

Legislative Session Minutes

August 8, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
August 8, 2022

6:00-6:10 p.m.	Pleasant Township annexation	Planning & Zoning Hillier
6:10-6:30 p.m.	Lime sludge removal	Utilities Woods
6:30-6:50 p.m.	Hiawatha Water Park	Parks & Lands Keener
6:50-7:00 p.m.	Residential conditional use in O-I zones	Planning & Zoning Hillier
7:00-7:15 p.m.	Historic CRA tax exemptions	Planning & Zoning Hillier
7:30 p.m.	City Council Legislative Meeting	Ref: Agenda

- 08-08-22 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
Tammy Woods	Third Ward	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Present
Mel Severns	Councilman	Present
Bruce Hawkins	President	Present
Josh Kirby	Board Member	Excused

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

INVOCATION

L.J. Harry, Mount Vernon Apostolic Church, delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Jul 25, 2022 7:30 PM

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes from Council's Legislative Session of July 25, 2022, with a second by Francis. Motion to accept passed by a voice vote of 6-0.

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

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council accepted without comment the minutes for three Planning and Zoning Committee meetings of July 25, 2022.

- 07-25-22A Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
- 07-25-22B Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
- 07-25-22C Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

- 08-08-22 Liquor Permit

A notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding an N-type liquor permit request for Ohio CVS Stores LLC, dba CVS Pharmacy 6151, first floor, 900 Coshocton Ave. was read into the record. Council did not request a hearing on the matter.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-71

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE NAMED

ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT 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. 2022-71, 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. 2022-71, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting that the City has received \$7,500 in OneOhio Opioid settlement funds to date. 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. 2022-72

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO
SELL OR DISPOSE, BY ANY METHOD AUTHORIZED BY REVISED CODE
SECTION 721.15, VEHICLES 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. 2022-72, 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. 2022-72, with a second by Woods. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik commented on the legislation, noting that the two surplus City vehicles mentioned in the resolution will be advertised on the GovDeals website. 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. 2022-73

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DAN
BRINKMAN TO THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD; 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. 2022-73, 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. 2022-73, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the qualifications of Dan Brinkman as an appointee to the Knox County Health District Board, and Brinkman briefly spoke. 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. 2022-74

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. 2022-74, 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. 2022-74, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation. 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. 2022-75

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LESLIE BUEHRER TO THE RECREATION BOARD; 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. 2022-75, 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. 2022-75, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr commented on the qualifications of Leslie Buehrer as an appointee to the Recreation Board. 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

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE PROCESS TO GRANT A RESIDENTIAL CONDITIONAL USE FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN OFFICE-INSTITUTIONAL ZONES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Hillier made a motion to postpone Ordinance No. 2022-24 indefinitely, with a second by Severns. Hillier expressed a desire to wait for an updating of the City's zoning code to address issues brought up in the ordinance. Motion to postpone indefinitely passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-26**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO DECLARE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY TO BE HISTORIC AND ELIGIBLE FOR EXTENDED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX EXEMPTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Ordinance No. 2022-26 was given a second reading. The chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee requested a 15-minute committee meeting on the ordinance for Aug. 22, 2022.

RESULT:	SECOND READING	Next: 8/22/2022 7:30 PM
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ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-28**

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Francis, Hillier

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2022-28, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-28, with a second by Hillier. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting that the Probation Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk will receive a raise of \$1.00 an hour paid through the JRIG II Grant, and that the position will be eligible for a longevity increase as well. 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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-29

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 0.562 ACRES, PARCEL NUMBER 59-02288.000, FROM PLEASANT TOWNSHIP INTO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Ordinance No. 2022-29 was given a first reading. The chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee requested a 15-minute committee meeting on the legislation for Aug. 22, 2022.

RESULT:	FIRST READING
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Next: 8/22/2022 7:30 PM

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Starr provided updates on various paving projects in the City, the new traffic signals at the intersection of Columbus Road and South Main Street, catch basin installation on Sunset Street and an orientation for the new Housing Council. He also announced that Bill Cumber is taking over as the new Recreation Board Director, and that Fire Department Captain Joe Jurkowitz is retiring. He congratulated Police Department School Resource Officer Jeremiah Armstrong on receiving a Solution Seeker Award, and noted that the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival begins Thursday.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Severns congratulated Police Department School Resource Officer Jeremiah Armstrong for receiving a Solution Seeker Award, and lauded the paving projects occurring in the City. Seavolt thanked Dan Brinkman for volunteering to serve on the Knox County Health Board. Woods advised motorists to be cautious when school starts on Aug. 18. Francis urged diligence in society's fight against cancer. Hillier noted that tennis appears to be vibrant in the City, and asked about DORA boundaries for the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival. Keener noted that there will be a PAK United event Thursday at Ariel-Foundation Park, a First Responders softball game Aug. 18 at the Mount Vernon Nazarene University softball field, and that more mulch has been laid at Memorial Park. Hawkins detailed pickleball statistics showing an increasing number of young people participating in the sport.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

