

MADEIRA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Theis at 7:30 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mayor Theis.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present:

Traci Theis, Mayor
Melisa Adrien
Scott Gehring
Chris Hilberg
Doug Moormann
Brian Mueller
Nancy Spencer

Officials/Staff present:

Brian Fox, Law Director (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)
Tom Moeller, City Manager
Lori A. Thompson, Assistant City Manager
Paul Phillips, Police Lieutenant
Kristie Lowndes, Tax Commissioner/Treasurer
Christine Doyle, Clerk of Council

Officials/Staff absent:

David Schaefer, Police Chief

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. Changes to the agenda:

- None

2. Changes to the City Council Regular Meeting minutes from October 14, 2019:

- None

Motion to accept the agenda and the October 14, 2019 minutes made by Mr. Moormann, second by Mr. Gehring. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

V. MAYOR'S MOMENT

1. Public Comment Reminder

2. Mayor's Moment

- On the topic of "Training for the Win," Mayor Theis reported the Madeira Boys High School Soccer team advanced to the Sectional finals and were ranked fourth in the state in Division 3. The Girls Soccer team won the District finals and has continued on. The Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams captured district titles and will be running in the State finals.
- The Madeira High School Marching Band received a superior ranking at the Kettering competition and will be competing at the State competition in Dayton.
- On the subject of brain training, Madeira City Schools received the fourth highest score on their performance index out over 600 school districts in Ohio.
- Mayor Theis thanked the well-trained firefighters who responded to the fire on Laurel that resulted in the displacement of a resident and the closing of two businesses.

3. Special Recognition
 - None

VI. INVITED GUESTS

1. Madeira Middle School sixth graders Leah Allen, Tyler Bayer, Aaron Hudepohl, Dustin Opichka, Avery Silvestain, and Maddy Zoeckler addressed Council about the Kindness Rocks program. The sixth graders were inspired by the book *Pay It Forward* and painted over 150 rocks with encouraging messages that they will hide around the City on October 31. People who find the rocks are encouraged to post their find to the Facebook page written on the label on the rock; they can then either hide the rock or keep it.

VII. NOTICES OF OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Board of Zoning Appeals November 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
- Budget and Finance November 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- City Council November 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

VIII. COMMITTEE AND OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on October 18, 2019
 - Mr. Mueller reported the Committee voted unanimously to support the Board's recommendation to move the Independence Day celebration to McDonald Commons, beginning in 2020. There are three primary reasons for making the change.
 - Financial: The ability to sell beer at the event would offset some of the cost of the event, with the goal of making the event cost neutral. Moving the event would also eliminate the need for the City to replace the floodlights at Sellman.
 - Quality of Experience: The move would allow more space for attendees and space for more vendors and would put the event in the premiere park at the City's center, as identified in the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Safety: The new location would allow the fireworks to be launched farther from the attendees; comings and goings to the event would be safer with the closure of Dawson; and evacuating the event in an emergency would be easier.
 - Motion to adopt the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board and Parks and Recreation Committee to move the Independence Day celebration to McDonald Commons beginning in 2020 made by Mr. Mueller, second by Ms. Spencer.
 - Council discussed offering shuttles to and from the event from points in the City. Mr. Mueller said that would be possible if Council approved the expense. Parking was also discussed and the suggestion was made to reach out to nearby banks about opening their lots for parking.
 - It was noted that the fireworks vendor has already approved deploying fireworks at that location, and there would be no changes to the parade route.

