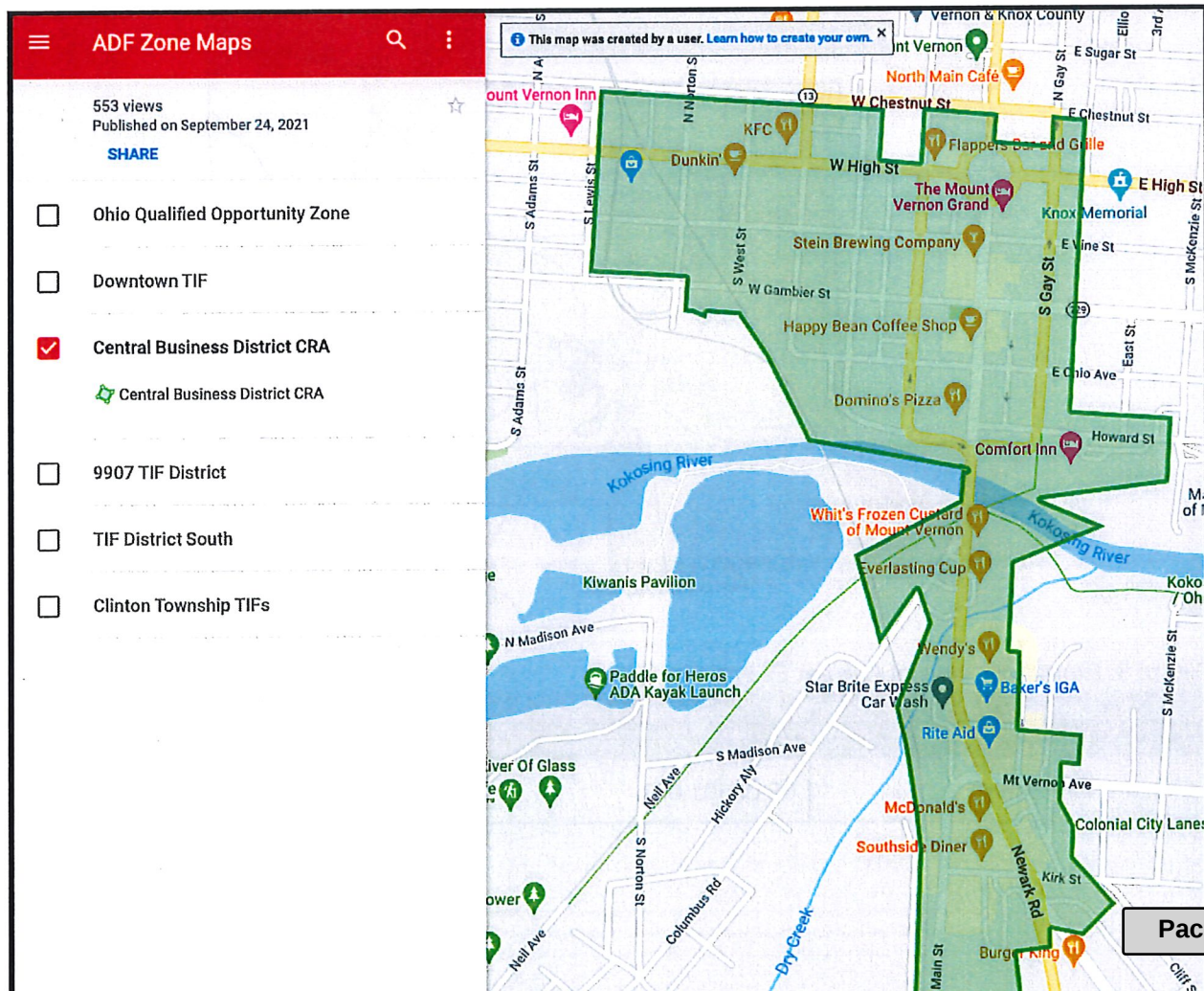


Figure 3: Expiration Dates of Current EZ Projects:

Company	Parcel	Abated Thru Tax Year
Chesterland/ Sanoh	66-00501.002	2024

Ariel	66-09410	EXPIRED 12/31/20
Pisces/ Replex	66-06487	EXPIRED 12/31/21
Owens Corning	66-09692	2022
UMD	65-01628	2024
FT Precision	64-00354	EXPIRED 2021/ ACTIVE 2026
Columbia Gas	40-00125.001	2028
Lemmon Development	66-09756	2030

