

Legislative Session Minutes

August 14, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No meetings scheduled.

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee	Title	Status
Mike Hillier	Fourth Ward	Present
Janis Seavolt	At Large	Present
Tammy Woods	President Pro-Tem	Present
Mel Severns	Councilman	Present
James Mahan	First Ward	Present
John Ruckman	Second Ward	Present
Bruce Hawkins	Acting Mayor	Present
Amber Keener	At Large	Excused
<RollCallListStatus="Absent">		
{ Attendee(*) : First Last }	{ Attendee(*) : Title }	Absent

INVOCATION

Sam Romine, Lifepoint Church, performed the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited in unison.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- City Council - Legislative Session - Jul 24, 2023 7:30 PM

Seavolt made a motion to accept the minutes from Council's Legislative Session of July 24, 2023, with a second by Severns. Motion to accept passed by a voice vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Woods

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 08-14-23 Alley Vacation Petition

An alley vacation petition from Rebecca Abbott, 100 Oak St., was read into the record.

RESULT:	ANNOUNCED
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RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 07-24-23 Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing Minutes

Council accepted without comment the minutes for the Planning and Zoning Committee public hearing of July 24, 2023.

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

None.

PROCLAMATION

None.

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

Joseph Schoffstall, Municipal Sales Specialist, Rumpke Waste & Recycling, and Kevin Sabo, operations manager for Rumpke, spoke about the waste hauler's rates. Schoffstall apologized for a resident's rate error, explained why the company's rates have increased and how they are structured. Law Director Rob Broeren asked if Rumpke's price is currently \$21.72, as reported to the City in 2022, and Sabo replied that that's the rate for new customers only. Broeren noted that the company is required to report its rates to the City annually. Woods added that she has received complaints about Rumpke picking up trash in the middle of the night, and Sabo replied there is less traffic on the roads then.

Don Carr, 4 Upland Terrace, spoke about a property maintenance issue, a field that has not been mown this summer at 0 Vernonview Drive. He added that he has brought the matter to the attention of the Code Enforcement Officer, and characterized the matter as a health issue, noting that he was recently diagnosed with Lyme disease. Severns asked how often the field was mowed before it changed hands this year, and it was established that it had been mown once annually before. Broeren added that he would speak with the Safety-Service Director about the matter. Jeff Doup, also of Upland Terrace, spoke on the issue as well, criticizing the property owner for not mowing the field.

Tonja Kent, 202 Maplewood Ave., spoke about FEMA de-commissioning the levee on the Kokosing River, contending that this has shortened evacuation times in event of a flood and raised her insurance rates. She asked why the City has not applied for various grants to remedy the problem. Broeren responded that grants typically require matching amounts from the City.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

None.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-61

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PCDD COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS SUBMITTED BY THE KNOX COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AND APPROVED BY THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 301 AND 303

NORTH NORTON STREET, PARCELS #66-05329.000 AND #66-02335.000, RESPECTIVELY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Resolution No. 2023-61 was given a second reading.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 8/28/2023 7:30 PM

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-67

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

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

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RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED: Keener

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-68

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

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-68, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-68, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, and Mahan praised the appropriations of \$276,000 in Ohio EMA APRA First Responders Retention Incentives-Employee Retention Credits for the Police and Fire Departments. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER: James Mahan, First Ward
AYES: Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED: Keener

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-69

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

Finance and Budget: Seavolt, Mahan

Seavolt made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-69, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-69, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, adding that the transfers pertain to sludge removal and repair of a retaining wall at the cemetery. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Keener

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-70

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES FOR CITY COUNCIL TO THE CITY'S NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Hillier made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-70, with a second by Severns. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Hillier made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-70, with a second by Severns. Council went into recess at 8:22 p.m. so Severns could take a phone call. Recess ended at 8:26 p.m. Knox County Area Development Foundation President Jeff Gottke discussed the legislation, noting the qualifications of those being appointed to the New Community Authority and the board's functions. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING

