Regular Session March 20, 2023

The members of Hubbard City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 2023, in council chambers with President William Williams presiding. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Roll call showed the following members in attendance:

B. Viele R. Zambrini C. Cummings M. Kerr R. Hallapy

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to excuse any absent officials.

Mr. Williams- As I said in caucus, Mr. Mogg is on vacation. Mr. Crowe called in and said he wasn’t feeling well, and Mrs. Ruha said she couldn’t make it this evening. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2023, regular session as presented to council. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**COMMUNICATIONS-**

Clerk- We received from the Trumbull County Board of Health their tentative meeting agenda for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, and the minutes from their regular meeting on February 22,2023. That is all.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the minutes and place them in the proper files. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES-**

**FINANCE**- Ms. Zambrini- I have no finance report tonight Mr. Chairman however, I would just like to remind everyone of the finance committee meeting set for 6:00 pm April 17. Prior to the April 17th council meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- Okay, thank you.

**PARK & RECREATION**- Ms. Cummings- I have no report tonight Mr. President. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**- Mr. Mogg- Not in attendance

**PLANNING & ZONING**- Ms. Viele- Planning & Zoning Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, April 10th at 7:00 pm. The Hubbard Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 pm here in council chambers. Thank you.

Mr. Williams-thank you.

U**TILITIES-** Mr. Kerr- Thank you Mr. President. I met with the Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Similar to when we first took office, we took a tour of the facility. We went over again some of the stuff, years later now, at the skimmer room the two generators, and the electric panels and a lot of stuff we will discuss at the committee meeting which, I am having on April 3rd at 6:00 pm. Thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you.

**STREETS & SIDEWALKS**- Mr. Crowe- Not in attendance

**SAFETY**- Mr. Hallapy- No report Mr. President thank you.

Mr. Williams-thank you.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES-**

Mr. Williams- Do you have anything for the cemetery Mr. Hallapy?

Mr. Hallapy- No sir

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**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Mr. Williams- Okay, Mr. Mogg is cemetery and fire district, and he is not here so, we will move on to city officials. Safety Director Mr. Bancroft

**CEMETERY BOARD**- Mr. Mogg- Not in attendance

**FIRE DISTRICT-** Mr. Mogg- not in attendance

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**- Mr. Bancroft- Yes Mr. President, just real quick, in reference to the school lockdown on last Tuesday, March 14th. It went as well as it could have. It was an evolving situation. The events that transpired had to be systematic. Nobody was injured. Everyone went home safe. We have spoken to the School Superintendent and the teachers, and we will be conducting an after-action review on the whole incident. Maybe, if there is any improvements forthcoming, we will find that out. That is all I have this evening. Thank you.

Mr. Williams-thank you.

**LAW DIRECTOR**- Mr. Villano- No report tonight Mr. President, thank you.

Mr. Williams-thank you.

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**TREASURER**- Ms. Ruha- Not in attendance

Mr. Williams- thank you.

**AUDITOR**- Mr. Villano- Nothing this evening Mr. President Thank you.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the reports of standing committees, special committees, and city officials. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Thank you, Mr. President, a number of residents received the lead service line surveys that have been mailed to their house. We kindly ask that they do take the time to complete that which is part of our mapping that we are doing as part of the federal regulations by the EPA so, we can identify not only service lines but in the older areas of the community have everything put together for the required items. We have, every year, applied for the Gotta Go Green Grants through the recycling electronics drive that we had. We are happy to announce that we have again received that grant. The electronics recycling event will be July 8th from 9:00 until 11:00 am here at city hall. Once again, the city and the township applied together so we have our maximum amount of money to be able to utilize for that recycling event. Also, city and township did a joint application for tire recycling. That will be held behind the township road department April 29th from 9:00 until noon at the traditional site for that tire recycling at the township. This is the first year we have applied for the Drop-off Improvement Grant. We were successful in receiving that award. The concept was to install cameras at the city’s recycling location which, is next to the fire station where we will be able to find and prosecute those people who abuse this nice thing that we have from Gotta Go Green. It’s just blows my mind the amount of dumping, illegal dumping and vandalism that happens. This is one of the items we are able to secure via grant to have a camera system set up and be able to monitor and then obviously prosecute anybody that does do anything illegal there. We are currently hiring at wastewater treatment plant for operator in training. Our civil service applications are available at the mayor’s office. They are due April 14th at 3:30 pm. Today I attended the Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission State and Local Elected Officials Day at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station. We have been notified that we are the preferred location for the new C130J models. That came out in December that we have now become the preferred location for the