Seavolt made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Keener. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

CD on file/th



PRESS RELEASE

City Hall
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

August 3, 2022

Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule August 8, 2022

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7:00-7:15 p.m.	Historic CRA tax exemptions	Planning & Zoning Hillier
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



Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2022 – 6:20 p.m. to 6:23 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council President
 Josh Kirby, First Ward
 John Francis, Second Ward
 Tammy Woods, Third Ward
 Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
 Amber Keener, At-Large
 Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor
 Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
 Terry Scott, Auditor
 Rob Broeren, Law Director
 David Stuller, Treasurer
 Todd Hill, Council Clerk
 Jeff Gottke, ADF
 Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2022-25, amending Appendix II, “Final Plat Check List” of Part 11, Title 3 of the City’s Codified Ordinances, which refers to tree-planting regulations. Law Director Rob Broeren explained that an ordinance approved in 2021 did not have an approved tree-planting plan on the check list and that Ordinance No. 2022-25 simply adds it. No further committee meetings on the matter were requested. Ordinance No. 2022-25 was up for a first reading at Council’s legislative meeting later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hillier, Chair
 Planning and Zoning Committee
 Mount Vernon City Council

MH/th



**Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2022 – 6:23 p.m. to 6:31 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council President
Josh Kirby, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor
Rick Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Rob Broeren, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Todd Hill, Council Clerk
Jeff Gottke, ADF
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages

The committee discussed Ordinance No. 2022-24, revising the process to grant a residential conditional use for properties located in Office-Institutional zones, which would address the issue of certain residents being overcharged on their stormwater bill because of their O-I zoning status. It was noted that so far three residents have received a credit for being overcharged, and Law Director Rob Broeren explained how the credit system worked. No further committee meetings on the matter were requested. Ordinance No. 2022-24 was up for a second reading at Council's legislative meeting later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hillier, Chair
Planning and Zoning Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

MH/th



**Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing Minutes
July 25, 2022 – 6:45 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Bruce Hawkins, Council President
Josh Kirby, First Ward
John Francis, Second Ward
Tammy Woods, Third Ward
Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
Amber Keener, At-Large
Mel Severns, At-Large

ABSENT:

Janis Seavolt, At-Large

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor
Terry Scott, Auditor
Rob Broeren, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Todd Hill, Council Clerk
Jeff Gottke, ADF
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Michelle Engelbach, Ohio Eastern Star Home
Kim Rose, Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston

A public hearing was held on Resolution No. 2022-62, approving the PND Comprehensive Development Plan as submitted by the Ohio Eastern Star Home and approved by the Mount Vernon Municipal Planning Commission for 1451 Gambier Road, Parcel #66-09656.000. Kim Rose of Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston provided background on the project. Michelle Engelbach of Ohio Eastern Star Home noted that adjustments to the project were made to address neighboring residents' concerns, from lowering the height of structures and changing the lighting and trash receptacles to replanting trees and smoothing out a slope. Kirby thanked Ohio Eastern Star for its attention to people with mobility issues. Hawkins asked if there any future plans for additional expansion and was told there are not at this time. Keith Burley, 1415 New Gambier Road, said Ohio Eastern Star had made a good-faith effort to address residents' concerns, and added that the only new document provided for the hearing was on page eight of the Council meeting agenda packet. The developers were asked about the stormwater plan for the project, and Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik replied that the project could not be approved with additional outflow. Keener thanked Ohio Eastern Star for working with residents, and the chair noted that it had taken a soft stance in pursuing its development objectives. Resolution No. 2022-62 was up for a third reading at Council's legislative meeting later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Hillier, Chair
Planning and Zoning Committee
Mount Vernon City Council

MH/th

Communication: 07-25-22C Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes (Receive Committee Reports)

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE
AUTHORITYOHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL
6606 TUSSING ROAD, P.O. BOX 4005
REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO 43068-9005
(614)644-2360 FAX(614)644-3166

TO

65172421135		N		OHIO CVS STORES LLC DBA CVS PHARMACY 6151 1ST FL 900 COSHOCTON AVE MT VERNON OH 43050
PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE		
ISSUE DATE				
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FILING DATE				
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PERMIT CLASSES				
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TAX DISTRICT		RECEIPT NO.		