None.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-31**

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOUNT VERNON NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE AND IS INTENDED TO RESULT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMUNITY AND DECLARING THE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY TO BE ORGANIZED AND A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE, AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARY OF THE NEW COMMUNITY DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Planning and Zoning: Hillier, Severns

Hillier made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-31, with a second by Severns. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Hillier made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-31, with a second by Severns. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Keener

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-32

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITIONS OF HUMAN RESOURCES INTERNS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee and Community Rel.: Woods, Hillier

Ordinance No. 2023-32 was given a first reading. Woods requested a 10-minute meeting of the Employee and Community Relations Committee on the legislation for Aug. 28, 2023.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 8/28/2023 7:30 PM
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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-33

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1155.03(D) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING THE DUTIES OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets and Public Buildings: Severns, Ruckman

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-33, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-33, with a second by Ruckman. Law Director Rob Broeren explained that the legislation codifies a process that has been in place for some time regarding the duties of the Municipal Planning Commission. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

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

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

In his role as Acting Mayor, Bruce Hawkins thanked everyone responsible for making the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival a success. Law Director Rob Broeren announced that the lower two levels of the municipal parking garage will be painted over the weekend, with parking not allowed beginning Thursday. He added that legislation requested by Hillier requiring members of the City's boards and commissions to be residents of the City will be available for review soon. Auditor Terry Scott announced that the State has completed its 2022 audit of the City and once again had no findings or comments.

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

Severns suggested that it's time for the City to get started on fixing the issue with the levee on the Kokosing River, and that the Administration needs to resolve the issue with the field at 0 Vernonview Drive not being mowed. Severns also referred a petition from Rebecca Abbott, 100 Oak St., to vacate an alley to the Municipal Planning Commission. Seavolt agreed with Severns that the issues with the Kokosing River levee and the un-mown field on Vernonview Drive need to be resolved. At that point an unidentified woman began speaking about the levee, and Law Director Rob Broeren made a point of order that the public-speaking portion of the meeting was past. Hillier noted that the Administration had previously stated that the levee would be surveyed in the fall, and clarified that Hawkins was serving as Acting Mayor because Mayor Matt Starr was away on vacation. Hillier also suggested that the Administration set up meetings with residents of the Compass Point and Laurelwood housing developments about the mowing of their retention ponds. Ruckman thanked the evening's speakers for attending the meeting. Mahan thanked everyone who made the Mount Vernon Music and Arts Festival possible, congratulated the Mayor on successfully defending his dissertation, welcomed new Mount Vernon Nazarene President Dr. Carson Castleman, and wished the Mount Vernon City Schools a successful school year. Woods asked what the survey of the Kokosing River levee will be expected to find, and urged residents to exercise caution as school resumes.

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT

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

Tammy Woods, Council President Pro-Tem

Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

CD on file/th

100 Oak Street
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

January 26, 2023

Clerk of Council's Office
40 Public Square
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Dear Clerk of Council:

Enclosed please find a petition for vacation of an alley, signed by the property owners whose land would be affected (#5 and 8 on the plat map), and a copy of the plat on which the concerned "10 Alley" appears. (The property owner of #7 already has a fence raised at the end of the alley.)

- a. The alley itself is a grassy, weedy strip that runs between the detached garages of #5 and 8. According to the City Engineer's Office, no public utilities appear on it.
- b. The alley's dimensions are 10' wide by 41.4' long (according to the enclosed plat map).
- c. The map is from Plat Cabinet A, page 74, J. M. Icke's Addition 10.
- d. The property owners on either side of the alley are:

- i. #5, Rebecca Abbott, 100 Oak Street
- ii. #8, Gordon Loveland, 521 East Gambier Street

The property owners behind and kitty-corner to the alley are:

- iii. #6, Robert White, 102 Oak Street
- iv. #7, Ethan and Devon Butterfield, 523 East Gambier Street

The property owners across the street from the alley are:

- v. Mike and Melissa Frazee (across from #5, Rebecca), 111 Potwin Street
- vi. Tim and Kris Sullivan (across from #8, Gordon), 519 East Gambier Street
- e. Enclosed please find a \$50 filing fee. Costs are being shared between Rebecca Abbott and Gordon Loveland.

