

ORDINANCE NO. 7912

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY IN CORWIN'S ADDITION

WHEREAS: A Petition has been filed to vacate a platted but unimproved alley bisecting Lot 16 in and of Corwin's addition; and,

WHEREAS: The Planning Commission, by action taken in public meeting on March 20, 2017, unanimously recommended that the Petition be granted; and,

WHEREAS: The Law Director is of the opinion that the alley no longer exists as a matter of law but is also of the opinion the uncorrected plat depicting it as a lawful alley creates an unwarranted cloud upon the title to said Lot 16; and,

WHEREAS: A suitable vacation plat and survey has been prepared and filed with the City Engineer; and,

WHEREAS: The City Engineer has determined that there are no public or public utility facilities located within the right-of-way to be vacated; and,

WHEREAS: Council finds there is good cause to vacate the alley and that the vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEFIANCE, THAT:

SECTION 1: The alley beneath the residence located at 222 Corwin Street and more particularly described and depicted by the Petition and Alley Vacation Plat now on file in the Office of the City Engineer is hereby vacated pursuant to and in accordance with §723.05 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2: The City Engineer is directed to record a copy of this Ordinance together with the Alley Vacation Plat, approved survey and such other documents as may be appropriate to demonstrate vacation of the alley in conformity with Revised Code §711.39. The City Engineer is further directed to certify all costs incurred, including, without limitation, any sums due the surveyor for preparation of the description and plat, to the Finance Director for payment in accordance with Section 3 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: The Finance Director is directed to pay all costs and expenses incurred by the municipality incident to the conduct of proceedings upon the Petition from funds deposited with the Petition and to refund any remaining balance of the deposit to the Petitioner.

SECTION 4: It is found and determined that all legislative acts pertaining or relating to the enactment of this Ordinance were taken in public session and that all deliberations of Council, including all deliberations of the committees of Council, that affected or influenced any such legislative act, were conducted in public session duly convened in conformity with law.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be effective on the earliest date permitted by law.

Passed: April 25, 2017

Michael Ketcham
President of Council

Attest: Lisa Elders
Clerk of Council

Approved: April 25, 2017

Michael McCann
Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 7913

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CROGHAN COLONIAL BANK AND THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PERTAINING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF LANDS FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE ZELLER CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, efforts to redevelop industrial lands located at 1307 Baltimore Street have been frustrated by environmental concerns that discourage purchase of the grounds by potential developers; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has allocated Site Assistance and Brownfield Revitalization Program funds to performance of a targeted brownfield assessment of said lands; and,

WHEREAS, Croghan Colonial Bank, Successor Trustee of the John F. Yoder Amended Revocable Trust U/A/D August, 23, 1995, is the owner of said lands and will grant municipal officials and their agents access to the grounds for such activities as may be necessary to identify contaminants and develop a plan for reclamation of the property in conformity with applicable regulatory standards; and,

WHEREAS, Croghan Colonial Bank will grant the municipality a right of first refusal to acquire the lands to be benefitted by the proposed expenditure of State funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has no objection to administration of the allocated program funds by municipal officials;

Now therefore, be it enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Defiance, Ohio, that:

Section 1: The City Administrator is authorized to execute the proposed "Right of First Refusal to Purchase Real Property" and proposed "Site Access Agreement" between the City of Defiance and Croghan Colonial Bank now on file in the office of the City Law Director.

Section 2: The City Administrator is authorized to apply to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization, for Targeted Brownfield Assessment Program assistance pertaining to parcels: B011054000100, B011110001400 and B011110001500 and is further authorized to execute all documents that may be reasonably requested by Ohio E.P.A. to facilitate conduct of the brownfield assessment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the "Site Access Agreement" and applicable regulatory requirements.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all legislative actions pertaining to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in Public Session and that all deliberations that affected or influenced any such legislative act, including all deliberations in Committee, were conducted in Public Session or in Executive Session duly convened in accordance with law.

Section 4: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to preserve the health, safety or welfare of the community for the reason that immediate execution of the authorized documents is necessary to assure the availability of State funds and timely completion of the anticipated work. As such, this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by an affirmative vote of not less than 5 Members of Council and approval of the Mayor.

Passed: April 25, 2017

Michael Ketcham
President of Council

Votes in Favor of Adoption: 6

Votes Opposed to Adoption: 0

Attest: Lisa Elders, Clerk

Approved: April 25, 2017

Michael McCann
Mayor

Ordinance No. 7914

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 7879

WHEREAS, Ordinance 7879 was passed on December 13, 2016, to amend the Council Rules to alter the General Order of Business and require all persons desiring to address Council in open public meeting to reserve time on the agenda; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Elections has notified the Finance Director that a Referendum Petition was signed by a sufficient number of Electors to delay enactment of Ordinance 7879 and require the conduct of an election; and,

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is not in the best interests of the community to incur costs associated with the conduct of an election;

Now therefore, be it enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Defiance, Ohio, that:

Section 1: Ordinance 7879 is hereby repealed.