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**MAYOR’S REPORT**

eight new C130’s that will continue the base at its current operation, which is great since nearly 2,000 people work there, one billion dollars in federal assets and it drives the local economy with so many things going on with the air reserve station. Coming up, I will be sending a letter of support from the Mayor’s Office. Right now, they are doing environmental impact. They currently have eight models, the new eight models that are coming so there is a study that is required by the federal government. I will be sending a letter of support. Also, other communities have done some resolutions in support. There is some aspects that I will be looking at with EOMAC which, is the Eastern Ohio Military Affairs aspect of it to see what we can do for the support. One of the nice things that we do have available to us, and I will be contacting them and following up on some discussions, they have a state-of-the-art firing range, indoor firing range and also a training simulator that our police can use. That training simulator is you can drive a vehicle inside and do all kinds of actual real-world simulations for law enforcement to train on. We have been invited to utilize that facility. I will be following up with them to find out everything that is necessary to get our men and women on base and utilize that for our training. Lastly, I received a letter from Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gabe Wildman, concerning State of Ohio vs Kenneth Nitso. There are a number of things that are in this letter praising our police department. This is a case that was just sentenced on March 14th where the individual received life in prison with parole eligibility after 30 years for multiple felony sex offenses. The prosecutor’s office goes through the importance of not only the work of Chief Thompson and detective Banic, our police department our training. Also, a very unique aspect because it involved a juvenile. How Oakley, Officer Oakley was there to help do some of the work in calming that young person. It was a real nice letter. I just showed it to the Safety Director. If anyone would like a copy it will obviously be…hopefully hanging at the police station.

Mr. Williams- ya, if we could get a copy of that so it can go with the official record. In with councils

Mayor –right

Mr. Williams- That would be great.

Mayor- and that is all thank you.

Mr. Williams-Thank you.

It was moved by Ms. Viele with a second by Ms. Zambrini to accept the Mayor’s Report. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion passed. Vote Unanimous.

**UNFINISHED OR OLD BUSINESS-**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Mr. Williams- I have a few if you guys wouldn’t mind. The Chief, would you like to do your presentations first and then we could have…we can take about the cameras.

Chief- sure

Chief Thompson- I received a letter too from the prosecutor’s office, a little different from (Mr. Kyle’s) the mayor’s because it didn’t mention me in there so, that was a surprise for me to hear about that one. I also got a letter describing how Detective Banic’s professionalism and thorough investigation for the sex crimes and stuff. I wanted to mention that to you guys too. Not really here for that one. I wanted to announce we did a selection for officer of the Year. I did not pick it. What I did was I sent it out to all the officers and then they submitted who they felt was the best pick for officer of the year. Some of the things we heard about this person is: he is the most helpful person, his giving nature is good for the morale of the police department and the city, showing promising qualities as a leader with so little time as a Sargent, guides officers and empowers them, leads by example, completes projects that improve the quality of the department, always wants feedback on things he can change or improve on, positive attitude and is very accepting to his officers on his shift, proactive and will take time out of his

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

schedule to help you with issues, always willing to help and teach others, has done extraordinary work for the department in helping to move forward to more positive and better work environment. Those are some of the things that were said about Sargent Pagano. I would like to call him down to present him with the award for officer of the year. (applause) Do you want to say something? (laughter) I am kind of putting him on the spot. I can vogue for that. I didn’t have a selection in the process because I think it is important for your peers to pick you. Just coming from me, I can say everything that they said, anytime I ask him to do something it is done without ever having to look behind me to see if it got finished. He has always got things done. Always ask if I need anything which is a huge help when I am going in so many different directions. I can second their pick that I am proud to call him a Sargent in this police department.

Mr. Williams- If I could just say this, I have known Dom since he was eight, I think. Dom and my kids played soccer together and he has always been like that. I think that goes to show how he was raised. I think it is testament to his parents. Congratulations Dom!

Dominic- I appreciate it thank you.

Chief- We will send him to class for public speaking.

Mr. Williams- No you don’t want to get him loosened up because once he starts

Chief- I know trust me.

Mr. Williams- No, No stopping him

Chief- Second to report to you guys, kudos to our department again, our midnight turn ran their butts off the other night on midnight turn. Usually, you don’t think midnight turn with the school, but they were going from house to house to house to track down information to make sure that the school was safe, not only our day turn guys but Hubbard township, Brookfield, Cortland assisted with us on some tech stuff. The guys did what they were trained and a lot of these kids in the room right now did what they were trained to do. Kudos to the school administration, to all the students, to all the employees up at the school, everybody did what they were trained to do, and I think that kept us all safe. It went as smooth as it could go and like Bill said we are going to review it and if there is something we can improve on we will and if something worked good then we are going to continue on that route.