FROM 07/28/2022

PERMIT NUMBER		TYPE	
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TAX DISTRICT		RECEIPT NO.	



MAILED 07/28/2022

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN. 08/29/2022

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL

WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES

B N 6517242-1135

(TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT
THE HEARING BE HELD ☐ IN OUR COUNTY SEAT. ☐ IN COLUMBUS.WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING. ☐

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

(Signature)

(Title)- ☐ Clerk of County Commissioner

(Date)

☐ Clerk of City Council☐ Township Fiscal OfficerCLERK OF MT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL
40 PUBLIC SQ
MT VERNON OHIO 43050



Department of Commerce

Rev 2/10/2021

Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

Division of Liquor Control
Sheryl Maxfield, Director

Dear Local Legislative Authority Official:

Please find enclosed the legislative notice that is being sent to you regarding the applied for liquor permit as captioned on the notice. You **must**, within 30 days from the "mailed" date listed on the notice under the bar code:

- Notify the Division whether you object and want a hearing; or
- Ask for your one-time only, 30-day extension.
 - Any requests for a one-time, 30-day extension will be reviewed by the Division upon timely receipt. If granted, your additional 30-days runs from the expiration of the original 30-day period.

To be considered **timely**, your above response **must** be faxed, emailed, or mailed to the Division no later than the postmark deadline date given on the form. To speed up processing times and reduce paper, the Division respectfully asks that you either fax or email your response. Please send your response to:

FAX: (614) 644 – 3166

EMAIL: LiquorLicensingMailUnit@com.state.oh.us

MAIL: Ohio Division of Liquor Control
Attn: Licensing Unit
6606 Tussing Road
PO Box 4005
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005

Please note that the Division is no longer sending ownership information with this legislative notice. If you want to know who owns the applied for permit you can find that information in two ways:

- Go to https://www.comapps.ohio.gov/liqr/liqr_apps/PermitLookup/PermitHolderOwnership.aspx and enter the permit number listed on the legislative notice; or
- Contact your police department or your county sheriff if you are a township fiscal officer or county clerk. The Division sends the applicable law enforcement agency the pertinent ownership information when it notifies them of the permit application.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Division Licensing Section

Licensing Section
6606 Tussing Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-9009

Fax 614-728-1281
TTY/TDD 800-750-0750
com.ohio.gov



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-71

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Kirby
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3606

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE A NEW FUND TO BE NAMED ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT 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 OneOhio Opioid Settlement Funds (OneOhio Funds) to local governments (LG).

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 OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.09(D) and O.R.C. 5705.10(C).

SECTION 2: OneOhio Funds must be utilized in a manner consistent with the “approved Purposes” definition in the OneOhio memorandum of understanding (MOU). According to the MOU, the Funds must be used for “evidence-based forward-looking strategies, programming and services used to (i) expand the availability of treatment for individuals affected by substance use disorders, (ii) develop, promote, and provide evidence-based substance use prevention strategies, (iii) provide substance use avoidance and awareness education, (iv) decrease the oversupply of licit and illicit opioids, and (v) support recovery from addiction services performed by qualified and appropriately licensed providers.

SECTION 3: The Ohio Opioid Abatement Strategy included three main components: 1) Strategies for Community Recovery; 2) Strategies for Statewide Innovation & Recovery; and 3) Strategies for Sustainability.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, for the further reason to allow the Auditor's Office to make these funds available for use by the City as soon as possible, 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. 2022-71, 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. 2022-71, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting that the City has received \$7,500 in OneOhio Opioid settlement funds to date. 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 2022-72

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Kirby
Category: Finance and Budget
Prepared By: Todd Hill
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3608

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL OR DISPOSE, BY ANY METHOD AUTHORIZED BY REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15, VEHICLES 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 vehicle:

2016 Chevrolet Impala
VIN: 2G1WD5E38G1103141

which is no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of the vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.00.

SECTION 2: That the Council finds that the City of Mount Vernon Parks Department owns the following vehicle:

2012 Ford Transit Connect Van
VIN: NM0LS7DN9CT107912

which is no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of the vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.00.

SECTION 3: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of these vehicles pursuant to any method authorized by Revised Code Section 721.15.