Thank you for considering this petition!

Sincerely,



Rebecca Abbott

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Mount Vernon, Ohio

Date: January 26, 2023

To the Honorable Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

We, the undersigned property owners, owning property on (address) J.M. Ickes Addition 10Respectfully petition your honorable body to pass the necessary legislation to (Ickes Plat 8)vacate the
unused alley behind our two houses.

Name	Address	Phone
1. <u>Rebecca Abbott</u>	<u>100 Oak Street, Mount Vernon</u>	<u>(740) 324-1225</u>
2. <u>Gordon Loveland</u>	<u>521 E Gambier St Mount Vernon</u>	<u>(216) 333-4773</u>
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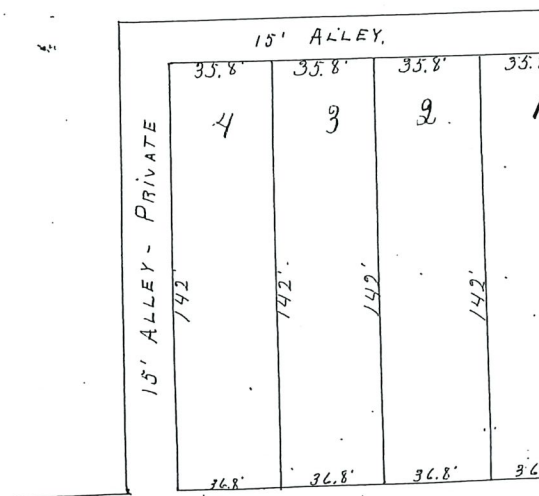
Communication: 08-14-23 Alley Vacation Petition (Receive Petitions and Communications)

Subdivision: J. M. ICKE'S ADDITION 7.1

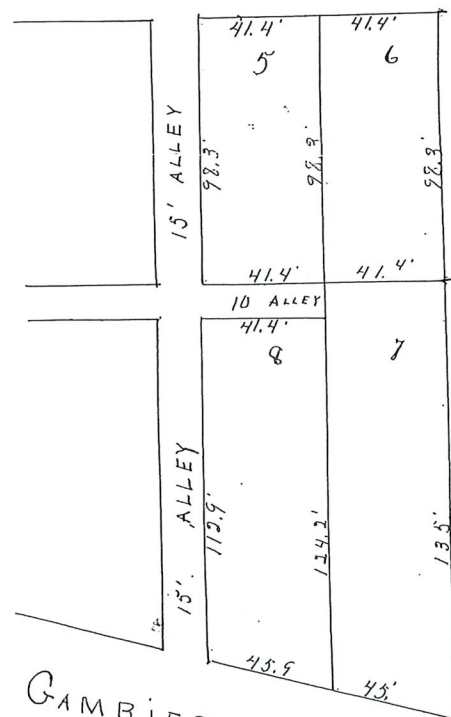
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Plat cabinet A
page 74

SCALE 50



OAK STREET 40



GAMBIER STREET

I hereby certify that I surveyed and laid out and the J. M. Eckel addition to the City of Mt. Vernon, that the plat is a correct representation and describes the same. The number of the lots and the size of the lots, the name of the street and the width of same and the width thereof are all as indicated.

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Communication: 08-14-23 Alley Vacation Petition (Receive Petitions and Communications)

PLAT OF MORTGAGE LOCATION SURVEY
TO: HEARTLAND TITLE AGENCY

C10-0635 GFE
ORDER NO.: X13287
DATE: JULY 15, 2010

DESCRIPTION INFORMATION

LENDER: FIRST PLACE BANK

LOT(S) NO.: 5

BORROWER: GERALD D. ABBOTT JR.

ALLOTMENT: J.M. ICKES ADDN.

ADDRESS: 100 OAK ST.