Community Reinvestment Areas ("CRA") provide property tax exemptions of up to 100 percent for up to 15 years within cities and townships for those owners making improvements to their property. Only improved value is abated however. Whatever the taxes were in place before the implementation of the CRA, still have to be paid. The only CRA areas in Knox County currently are within the City of Mount Vernon. Most of the property value abated from CRAs is for industrial and commercial properties; jurisdictions can also employ abatements for residential properties. CRAs do not have the same clawback mechanisms as EZs do, so they are the preferred tool for residential or mixed use developments. There is currently only 1 active CRA project in the county. However, in 2021, Mount Vernon City Council adopted the creation of a city-wide CRA for new construction and remodeling of residential projects. The amount and term of the abatement are based upon the type of housing unit being built and



Impact of Enterprise Zones and Community Reinvestment Areas

Communities in Knox County **abated \$328,742, while collecting \$491,877** of property tax revenue under EZs, and the City of Mount Vernon **abated \$74,660** in property taxes under CRAs; together, these tools abated about .4 percent of total property taxes paid that year in Knox County. **Municipalities also collected \$314,894** in income taxes. All told, these projects accounted for **\$30,963,981 in payroll, 684 jobs protected and \$20,096,600 in increased property value.**

Tax Increment Financing

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts are powerful and often used tools to encourage development in a particular area. Generally, money generated in TIF areas can be used to finance public infrastructure improvement projects, and in certain circumstances, residential rehabilitation projects on private land. Payments derived from the increased assessed value of any improvement to real property beyond the original value are directed towards a separate fund to finance the construction of public infrastructure defined within the TIF legislation. However, Only those public infrastructure improvements directly serving the increased demand arising from the real property improvements to the parcel(s) or an Incentive District are eligible for Tax Increment Financing.

As compared to another economic development tool utilized by many municipalities, tax abatements, TIFs are not a forgiveness of the normal real estate tax payment obligation. When an abatement is granted some or all of the property taxes are abated, meaning the property owners pay a lesser amount, or no property taxes for a specified time period. In these instances, the property owner may or may not be required to make the infrastructure improvements benefiting their development site using the savings from the foregone property taxes. Instead, TIF districts divert the improved tax amount to a separate fund controlled by the municipality to use for specific declared purposes within the defined area. In effect, no tax money is reduced, it is instead redirected for a specific use.

- Parcel TIF (40B)
 - Can be placed on specific parcels
 - Funds can be used on improvements that benefit a particular parcel.
 - Most commonly used on commercial property but can be used on residential properties in limited circumstances.
 - Generally, funds must be used only on identified parcels of the area, but can be used on improvements outside of the area if the issues outside of the area impact the area.
- District TIF (40C)
 - Can be applied to specific commercial and residential projects
 - Need to specify projects generating infrastructure demands
 - Not more than 300 contiguous acres,
 - must show characteristics of economic distress
 - Funds generated can be used anywhere in the district

Generally, TIF is created for 10 years and diverts 75% of the improved value of taxes into the fund. Anything over 10 years and 75% requires school district consent and notice to the Board of County Commissioners and Township Trustees.

Many projects are not suitable for TIFs however. Overall, the community must ask itself “Is TIF the most effective program to provide the needed infrastructure to meet the needs of the project while adhering to the goals of the city?” Because TIF areas involve diverting tax money that would otherwise be used by other entities, they should be used sparingly and only when appropriate. Due consideration should be given to establishing them.

More specifically, TIFs could be created when they will:

- Advance an important public purpose (primarily the enhancement to the City’s economic base),
- Be critical to enable the proposed development project to move forward (but for money)
- Have a typical market-based financial model that doesn’t support the cost of the needed improvements without the use of the TIF.
- Likely have an impact on development (if a developer hasn’t already been identified)

Roll of the Schools in Tax Incentives

Just as Knox County has taken a conservative approach to using incentives, it uses an even more conservative approach when schools are impacted by abatements. Generally, under abatement agreements school districts are “held harmless” via a separate PILOT (payment in-lieu of taxes) agreement with the business. However, this may not always be the case, under special circumstances the school districts may be asked to forgo a PILOT if the proposed project is of exceptional community value. However, some incentives already include reduced compensation to the schools. For example, \$.25 of every dollar due for MVCSD and \$.025 for every dollar due for KCCC for the Coshocton Rd. TIF and receive a PILOT equivalent to about 6.8 mills for projects qualifying for the Mount Vernon Citywide CRA program.

Active Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

TIF 131: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TIF (“Coshocton Avenue / SR 36”)

Project Background:

This “parcel TIF” was created under Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) §5709.40(B) by Mount Vernon City Council on January 25, 1999 (effective tax year 2000). The City exempted (i.e., redirected) 100 percent of taxes on the value of improvements made to identified parcels for a term of 25 years. Upon expiration, the remaining funds will be transferred to the City’s general fund. All entities will receive full funding (original + incremental value) thereafter.

