

## Special Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER**

| Attendee      | Title       | Status  |
|---------------|-------------|---------|
| Mike Hillier  | Fourth Ward | Present |
| Janis Seavolt | At Large    | Present |
| Tammy Woods   | Third Ward  | Present |
| Mel Severns   | Councilman  | Present |
| Bruce Hawkins | President   | Present |

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| Amber Keener | At Large    | Absent |
| James Mahan  | First Ward  | Absent |
| John Ruckman | Second Ward | Absent |

Council President Bruce Hawkins called the roll at 6:32 p.m. for the special joint session of City Council with the Mount Vernon City Schools and Knox County Career Center boards, held in the Knox County Career Center cafeteria. Mel Severns, Tammy Woods, Janis Seavolt and Mike Hillier were present. John Ruckman, Amber Keener and James Mahan were absent.

### **PUBLIC PORTION**

Topics of discussion were provided by Council and the Mount Vernon City Schools and Knox County Career Center boards. Council discussed the Coshocton Road Tax Increment Financing District, as well as crosswalks and the school zone on Martinsburg Road. Slides were displayed showing new markings for the school zone, a dedicated crosswalk and new signage. The MVCSD board addressed bus stops in the area of the High School and Career Center. The MVCSD will have dedicated bus pick-up and drop-off sites in the area, such as on Parrott and Delano streets. The MVCSD and KCCC boards spoke about wanting School Resource Officers in all of their buildings, while acknowledging that funding is a major constraint. The MVCSD board discussed student behavioral concerns, with Superintendent Bill Seder indicating this has become a significant issue requiring special staffing needs.

Council President Hawkins called for adjournment. Severns made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Woods. Following a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

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Todd Hill, Clerk of Council

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