Motion to adopt the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board and Parks and Recreation Committee to move Independence Day celebration to McDonald Commons, beginning in 2020, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- The Committee also discussed Plans A and B for McDonald Commons and referred Plan A to Planning Commission for discussion.
2. Planning Commission meeting on October 21, 2019
 - Mr. Moormann reported there were no applicants on the agenda.
 - Mr. Mueller attended and spoke about the proposed changes to Independence Day. The Commission had some concerns about parking.
 - Mr. Mueller and members of the Parks Board also presented Plans A and B for McDonald Commons to Planning Commission. The Commission discussed had conversations about the promenade from Miami to the park and the park amenities and about the need for the remaining TIF money for Plan A. The Commission will look into the options in conjunction with members of the Parks Board.
 - The Commission discussed how best to manage the request from Council to review sections of the zoning code. They decided to ask for feedback on prioritizing the list from Mr. Fox, Envision, Council, the Administration, and the public.
 - It was reported that the Municipal Building plaza project would not be eligible for State Capital Bill funding.
 3. Budget and Finance Committee meeting on October 28, 2019
 - Ms. Spencer reported expenses were on track for the year. The collection of 2018 property taxes is complete, so the cash balance appears high but will go down as remaining bills for the year are paid.
 - The 2020 budget was discussed. For street repairs, the Committee asked that a schedule be added to reflect annual savings for the arterial roads, rather than only residential streets.
 - The capital improvement plan was discussed as it relates to the parks plan. More discussion on this will take place at the November 11 meeting.
 4. Police Report
 - Lt. Phillips reported the Auxiliary officers were out at September events, including Walk to School Day on September 11.
 - The Department partnered with other agencies for Rail Safety Week, September 23–27, which is geared toward reducing trespassing on tracks and accidents.
 - Start with Hello Week at Madeira Elementary School was a success. The program has the goal of raising awareness of and reducing social isolation.
 - Officer Miller talked about safety to St. Gertrude kindergarteners on September 26.
 - Officer Freeman attended Evidence Room Management training.

IX. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

1. Guests and Registered Visitors
 - None
2. Correspondence
 - None

X. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Ord. No. 19-04: Amending Sections 92.45–92.48 of the Madeira Code Re: Weeds and Grasses: Nuisance—Second reading

- Mr. Moeller noted Council would need to amend the legislation to correct an error in Section 92.47; it should read that the owner has five days to act after service of notification instead of ten days.

Motion to amend Section 92.47 of Ord. No. 19-04: Amending Sections 92.45–92.48 of the Madeira Code Re: Weeds and Grasses: Nuisance to read five days instead of ten days made by Mr. Gehring, second by Mr. Hilberg. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Ord. No. 19-05: Amending Sections 32.09 of the Madeira Code Re: Auxiliary Police—First reading
 - Mr. Moeller said the ordinance clarifies that Auxiliary officers are not to be compensated by the City but can be compensated by contractors or other institutions for special duty details. This has been the case and is the intent of the City, but the Police officers have interpreted it differently, hence the need for clarification.
3. Res. No. 41-19: Authorizing the City Manager to Make Payment to Transition Lift and Elevator Inc. for Repairs to the Municipal Building ADA Lift
 - Mr. Moeller said total cost of repairs was a little over \$10,000, and therefore required approval by Council. The company reconstructed the workings from scratch and redid the wiring. The company seemed pleased with the repairs, but Mr. Moeller said he would check with them to see if the elevator should be slated for future capital improvements. It was noted that replacing the lift would have been much more costly and would have required demolition of the stairs.

Motion to approve Res. No. 41-19: Authorizing the City Manager to Make Payment to Transition Lift and Elevator Inc. for Repairs to the Municipal Building ADA Lift made by Mr. Hilberg, second by Mr. Gehring. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Traci Theis	yes
Melisa Adrien	yes
Scott Gehring	yes
Chris Hilberg	yes
Doug Moormann	yes
Brian Mueller	yes
Nancy Spencer	yes

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

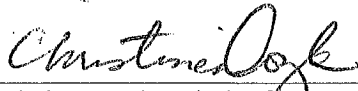
1. Personnel
2. Real Estate—Sale/Purchase
3. Pending Litigation

Motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation; employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and to consider the purchase or sale of real estate for public purposes made by Mr. Hilberg, second by Ms. Adrien. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 8:23 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hilberg, second by Mr. Mueller, to adjourn Executive Session and return to the regular session at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Gehring, second by Ms. Adrien, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.



Christine Doyle, Clerk of Council