Eligible uses of TIF revenues include: pavement widening, development of storm sewers and installation of curbs, installation of sidewalks on both sides of the street from Vernonview Drive to Gilchrist, the extension of sanitary sewer lines to Upper Gilchrist Road, and the creation of a detention area west of Verndale Drive to reduce the threat of floods in the Center Run area.

The rationale for creating this parcel TIF was required road widening, from three to five lanes. The City was facing a price tag of approximately \$4,000,000. Revenues from the TIF were pledged to repay a State Infrastructure Bank loan to undertake the project.

In 2020, the fund produced \$1,359,689.94 and spent \$1,452,646.90 for a balance of \$4,116,075.79

TIF 952: MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TIF ("THE SPECIAL FUND") (Mount Vernon Enterprise Complex)

Project Background:

This "parcel TIF" was created under ORC §5709.40(B) by Mount Vernon City Council on December 31, 2006 (effective tax year 2006). The TIF area abatements 100% of improved value for 30 years.

The City sought to TIF the entire Mount Vernon Enterprise Complex, on the basis that when previously undeveloped parcels were improved, the City would face extensive infrastructure costs to support the new developments.

Eligible uses of TIF revenues include: transportation improvements and expansion of existing systems, development of new roadways and signalization, installation of curb and gutters, sidewalks, storm sewer and drainage, installation and improvements to potable waterline and sanitary sewer lines.

Revenues from the TIF were pledged to repay municipal bonds sold to support road and utility improvements valued at \$2,100,000. Those bonds have now been paid off. The school compensation agreement pays the schools the amount they would be due if no TIF was in place.

In 2020 the area contributed \$154,085.36 into the fund and spent \$153,957.61 for a balance of \$207.

TIF 1411: MUNICIPAL TIF ("Sandusky Street Corridor TIF")

Project Background:

This "parcel" TIF was created by Mount Vernon City Council on December 18, 2012 (effective tax year 2012) under ORC § 5709.40(B). The TIF was written such that only those included parcels that increased in value are incorporated into the TIF's revenue stream. The TIF redirects 100% of improved value into the fund for 30 years.

Beginning tax year 2016 (i.e., tax lien date January 1, 2016), many parcels were included within the TIF revenue stream as their values increased. With the collection of any such TIF revenues, the City's Capital Improvement Fund could be reimbursed from TIF revenues for improvements built within the TIF'ed

area. In 2018, a number of parcels used for residential purposes were removed from the district because they did not comply with rules regarding including residential property in TIF areas.

Eligible use of TIF revenues include: road improvements, traffic signalization, water and other utility improvements; land acquisition, bridge construction, street lighting, sidewalks, park improvements, and soft costs including legal, planning, citizen participation, environmental studies.

In 2020 the area contributed \$11,078.15 into the fund and spent \$310.37 for a balance of \$23,397.61

TIF 1266: CLINTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TIF

This TIF area was created in 2010 and includes the Harcourt Road area. It redirects 100% of improved value for 30 years. Under this agreement, the schools are made whole.

In this area public improvements are defined as lighting, sidewalks/ paths, parks, park equipment, acquisition of land, roads, soft costs, traffic signals, storm and sanitary sewers, and streetscape related items.

Name	Expiration Calendar Year
Coshocton Ave TIF	2024
MV Enterprise Park TIF	2037
MV Sandusky Street Corridor TIF	2042
Clinton TWP Public Improvement TIF	2040



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Appointment

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-58

DOC ID: 3580

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CINDY CUNNINGHAM AS A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Section 1155.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon provides that the Mayor shall appoint members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, both for full terms and unexpired terms, and

WHEREAS, Section 1155.04(b) of the Codified Ordinances provides that Council shall approve appointments of members to the Board of Zoning Appeals;

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

SECTION 1: That Council approves the Mayor's appointment of Cindy Cunningham, 71 Woodlake Trail, Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Board of Zoning Appeals, as a member, replacing Don Carr, whose term expires June 26, 2022, by commencing June 27, 2022 and ending June 27, 2027.

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. 2022-58, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Seavolt voting no. Francis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-58, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the qualifications of Cindy Cunningham for a position on the Board of Zoning Appeals, replacing Don Carr, whose term had expired. Hillier thanked Carr for its efforts on the BZA, and Seavolt noted that she was sorry to see him go. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-1, with Seavolt voting no.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER: John Francis, Second Ward
SECONDER: Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
AYES: Francis, Hillier, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns
NAYS: Janis Seavolt



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-59

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Kirby
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3581

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 224.1950.54111, Impound Lot Towing, in the amount of \$2,670.00. (Receipts Collected January - May, 2022)

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. 2022-59, with a second by Kirby. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-59, with a second by Kirby. Auditor Terry Scott discussed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Josh Kirby, Board Member
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns



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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Kirby
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3582

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-60

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 721.01 and 721.15 authorize municipalities to dispose of personal property and vehicles no longer needed for municipal use.