SECTION 4: 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. 2022-72, 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. 2022-72, with a second by Woods. Safety-Service Director Rick Dzik commented on the legislation, noting that the two surplus City vehicles mentioned in the resolution will be advertised on the GovDeals website. 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

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Appointment

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-73

DOC ID: 3609

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DAN BRINKMAN TO THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD; 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 Dan Brinkman, 500 E. Chestnut St., Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Knox County Health District Board, fulfilling the unexpired term of Ernie Pido, beginning immediately and expiring on March 23, 2026.

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. 2022-73, 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. 2022-73, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr detailed the qualifications of Dan Brinkman as an appointee to the Knox County Health District Board, and Brinkman briefly spoke. 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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ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-74

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Kirby
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3613

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 101.1785.51112, Probation-Special Docket Grant, in the amount of \$35,000.00.
(Mental Health & Recovery for Licking/Knox Counties-Grant-Drug Court)
2. To Account 101.2500.54212, Rentals-Utilities, in the amount of \$50,000.00.
3. To Account 101.2500.53313, Rentals-Maintenance/Repairs in the amount of \$39,480.00.
(Rental Income from Acquired Rental Properties)

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. 2022-74, 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. 2022-74, with a second by Woods. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation. 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



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Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Appointment

Prepared By: Todd Hill

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2022-75

DOC ID: 3614

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LESLIE BUEHRER TO THE RECREATION BOARD; 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 Leslie Buehrer, 900 E. Chestnut St., Mount Vernon, Ohio, to the Recreation Board, fulfilling the unexpired term of Scott Brenneman, beginning immediately and expiring on December 31, 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.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Francis made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2022-75, 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. 2022-75, with a second by Hillier. Mayor Matt Starr commented on the qualifications of Leslie Buehrer as an appointee to the Recreation Board. 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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ORDINANCE 2022-24

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3595

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE PROCESS TO GRANT A RESIDENTIAL CONDITIONAL USE FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN OFFICE-INSTITUTIONAL ZONES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Codified Ordinance §1168.01(b)(4) allows the owner of a property that is located in an Office-Institutional zone to apply for a conditional use to use the property as a residence; and

WHEREAS, the cost to apply for a conditional use is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00); and

WHEREAS, the City's Board of Zoning Appeals must determine whether to grant or deny all conditional use applications.

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

SECTION 1: The fee for the owner of any property located within an Office-Institutional zone to apply for a residential conditional use for that property is zero dollars (\$0.00).

SECTION 2: That the City Engineer, or their designee, may administratively grant or deny the application for a residential conditional use for a property located within an Office-Institutional zone.

SECTION 3: If the City Engineer, or his designee, administratively denies the application for residential conditional use, the applicant may appeal the denial of the application to the Board of Zoning Appeals without additional cost.

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 allow the City to have accurate information about the use of various properties within the City, 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:

07/11/22 City Council FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2022-24 was given a first reading. The chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee requested a 15-minute committee meeting on the legislation for July 25, 2022.

07/25/22 City Council SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 2022-24 was given a second reading. The Planning and Zoning Committee chair requested a 10-minute committee meeting on the ordinance for Aug. 8, 2022.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hillier made a motion to postpone Ordinance No. 2022-24 indefinitely, with a second by Severns. Hillier expressed a desire to wait for an updating of the City's zoning code to address issues brought up in the ordinance. Motion to postpone indefinitely passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES:	Francis, Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns
EXCUSED:	Josh Kirby



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SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2022-26

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3598

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO TO DECLARE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY TO BE HISTORIC AND ELIGIBLE FOR EXTENDED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX EXEMPTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, through Ordinance No. 2021-39, adopted October 25, 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 2022-09, adopted February 14, 2022 (collectively, the “CRA Ordinance”), established the Mount Vernon Community Reinvestment Area (the “CRA”) and provided for real property tax exemptions for certain residential development within the CRA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the CRA Ordinance, term of the CRA exemption available for remodeling of residential property may be extended for up to an additional ten (10) years if the dwelling being remodeled is a structure of historical or architectural significance or is a certified historic structure that has been subject to federal tax treatment under 26 USC 47 and 170(h); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to designate the City’s Historic Review Commission (“HRC”) as the entity responsible for determining which structures qualify as structures of historical or architectural significance and thus eligible for an extended CRA exemption under the CRA Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City’s HRC is designated as the entity responsible for determining which structures qualify as structures of historical or architectural significance and thus eligible for an extended CRA exemption under the CRA Ordinance; provided, however, that City Council shall continue to be solely responsible for determining which remodeling projects are eligible for an extended CRA exemption term and the length of that additional term.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and any other officer of the City are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, creation of forms for applying for the extended CRA exemption.