Section 2: The Clerk is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all legislative actions pertaining to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in Public Session and that all deliberations that affected or influenced any such legislative act, including all deliberations in Committee, were conducted in Public Session duly convened in accordance with law.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be effective on the earliest date permitted by law.

Passed: April 25 _____, 2017

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President of Council

Attest: Lisa Elders _____, Clerk

Approved: April 25 _____, 2017

Michael McCann _____
Mayor

Ordinance No. 7915

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RULE 6.1 AND RULE 12.1 OF THE RULES OF CONDUCT AND PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, the Rules of Conduct and Procedure presently allow citizens to address matters that are not on the agenda before consideration of matters for which time has been properly reserved by others; and,

WHEREAS, Council is of the opinion that this practice is inherently disruptive to the orderly conduct of business;

Now therefore, be it enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Defiance, Ohio, that:

Section 1: Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Conduct and Procedure is hereby amended to provide (deleted text ~~stricken~~, newly added text underlined):

Rule 6.1 Regular Meeting Agenda

Not later than 2:00 o'clock PM on Friday of each week immediately preceding a week in which a Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled to be convened, the Clerk shall publish an Agenda of all pre-arranged business to be entertained by Council. The agenda shall be formatted in accordance with this Rule:

- A. Caption:
The Agenda shall be captioned as follows:

Notice of Proceedings
City Council of the City of Defiance, Ohio
Charles D. Beard Council Chambers
City Hall, 631 Perry Street, Defiance, OH 43512

- B. Date and Time of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Council:
Immediately following the Caption, the Agenda shall recite the date and time of the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Council in the following manner:

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Tuesday [Month] [Date] [Year]
Opening Comments—7:00 p.m.

- C. Notice of Pre-Arranged Business:
All business scheduled to be taken up at the Regular Meeting of Council to be held on the date recited in accordance with Paragraph B shall be itemized in the following order and manner:

1. Public Hearings:
A brief description of each Public Hearing to be conducted in fulfillment of a statutory or regulatory requirement or to comply with a provision of the municipal Charter or Codified Ordinances. The description shall identify the subject to be addressed and the person or organization that is to present information to Council introduce the subject.

2. Matters of Public Interest
A brief description of each subject to be presented with prior approval of the President of Council for the purpose of educating Council or the public about a matter of public interest that does not require legislative action. The description shall identify the subject to be addressed and the person or organization that is to introduce the subject.

- ~~23.~~ Legislative Actions:
The caption of each proposed Ordinance and Resolution to be considered shall be presented in full and the status of each item as a First, Second or Third reading shall be noted. A proposed Ordinance or Resolution that has been previously amended shall be identified as being before Council for a Second or Third Amended reading.

34. Study Session Items: A brief description of each subject for which ~~Council time~~ has been reserved time for the discussion of legislative proposals with respect to which no Ordinance or Resolution has yet been introduced. The description shall identify the subject to be addressed and identify the Member of Council or municipal officer that is to introduce the subject for discussion.
5. Citizens' Concerns: Persons in attendance and desiring to speak to an issue that does not appear on the agenda shall be afforded an opportunity to address Council in accordance with Rule 12.1 (12).

Section 2: Rule 12.1 of the Rules of Conduct and Procedure is hereby amended to provide (deleted text ~~stricken~~, newly added text underlined):

Rule 12.1: General Order of Business, Regular Meetings

The general Order of Business at all Regular Meetings of Council shall be:

1. Determination of the presence of a quorum: The Clerk, or in the absence of the Clerk, President of Council or other presiding officer, shall record the names of the Members present and Members absent from the Meeting and determine the presence of a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, no action shall be taken except upon such matters as may be required to compel the attendance of absent Members or adjourn the meeting. In the event a quorum is present, the President shall announce that fact. Any Member may make a Motion to Excuse an Absent Member or Members following announcement of the determination that a quorum is present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance all persons in attendance shall stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.
3. Approval of Minutes: In accordance with Rule 7.3(A), the President or other presiding officer shall inquire if any Member present desires to make a Motion to Correct the Minutes. If no such Motion is made, all proposed Minutes distributed to Council with the Agenda for the Meeting shall stand approved. If a Motion is made, Council shall proceed in accordance with Rule 7.3(B) before proceeding with other business.
4. Specialization Reports: Each Member shall be afforded an opportunity to report on activities undertaken within the area of subject matter specialization to which he or she has been assigned pursuant to Rule 8 and make such recommendations for further Council action with respect to such matters as he or she deems appropriate.
5. Reading of Correspondence: The President or other presiding officer shall announce the receipt of correspondence addressed to Council since the most recent Regular Meeting and may read the communication, summarize the contents of the communication or make copies of the correspondence available to interested Members. The entire text of received correspondence shall be publicly read at the request of any Member.
6. Council Concerns: Each Member of Council shall be afforded an opportunity to comment upon any matter of public business or concern that is not on the Agenda and may, with approval of the President, request that such matter be referred to the Member designated to make inquiries into the subject pursuant to Rule 8 or to the appropriate Department Head for investigation or other action. Members desiring to be heard on a matter of Personal Privilege not related to a specific item of business on the Agenda may seek recognition at this time. Members desiring to be heard on a matter of Personal Privilege related to a specific item of business on the Agenda may seek recognition at this time or at the time the Agenda item is raised for discussion or other action.
7. Reports of Administrative Officers: The Mayor and each Department Head in attendance shall be afforded an opportunity to report to Council regarding the activities of his or her office and shall respond to such questions relating to departmental operations as may be presented by Members of Council.