Mr. Williams- If I could just say, I think this just goes to show it starts at the top and your leadership. Can’t thank you enough. Mike, this is the second letter we got about you. The last one was from the FBI. Thank you and you are doing a great job. We can’t thank you enough and I think this just all proves that we got a great department here and training pays. These guys…just from what I was told these guys and how things happened, I don’t know if I am going to say this right, it wasn’t they didn’t have to think. Everybody knew what to do. Everybody knew what their job was, and they kept our community safe. Just like you with that little girl, Oakley…I mean it was a terrible thing. I can’t imagine what it was like for you to have to investigate something like that. I don’t know how you do it but thank you for what you did and thank all of our officers.

Chief- we did end up making an arrest on that and to say that most of us didn’t sleep would be an understatement. They were working around the clock. I know I went home late, and his truck was still here and when I came back his truck was here again. I know a lot of the guys are tired and the girls are tired, but we got it done and will keep going that route.

For the next order, I got Logan here. Logan is with Flock Safety to talk to you a lot about the camera stuff. He can give you a quick brief to clarify some things and also calm if there is any anxieties around. He can answer some questions for you.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Presentation on Flock Camera System**

Mr. Williams- Chief, do you have anything else you want to add?

Chief- I don’t think so.

Mr. Williams- thank you.

Ms. Zambrini- Can I, I have something under miscellaneous.

Mr. Williams- Oh I am sorry, go-ahead Robin.

Ms. Zambrini- I just want to piggyback on the school lockdown conversations we have had this evening. I was actually at the school myself being a little bit of a novus, and not really understanding what was going on. I thought it was very professional. I would just like to say that from what I saw, and what I experienced being with other teachers, I think that we have the best teachers and most professional police department. Parents, your children are in good hands. I saw teachers, they had their doors barricaded. They were telling me that they were putting chairs and tables in front of their doors. Everyone was so concerned for their students. I was very very impressed with it. I just want to throw that out there. Also, last week, I attended that town hall meeting sponsored by the Care Support Group, the City Transformation team, and the Hubbard Police department. The Town Hall meeting, Jeffrey Adler was the guest speaker. He spoke on reducing addiction with drug court. I was there. Jerry was there. I was hoping Jerry would speak on it a little bit, but he is not here tonight. One thing that really stood out to me from this was when Judge Adler put up a state map that showed all the counties. Eighty-eight counties in Ohio. Three of them are green. He said that Trumbull County, for the population, based on population we are the third highest in the state for drug overdose deaths. That is

Mr. Williams- that is very scary.

Ms. Zambrini- ya scary. I just wanted to say that I believe that all these groups, the CARE Support Group, City Transformation team, Hubbard Police Department, I have confidence in how they are all approaching this. The care that I see, they really care about what is happening in our community. I would just like to say that we should support this in any way possible. That is my report thank you.

Mr. Williams- thank you. So, you were there?

Ms. Zambrini- umm hum.

Mr. Williams- So did the teachers feel like they were trained, and they knew what to do?

Ms. Zambrini- oh, absolutely. Absolutely, they were showing me that I don’t know what it is, but it looks like a tire iron you put in the door, and you twist it so you can’t get the door open. The doors lock and like I said they were telling me that they were putting they were barricading the doors with their desks. Yes, I was very impressed. Then I was at the elementary school and when I left, I did see three of our departments’ Police Officers and this was the elementary school, and they were walking the hallway so ya. I felt myself very safe yes.

Chief- they are going to address substitutes inaudible.

Ms. Zambrini- I was the only one who didn’t know what was going on.

Chief- the school now should be putting instructions in a folder for substitute teachers so if they are not there\*\*\*that was the base of one of our conversations

Ms. Zambrini- I thought everybody left me. I was like oh my gosh.

Mr. Williams- Well I am sure you are going to find things…until it happens it is like anything else, you think you got it all planned out and you know everything but you will find things that maybe you want to add, take away, you will figure it out.

Mr. Williams- thank you.

Ms. Zambrini- I am done thank you.

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**PUBLIC ADDRESS TO CITY COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS-**

Mr. Williams- If there is anyone who wishes to address city council on any of our agenda items. We have one item on our agenda this evening. If there is anyone who wishes to address city council on the agenda item when recognized please step forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record. You will have three minutes unless extended by council vote. No one.

**NEW BUSINESS & REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION**

Mr. Williams- Okay, we have no requests this evening for legislation, correct?

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 6-23 First Reading

AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 27 ORCHARD AVENUE, HUBBARD, OHIO PER CHAPTER 1345 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HUBBARD, OHIO.

Mr. Williams- Since there is no action on Ordinance 6-23 it will flow to a second reading.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS TO CITY COUNCIL ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-**

Mr. Williams- - If there is anyone who wishes to address city council on non-agenda items related to city council business when recognized please step to the microphone and state your name and address. You will have three minutes unless extended by council.

Mr. Williams- We have no one so I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ms. Cummings with a second by Mr. Kerr to adjourn. There were no questions or comments on the motion. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous.

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