

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:39 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Megyes presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and President Megyes gave the Invocation.

Clerk called the roll: Members present: Angeloff, Coburn, Debevec, Frey, Greer, Griffin, Heitic, and Jaber.

A motion was made by Mrs. Debevec and seconded by Mr. Heitic to invoke Council Rule 702 to suspend Council Rule 103. All members voted “yea”. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Session held on Monday, December 14, 2020, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Session held on Monday, December 21, 2020, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Heitic to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session on Saturday, December 12, 2020, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec to approve the Finance Report for the month of December, 2020, as presented. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

### **PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

There were none.

### **MATTERS REFERRED**

Each Council Member, the Mayor and Service Director were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees thru email.

### **CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

President Megyes read a letter from Mr. Charles Fowler regarding his objections to the landlord registration ordinance.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-2021**

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-2021. PRESENTED BY: MRS. ANGELOFF. TITLE: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AUSTIN DRIVE. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REZONING OF PARCEL 01.13686, A 4.04-ACRE PARCEL ON AUSTIN DRIVE, FROM C3, COMMUNITY CENTER COMMERCIAL TO RA-16, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED.**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Board of Zoning Appeals:**

Richard Waltz                      3-year term                      January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Frey to appoint Mr. Richard Waltz. A vote was taken to a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023 to the Barberton Board of Zoning Appeals. No second was made. No remarks. A vote was called. Mrs. Frey, Mrs. Angeloff, Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Coburn voting "Yes". Mr. Greer, Mr. Heitic, Mr. Jaber and Mrs. Debevec voting "No". With a 4/4 vote, President Megyes votes "Yes". President Megyes asked Mayor Judge if Mr. Waltz was able to receive emails at the current time as there was a question of that during previous meetings. Mayor Judge responded that Mr. Waltz is now able to receive emails as his computer was broken but is now operational. Mrs. Debevec questioned if there was a "Second" to the motion to appoint. It was decided there was no second to the motion and Mrs. Angeloff stated she seconded the motion for the appointment. It was decided to re-vote for the appointment. Mr. Jaber asked if this was the second application for Mr. Waltz and if this application was the correct application for this position. Mayor Judge stated that Mr. Waltz sits on several boards and that a corrected application was not requested by council. Mrs. Debevec stated that a second application was not requested as Mr. Waltz's appointment was turned down previously. Mayor Judge responded that he asked council if they wanted a corrected application after the first vote and that one was not requested.

**Design Review Board:**

Joyce Barron

3-year term

January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Angeloff to appoint Mrs. Joyce Barron to the Design Review Board for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Coburn. No remarks made. President Megyes called for the vote, all members voting “Yea”, No opposed. Mrs. Barron was appointed.

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Judge remarked concerning businesses are following the COVID-19 mandates, Huntington Banks will be re-opening their lobbies to the public. In terms of cases statewide, numbers continue to rise daily. The state has more than 50,000 new cases in 8 out of the 9 past weeks in the state of Ohio. Based on the celebrating of the holidays; number surges are expected. No counties in Ohio are in the highest purple level. 84 counties including Summit County are in level 3, the red level. 4 counties are in the orange level. There are no counties in the lowest level. There is a shortage of testing kits and labs to perform the tests. The mayor has been appointed to a task force for Summit County to look these issues. The Governor dictates the priority list for who gets the vaccine. The Health Departments by law must follow that priority list and are in charge of communication and managing the distribution of the vaccine. The 19<sup>th</sup> is the next date for the first phase for vaccinations. They are working with the state and federal levels to assure that there are enough vaccines for Summit County.

Budget meetings are beginning this week going into February so as to get documents to Council to begin budget hearings as soon as possible. Continuing to working with development and businesses, with infrastructure of the city and with the state on flood mitigation. Working with the Mayors Association of Summit Stark and Portage Counties as well as the Northeast Ohio Mayors Association asking the State government to provide assistance as well as funding for these areas. As it pertains to the Rental Registration legislation, Mayor met with 2 landlords from the area, including Mr. Fowler. There are more rental units in the city today 35% of housing in the city is rental. Manpower is needed to enforce legislation and we are comparable with other cities in the area. Akron has a lower rental fee but also assess rental units in other areas. Akron has higher fines and sewer bills. The Mayor stated he encouraged landlords to submit ideas and suggestions on improvements and ideas. Mr. Heitic asked if the Mayor emphasized to the landlords, he met with that the rebate programs are only available to those who have paid into those programs. The mayor stated he explained that to those landlords he met with. Other

landlords have expressed they support the fees and the programs they support. Mrs. Angeloff stated she talked with Mr. Fowler numerous times on Saturday regarding the fees as he has 40 units and was upset with the situation. Several other landlords called and felt they had no input with the ordinance but Mrs. Angeloff explained that there were three readings and that landlords could have at any time voiced their concerns. The mayor stated that he had reached out to the landlords asking for their concerns on this issue. Mr. Heitic stated that he and Mrs. Angeloff have emailed back and forth with ideas and sharing concerns and grievances of the landlords. Mr. Heitic encouraged fellow council members to email Mrs. Angeloff with concerns to open a dialog. Mr. Jaber asked the Mayor when enforcement will begin to landlords and homeowners. The mayor states enforcement has been on going. Mr. Jaber states he feels that conditions are not improving. The mayor responded that we are more reactive and complain driven. With this new legislation and funding we will be more pro-active with inspectors having zones and not just reacting to complaints.

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

President Megyes stated that on January 18<sup>th</sup> the Municipal Building will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day so therefore Council will meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Mr. Megyes thanked Mr. Greer for the streaming of this meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Debevec and seconded by Mr. Heitic that the meeting adjourn. All in favor signified by saying “Aye”. None Opposed.

Adjourned: 7:11 P.M.

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Craig Megyes  
President of Council

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Laura J. Ries-Price  
Clerk of Council

**FINANCE - FREY**

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Frey, seconded by Mrs. Debevec, that **RESOLUTION NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

**HEALTH - JABER**

It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mr. Griffin, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Jaber, seconded by Mr. Griffin, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

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**PARKS - HEITIC**

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mr. Jaber, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

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**PLANNING- ANGELOFF**

It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Angeloff, seconded by Mrs. Coburn, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

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**RULES - GRIFFIN**

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

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**SAFETY - DEBEVEC**

It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Debevec, seconded by Mr. Greer, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

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**STREETS - GREER**

It was moved by Mr. Greer, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Greer, seconded by Mrs. Angeloff, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

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**UTILITIES - COBURN**

It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Coburn, seconded by Mrs. Frey, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2020 BE ADOPTED.** All Members voted “yea.” Motion carried.

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