8. ~~Citizen Concerns: At the discretion of the President or other presiding officer, any person in attendance may be recognized and permitted to speak briefly to a subject that is not on the published meeting Agenda. The presiding officer shall determine whether the subject raised is appropriate for discussion without prior advertisement of Council's intent to consider the matter presented. In the event the presiding officer determines that the subject is not appropriate for substantive discussion at the current meeting, the person raising the issue shall be informed of appropriate actions to be taken to reserve time for discussion of the issue on the Agenda to be published in advance of a future meeting. A determination by the presiding officer that the subject presented is inappropriate for discussion in the absence of advance notice to the public of Council's intent to consider the subject shall not be subject to appeal and the determination shall be binding on all other persons in attendance desiring to comment on the matter raised. A person granted the floor to address one or more issues not on the Agenda shall be accorded such time as the presiding officer deems appropriate, not to exceed five minutes. The time allowed may be extended by majority concurrence to a Motion duly made and seconded proposing that the speaker be granted additional time. All persons granted the floor to comment on issues that are not on the published Agenda shall comply with all standards of conduct and decorum established by these Rules.~~
Public Hearings: Persons who have pre-arranged to conduct a public hearing in the presence of Council shall be recognized and permitted to speak for the time allotted by the Agenda. Citizens, Members of Council, public officials and municipal employees desiring to comment upon each matter presented shall be recognized and permitted to speak in accordance with the standards of conduct and decorum established by these Rules. The time reserved for each presentation may be extended at the discretion of the presiding officer to accommodate such discussion. In the event more than one public hearing is scheduled for the same meeting, the hearings shall be conducted in the order in which they appear on the Agenda.
9. ~~Introduction of Persons Appearing Before Council Matters of Public Interest: Persons who have pre-arranged to present a matter of concern to the Council or to conduct a public hearing in the presence of Council shall be recognized and permitted to speak for the time allotted by the Agenda. Citizens, administrative officials and Members of Council, public officials and municipal employees desiring to comment upon each matter presented shall be recognized and permitted to speak in accordance with the standards of conduct and decorum established by these Rules. The time reserved for each presentation may be extended at the discretion of the presiding officer to accommodate such discussion. In the event more than one issue of public interest is scheduled for the same meeting, the subjects shall be entertained in the order in which they appear on the Agenda.~~
10. Legislative Action on Ordinances and Resolutions: Proposed Ordinances shall be read by caption only unless Council, upon Motion and concurrence of a majority of the Members present, determines that the entire text of the proposed legislation shall be read. Ordinances assigned for third reading shall be disposed of prior to consideration of Ordinances assigned for second reading. Ordinances assigned for second reading shall be disposed of prior to consideration of Ordinances assigned for first reading. All Ordinances shall be disposed of before consideration of any Resolution.
11. Study Session: Presentation and formal discussion, deliberation and debate of matters requiring a concurrence of Council prior to preparation of legislation. The subject of discussion shall be introduced by the Member of Council or administrative official identified by the agenda. Citizens, Members of Council, public officials and municipal employees desiring to comment upon each matter presented shall be recognized and permitted to speak in accordance with the standards of conduct and decorum established by these Rules. The time reserved for each presentation may be extended at the discretion of the presiding officer to accommodate such discussion. In the event more than one proposed legislative initiative is scheduled for consideration, the subjects shall be entertained in the order in which they appear on the Agenda.
12. Citizen Concerns: At the discretion of the President or other presiding officer, any person in attendance may be recognized and permitted to speak briefly to a subject that is not on the published meeting Agenda. The presiding officer shall

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~~123.~~ Adjournment.

Section 3: All provisions of the Rules of Conduct and Procedure not expressly amended by Section 1, Section 2 or Section 3 of this Ordinance are ratified, confirmed and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4: It is found and determined that all legislative actions pertaining to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in Public Session and that all deliberations that affected or influenced any such legislative act, including all deliberations in Committee, were conducted in Public Session duly convened in accordance with law.

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