CITY: MT. VERNON

PLAT CABINET:

SLEEVE:

COUNTY: KNOX

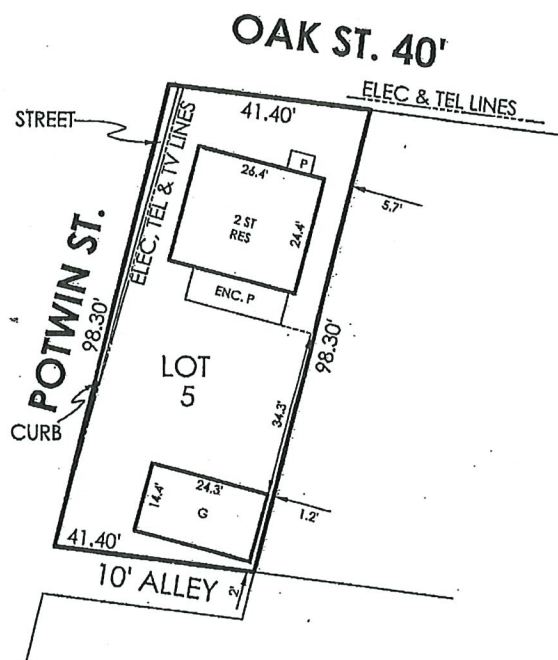
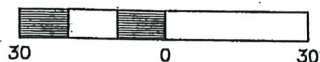
TOWNSHIP:

RANGE:

SCALE: 1" = 30'

SECTION:

(1/4's)



NOTE: ALL BEARINGS AND DISTANCES ON PROPERTY LINES ARE PER RECORD AND NOT OBSERVED UNLESS INDICATED.

THIS SERVICE PROVIDED FOR TITLE COMPANY AND/OR LENDER ONLY, AND MUST NOT BE RELIED ON BY PROPERTY OWNER IN DETERMINING BOUNDARY LINES, SETBACK LINES OR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

☒ SUBJECT STRUCTURE(S) IS IN ZONE X AS SHOWN ON THE FEDERAL INSURANCE AGENCY, FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP NO. 3903110188D.

SV

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A MORTGAGE LOCATION SURVEY OF THE ABOVE PREMISES HAS BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 4733-38, (MINIMUM STANDARD) FOR MORTGAGE LOCATION SURVEYS IN THE STATE OF OHIO, OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AND IS NOT A BOUNDARY SURVEY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4733-37 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

Raymond G. Lenczowski
RAYMOND G. LENCZOWSKI, OHIO REG. SURVEYOR NO. 6687
F.E. KROCKA & ASSOCIATES, INC. -- SHELBY, OHIO





**Planning and Zoning Committee Public Hearing Minutes
July 24, 2023 – 6:47 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.**

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Starr, Mayor
Richard Dzik, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeren, Law Director
Terry Scott, Auditor
Brian Ball, Engineer
Todd Hill, Clerk
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Jeff Gottke, ADF

The committee held a public hearing to discuss Ordinance No. 2023-31, determining that the establishment of the Mount Vernon New Community Authority will be conducive to the public safety, convenience and welfare and is intended to result in the development of a new community and declaring the New Community Authority to be organized and a body politic and corporate, and defining the boundary of the new community district. This is the third piece of legislation to come before Council on the NCA. The base development charge of 4 mills would raise an estimated \$7.5 million over 30 years in collections from the Rockford Homes and Highland Real Estate housing developments. The money raised would then be used for infrastructure improvements and various community facilities. The NCA would also require the formation of a seven-member board, appointed by both Council and the Mayor, which would be addressed in a fourth piece of legislation. Knox County Area Development Foundation President Jeff Gottke explained that the board would meet once or twice a year, and would focus on housing project prioritization. Civil Service Director Tony DeIuliis indicated an interest in being a part of the NCA. No further meetings on the matter were requested. Ordinance No. 2023-31 was up for a first reading at Council's Legislative Session later in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

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



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2023-61

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
 Category: Planning and Zoning
 Prepared By: Todd Hill
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3847

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PCDD COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS SUBMITTED BY THE KNOX COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AND APPROVED BY THE MOUNT VERNON MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR 301 AND 303 NORTH NORTON STREET, PARCELS #66-05329.000 AND #66-02335.000, RESPECTIVELY; 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 Mount Vernon City Council approve the PCDD Comprehensive Development Plan as submitted by the Knox County Land Reutilization Corporation and approved by the Mount Vernon Municipal Planning Commission for 301 and 303 North Norton Street, Parcels #66-05329.000 and #66-02335.000, respectively. The general plan for the development is shown in Attachment "A" and made part of this resolution.