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

SECTION 1: That the Council finds that the City of Mount Vernon Police Department owns the following vehicles that are no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of each vehicle and equipment is in excess of \$1,000.00.

Automobiles

- 1) 2018 Ford Explorer / VIN-1FM5K8ARXJGB12062
- 2) 2018 Ford Explorer / VIN -1FM5K8AR1JGB12063
- 3) 2002 Dodge Dakota / VIN -1B7GL42X52S603623
- 4) 2004 Chevy Avalanche / VIN -3GNEK12T74G194855
- 5) 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee / VIN - 1J8GR48K87C541087
- 6) 1997 Jeep Wrangler / VIN - 1J4FY29P4VP488795
- 7) 2001 Honda Civic / VIN -1HGEM21571L116393
- 8) 2000 Lincoln Navigator / VIN -5LMFU28A1YLJ27608
- 9) 2005 Chevy Trailblazer / VIN -1GNDDT13S452280441

Watercraft

- 1) 2006 Honda Aquatrax F12X / ID# HPSA2505J506
- 2) 2006 Honda Aquatrax F12X / ID# HPSA2513J506

Trailers

- 1) Triton LT 10ft Aluminum Aquatrax watercraft trailer (double unit capacity)

2) Black metal 7'4" x 4'5" trailer

SECTION 2: That the Safety Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the vehicles and equipment pursuant to any method authorized by Revised Code Section 721.15.

SECTION 3: 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 of expediting the sale or trade of these items, 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:

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-60, with a second by Kirby. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-60, with a second by Kirby. Auditor Terry Scott discussed the legislation. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Josh Kirby, Board Member
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2022-61

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Utilities
Woods, Keener
Category: Utilities
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3583

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, TO ACQUIRE TOMCO RECARBONATION CONTROL PANELS FOR THE MOUNT VERNON WATER AND WASTE WATER DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio operates a lime-softening water treatment facility to provide water for its citizens and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the pH of the water after lime softening needs to be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, the pH is adjusted by a carbon dioxide addition system known as recarbonation; and

WHEREAS, the existing recarbonation system is integral to the operation of the City's water treatment facility and is controlled by highly sophisticated recarbonation control panels; and

WHEREAS, the existing recarbonation panels are beyond their useful life and one panel has been used for spare parts for the other panel leaving one panel completely gutted and the other panel still in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio EPA requires redundancy of the recarbonation process and therefore requires two functioning panels; and

WHEREAS, the manufacturer of the equipment, Tomco, could rebuild the existing panels for approximately \$80,000 which would extend their life but not be equipped for imminent process upgrades which would require the future purchase of new carbonic acid solution feed panels; and

WHEREAS, the City can purchase and install two new panels which are equipped with the more efficient and effective carbonic acid solution feed capability while also being compatible with the existing recarbonation system for \$219,246; and

WHEREAS, the City's entire existing recarbonation system is manufactured by Tomco which has provided a discounted quote to the City for the new panels; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue using the Tomco system and desires to have the new recarbonation panels match the existing equipment; and

WHEREAS, Hazen and Sawyer, a third party engineering consulting firm, has affirmed the benefits of replacing the panels with Tomco equipment; and

WHEREAS, the existing system needs to be corrected as quickly as possible to avoid a system shutdown and/or the assessment of penalties by Ohio EPA; and

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 authorized and directed to acquire Tomco recarbonation control panels for the Mount Vernon Water and Waste Water Department.

SECTION 2: This Resolution 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 prevent the shutdown of the City's water plant and/or the imposition of penalties by the Ohio EPA, 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. 2022-61 was given a first reading. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik discussed the legislation.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 6/27/2022 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Parks and Lands
Keener, Woods
Category: Streets
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3563

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 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**

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.

05/23/22 City Council SECOND READING

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Keener made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-22, with a second by Woods. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Josh Kirby, Amber Keener
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Kirby, Woods, Keener, Severns



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 06/13/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier
Category: Personnel
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill

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ORDINANCE 2022-23

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.

HISTORY:

05/23/22

City Council

FIRST READING

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.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to postpone Ordinance No. 2022-23 indefinitely, with a second by Hillier. Francis noted that it will be easier to contract out the position of audio-visual technician. Motion to postpone indefinitely passed by a roll-call vote of 7-0.

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