SECTION 3. 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 allow the City to process extended CRA exemptions as expeditiously as possible, 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:

07/25/22

City Council

FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2022-26 was given a first reading. The Planning and Zoning Committee chair requested a 15-minute committee meeting on the ordinance for Aug. 8, 2022.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Ordinance No. 2022-26 was given a second reading. The chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee requested a 15-minute committee meeting on the ordinance for Aug. 22, 2022.

RESULT: SECOND READING**Next: 8/22/2022 7:30 PM**



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Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.

Francis, Hillier

Category: Personnel

Prepared By: Terry Scott

Initiator: Todd Hill

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2022-28

DOC ID: 3605

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF CERTAIN
EMPLOYEES OF THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 2022,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 1901.31(C)(1) and 1901.33, provides that the legislative authority of the municipality where a municipal court is located shall prescribe the compensation of the Court's Probation Officers and Probation Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk ;

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

SECTION 1: That this Ordinance fixed the compensation and benefits of certain employees of the Mount Vernon Municipal Court, commencing on the 1st day of April, 2022 as follows:

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance fixed the compensation and benefits of the Probation Administrative Assistance/Deputy Clerk - \$19.00 per hour and shall be payable from the General Fund (Justice and Rehabilitation Incentive) JRIG II Grant, until funding has been exhausted or until June 30, 2023 whichever comes first, at which time this amount will become payable from the Probation Services Fund. This position shall be part-time.

SECTION 3: This position shall be eligible for a longevity increase. Longevity pay of \$.08 shall be granted at the completion of the fifth year of service, with an additional \$.05 per hour granted at the completion of each year of service thereafter.

SECTION 4: This position shall be entitled to the benefits as outlined in the Mount Vernon Municipal Court Employee Handbook, adopted January 1, 2015 and amended thereafter.

SECTION 5: That Ordinance 2022-12, only as it pertains to Section 2, governing pay and benefits for the Municipal Court personnel as stated herein is repealed.

SECTION 6: 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 that an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the department of allowing the Auditor's office to proceed with 2022 payroll setup, 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 Ordinance No. 2022-28, with a second by Hillier. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Francis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-28, with a second by Hillier. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, noting that the Probation Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk will receive a raise of \$1.00 an hour paid through the JRIG II Grant, and that the position will be eligible for a longevity increase as well. 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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SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2022-29

Meeting: 08/08/22 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3612

AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ANNEXATION OF 0.562 ACRES, PARCEL NUMBER 59-02288.000, FROM PLEASANT TOWNSHIP INTO THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CITY SERVICES TO THE ANNEXED PARCEL AND PROVIDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST INCOMPATIBLE USES UNDER EXISTING TOWNSHIP ZONING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023 provides the process for an Expedited Type 2 annexation where the annexed territory remains subject to the real estate taxation of the township, and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2022 the owner of 0.562 acres, Parcel Number 59-02288.000, located in Pleasant Township filed a petition with the Knox County Board of Commissioners to annex the property into the City of Mount Vernon under the Expedited Type 2 process.

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

SECTION 1: That pursuant to Revised Code Section 709.023(D), the City of Mount Vernon consents to the annexation proposed in the owner's petition.

SECTION 2: That upon annexation into the City of Mount Vernon, the City shall provide the following services to the annexed parcel:

- a) Police Protection
- b) Fire Protection
- c) Emergency Medical Services
- d) Stormwater Utility Services

SECTION 3: That City Council finds that the annexation parcel is currently subject to Pleasant Township Zoning, pursuant to Chapter 519 of the Revised Code. If the territory is annexed and becomes subject to zoning by the City of Mount Vernon, and City zoning permits uses in the annexed territory that the City determines are clearly incompatible with the uses permitted under current township zoning regulations in the adjacent land remaining within the township from which the territory was annexed, the City Council will require, in the zoning ordinance permitting the incompatible uses, the owner of the annexed territory to provide a buffer separating the use of the annexed territory and the adjacent land remaining within the township. "Buffer" includes open space, landscaping, fences, walls, and other structured elements; streets and street right-of-ways; and bicycle and pedestrian paths and sidewalks.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance 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 Revised Code Section 709.023(C) requires the City to act within 20 days of the filing of the annexation petition to state what municipal services it will provide to a parcel annexed through this process, therefore, it 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. 2022-29 was given a first reading. The chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee requested a 15-minute committee meeting on the legislation for Aug. 22, 2022.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 8/22/2022 7:30 PM