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:

07/24/23 City Council **FIRST READING**

Resolution No. 2023-61 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Resolution No. 2023-61 was given a second reading.

RESULT: SECOND READING

Next: 8/28/2023 7:30 PM



City of Mount Vernon, Ohio
 Development Services
 40 Public Square
 Mount Vernon, OH 43050
 Phone 740-393-2033 | DSM@MountVernonOhio.org

To: Clerk of Council

July 14, 2023

Municipal Planning Commission
 Meeting Date: July 13, 2023

Case Number: 2023-MPC-17

**PCDD Comprehensive Development Plan for 301 & 303 N Norton ST
 encompassing parcel numbers 66-05329.000 & 66-02335.00**

A PCDD Comprehensive Development Plan was submitted for review to the Municipal Planning Commission for recommendation to Council by the Knox County Land Reutilization Corporation for 301 & 303 N Norton ST, encompassing parcels: 66-05329.000 & 66-02335.000

A public hearing was held and discussion ensued about the proposed Comprehensive Development Plan. Following discussion:

Todd Hawkins made a motion to recommend to Council to approved the Comprehensive Development Plan. Austin Swallow seconded the motion.

**The motion passed with a unanimous 4-0, affirmative vote.
 (Yes: Dzik, Hawkins, Swallow, West)**

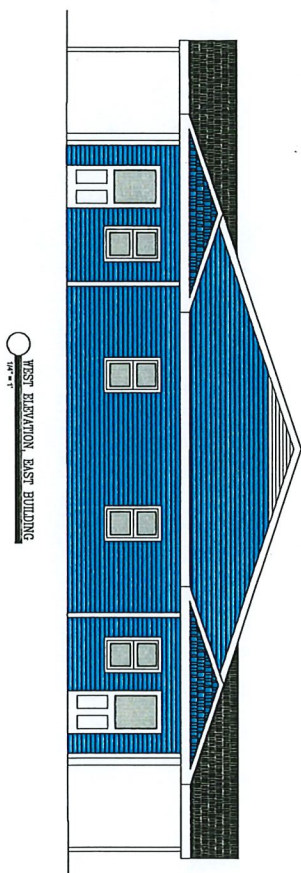
Per §1185.04 Council shall consider the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Development Plan and determine the final approval or denial.

Warm Regards,

Lacie Blankenhorn

Lacie Blankenhorn
 Development Services Manager

Attachment: 07-24-23 Norton PCDD CDP (2023-61 : N Norton Comprehensive Development Plan)

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City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3856

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-67

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE 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 vehicle that is no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of the vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.00.

2011 Grey Jeep Cherokee - VIN: 1J4RR4GG9BC509698

SECTION 2: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the vehicle 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 this item to return the proceeds to constructive use by the City, 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:

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RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Amber Keener



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-68

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
 Category: Finance
 Prepared By: Terry Scott
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3859

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 301.1300.54484, Transfer Water Liens, in the amount of \$7,112.30.
 (Exceeded Estimated Resources for Water Liens)
2. To Account 208.1900.51111, Chief, Captain, Patrolmen, in the amount of \$116,000.00
3. To Account 208.2100.51111, Chief, Captain, Firemen, in the amount of \$160,000.00.
 (Ohio Dept. of Safety - Ohio EMA APRA First Responders Retention Incentives - Employee Retention Credit)
4. To Account 101.2400.54115, Contract Engineering, in the amount of \$50,224.94.
 (Ohio Department of Transportation - Reimbursement for Contract Engineering - State Route 13 Road Improvement Project)
5. To Account 101.2640.54115, Contract Services, in the amount of \$50,000.00.
 (Ariel Foundation Grant Award - 2023 Season - Water Park)

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:

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RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER: James Mahan, First Ward
AYES: Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED: Amber Keener



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-69

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Finance and Budget
Seavolt, Mahan
Category: Finance
Prepared By: Terry Scott
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3860

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS.

