

CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

SPECIAL COUNCIL

TIME: 6:30 pm

PLACE: Twinsburg Government Center – Council Chamber

ROLL CALL: M. Stauffer, S. Scaffide, J. McFearin, B. Steele, B. Furey and S. Barr

ABSENT: G. Bellan

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Yates, Mayor
David Maistros, Law Director
Sarah Buccigross, Finance Director
Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Barr bestowed the Invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Sue Clark – 9845 Crestwood

Mrs. Clark shared her concerns regarding Resolution 06-2019. She asked if council has looked into if we can build on this portion of wetland. Have we contacted the US Army Corps of Engineers to make sure it is not protected? Where is the trail going to be placed on the land? Does it go through the FEMA flood plan?

**MOTION: TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS
PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE § 121.22(G) (2):**

LAND ACQUISITION

RECONVENE AND REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by B. Steele, seconded by S. Scaffide

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

Mr. Steele reconvened the meeting and stated that land acquisition was discussed.

RESOLUTION 06-2019 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND AND OBLIGATING FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND SHOULD SUCH GRANT BE AWARDED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 06-2019 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by B. Furey, seconded by S. Scaffide

Mr. Furey asked for a point of order and clarified that this is a resolution and not an ordinance so there is no need to suspend rules as it can be voted on as an emergency.

Mayor Yates stated this is to apply for a grant and if awarded, we agree to commit the funds. This parcel is part of a larger puzzle to connect areas of Twinsburg. The city is aware of the flood area and any future trail will take this into consideration. He asked council to support this and understands the fiscal concerns but believes this is a good spend.

Mr. Barr stated that he feels it is important to reflect that council was made aware of this late Friday afternoon 1/25/19. Council had the weekend to digest the information. He stated his initial reaction was that he did not want to spend the money. If the parcel was not as critical as it is to the First Mile, Last Mile plan that the city has already invested in, he would not be in favor of this. He agrees with what Mr. Scaffide had stated at the last meeting in that the city needs to take a breath and evaluate projects. Mr. Barr stated he is only supporting this because of above stated reasons.

Mr. Furey stated that the City of Twinsburg has more parkland set aside than any other community in Summit County, except for Akron and their vast Metro Park system, He feels the city has done their share in setting aside land for green space. That being said, he understands the value of the parcel as it pertains to the downtown development. He stated that there will be a cost down the road to develop this. He believes the city needs to come up for a vehicle to for acquisitions like this along with the improvements. He thinks the city should consider selling some of the other lands it owns. For example the parcels on the NE corner of Glenwood and SR91. He would like to see this go before the voters again and have additional education on it before residents vote.

Mayor Yates stated he agrees with Mr. Furey. He stated he gets asked regularly for additional housing and that lot would be good for rezoning. He stated he was also notified on Friday afternoon when the family contacted Mr. Finch and stated they wanted to sell. It did come to the city at a very late hour but wanted to try and apply to for the grant.

Mrs. Stauffer stated she agrees with the comments mentioned by all so far.

Mr. Steele stated he would like to move forward with this but believes we need to stop the spending on unnecessary items and focus on the necessities. We need to draw a line in the sand and stop spending for now.

Ms. McFearin stated that Mr. Furey had an idea to sell other city owned land to help pay for these types of projects. Mr. Steele believes if that is an option that any moneys from the sale should be placed on current debt. Ms. McFearin stated there are community groups that might be interested in helping with this project. This parcel is a big piece that ties into our plan.

Upon roll call motion passed 5-1, with Mr. Steele dissenting

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. BELLAN FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Moved by B. Furey, seconded B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Attest:

Brian Steele
President of Council

Shannon Collins
Clerk of Council