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 transfer funds as follows:

1. From Account 720.2820.55511, W/W Plant-Equipment, to Account 720.2820.54114, Sludge Removal, in the amount of \$20,000.00.
2. From Account 720.2820.54118, Environmental Consultants, to Account 720.2820.54114, Sludge Removal, in the amount of \$40,000.00.
3. From Account 204.3100.55515, Cemetery Expansion, to Account 204.3100.53312, Maintenance & Repairs, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

SECTION 2: This Resolution provides for appropriations for the current expenses of the City, and therefore, pursuant to Revised Code Section 731.30, 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. 2023-69, with a second by Mahan. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Seavolt made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-69, with a second by Mahan. Auditor Terry Scott commented on the legislation, adding that the transfers pertain to sludge removal and repair of a retaining wall at the cemetery. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Janis Seavolt, At Large
SECONDER:	James Mahan, First Ward
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED:	Amber Keener



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2023-70

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3861

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES FOR CITY COUNCIL TO THE CITY'S
NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2023-31 established the “Mount Vernon New Community Authority” (“NCA”); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Petition to Establish the NCA requires Council to appoint four (4) members to the Board of Trustees of the NCA.

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

SECTION 1: That Council appoints the following persons to the Board of Trustees of the NCA to represent the interests of present and future employers within the NCA:

Erin Daniels - 19 Highmeadow Dr., Mount Vernon, Ohio - term to expire in 2024

Tony Deijuliis - 950 Beech St., Mount Vernon, Ohio - term to expire in 2024

Jason Hall - 1408 Culbertson Dr., Mount Vernon, Ohio - term to expire in 2025

That Council appoints the following person to the Board of Trustees of the NCA to serve as a representative of local government:

Jeff Gottke - 307 E. Vine St., Mount Vernon, Ohio - term to expire in 2025

SECTION 2: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and for the further reason to appoint members so that the NCA may begin work within the statutory time limits established by R.C. Chapter 349 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:

Hillier made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Resolution No. 2023-70, with a second by Severns. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Hillier made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-70, with a second by Severns. Council went into recess at 8:22 p.m. so Severns could take a phone call. Recess ended at 8:26 p.m. Knox County

Area Development Foundation President Jeff Gottke discussed the legislation, noting the qualifications of those being appointed to the New Community Authority and the board's functions. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER:	Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES:	Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Keener, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman



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ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2023-31

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Planning and Zoning
Hillier, Severns
Category: Planning and Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3845

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOUNT VERNON NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY WILL BE CONDUCIVE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE AND IS INTENDED TO RESULT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMUNITY AND DECLARING THE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY TO BE ORGANIZED AND A BODY POLITIC AND CORPORATE, AND DEFINING THE BOUNDARY OF THE NEW COMMUNITY DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, in its capacity as a “developer” within the meaning of Section 349.01(E) of the Ohio Revised Code (the “City”) plans to establish a new community development program for the purposes of encouraging and supporting well-balanced and diversified land use patterns within the territory of the City, including facilities for the conduct of industrial, commercial, residential, cultural, educational, and recreational activities, all as described in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2023, the City submitted to the Council of the City (“Council”), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, a Petition for Establishment of the Mount Vernon New Community Authority under Chapter 349 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “Petition”), a copy of which Petition is on file with the Clerk of Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon New Community Authority is located entirely within the municipal corporate boundaries of the City, a municipal corporation, and this Council, as the legislative authority of the City, is therefore the organizational board of commissioners for the Mount Vernon New Community Authority; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2023, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, this Council adopted Ordinance No. 2023-30, which ordinance determined that the Petition is sufficient and complies with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03 in form and substance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, this Council held a public hearing on the Petition on July 24, 2023, notice of which was published as required in Ohio Revised Code Section 349.03, and the date of which hearing is not more than thirty nor more than forty-five days after the filing date of the Petition; and

WHEREAS, this Council has determined that the Petition will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, and is intended to result in the development of a new community.

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

SECTION 1. Approval of Petition. The Petition is hereby accepted and shall be recorded, along with this Ordinance, in the journal of this Council as the organizational board of commissioners for the purpose of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 349. Council hereby determines that the Mount Vernon New Community Authority will be conducive to the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, and is intended to result in the development of a new community as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 349.01(A). Pursuant to the Petition, the Mount Vernon New Community Authority is hereby organized as a body politic and corporate with the corporate name designated in the Petition (such name being the “Mount Vernon New Community Authority”), and the boundaries of the Mount Vernon New Community District are consistent with the boundaries described in the Petition.

SECTION 2. Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon New Community Authority. The Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon New Community Authority shall be comprised of seven (7) members selected and appointed as provided in the Petition. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 349.04, there shall be posted for each member of the Board of Trustees a bond in the amount of \$10,000 for the faithful performance of his or her duties. The bond shall be with a company authorized to conduct business within the State of Ohio as a surety and shall be deposited with and preserved by the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 3. Open Meetings. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with the law including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

SECTION 4. Emergency Clause. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and to allow the City to create a New Community Authority to assess new subdivisions costs based on needed additional infrastructure created by the new subdivision, 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.

HISTORY:

07/24/23

City Council

FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 2023-31 was given a first reading.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hillier made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-31, with a second by Severns. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Hillier made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-31, with a second by Severns. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Mike Hillier, Fourth Ward
SECONDER: Mel Severns, Councilman
AYES: Hillier, Seavolt, Woods, Severns, Mahan, Ruckman
EXCUSED: Amber Keener



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Mount Vernon, OH 43050

SCHEDULED

ORDINANCE 2023-32

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Employee and Community Rel.
Francis, Hillier
 Category: Personnel
 Prepared By: Rob Broeren
 Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3855

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITIONS OF HUMAN RESOURCES INTERNS, AND
 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

SECTION 1: That the following part-time positions are hereby authorized at the hourly wage listed and upon the appropriation times listed below:

Human Resources Intern (I).....\$12.00 per hour (maximum of 25 hours per week)
 Human Resources Intern (II).....\$12.00 per hour (maximum of 20 hours per week)
 Human Resources Intern (III).....\$12.00 per hour (maximum of 20 hours per week)

The salary authorized by this Ordinance shall be payable bi-weekly.

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

SECTION 3: Ordinance 2023-01 is repealed.

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 to allow the employment of the intern to streamline tasks within the Human Resources Department, 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:

Ordinance No. 2023-32 was given a first reading. Woods requested a 10-minute meeting of the Employee and Community Relations Committee on the legislation for Aug. 28, 2023.

RESULT: FIRST READING

Next: 8/28/2023 7:30 PM



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

ADOPTED

ORDINANCE 2023-33

Meeting: 08/14/23 7:30 PM
Dept: Streets and Public Buildings
Severns, Francis
Category: Streets
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Todd Hill
DOC ID: 3858

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1155.03(D) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING THE DUTIES OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 1155.03(d) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in ~~strikethrough~~):

(d) Powers and Duties: The Planning Commission shall:

(1) Review proposed amendments to Zoning Districts and/or the Zoning District Map and make recommendations to Council.

(2) Review petitions to vacate streets and/or alleys and make recommendations to Council.

~~(2)~~**(3)** When appropriate initiate proposed amendments to this Zoning Ordinance and Map.

~~(3)~~**(4)** Review, approve or disapprove subdivision plats and development plans for Planned District applications, with reference to the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulations of the City. Upon a request for a modification of an approved subdivision plat or development plan of a Planned District, notice of such request shall be served upon all adjacent property owners by ordinary U.S. mail.

~~(4)~~**(5)** Carry out all other powers and duties conferred upon it by this Zoning Ordinance or other City Ordinances and the laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 2. 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 to regularize the procedure for the vacation of streets and alleys, 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:

Severns made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three separate readings of Ordinance No. 2023-33, with a second by Ruckman. Motion to suspend passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0. Severns made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-33, with a second by Ruckman. Law Director Rob Broeren explained that the legislation codifies a process that has been in place for some time regarding the duties of the Municipal Planning Commission. Motion to adopt passed by a roll-call vote of 6-0.

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