President Russell Sharnsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mayor Roth, here; Mr. Russell T. Sharnsky, here; Mrs. Maria Williams, here (via Zoom videoconference); Mrs. Barbara Potts, here; Mr. Todd Stock, here; Mr. Philip Brillhart, here; Mr. Michael Detorakis, here; and Mrs. Kathleen Baum, here.

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Russell Hose and Captain Steve Brant (6:42 p.m. arrival), Fire Department; R. Bryan Nace, Law Department; Ernie Staten, Service Department; Mark Ludwig and Jacob Kaufman, Finance Department; and Cindy Hall, Deputy Clerk of Council.

Mr. Sharnsky—We have a quorum present. We will follow the pre-printed agenda. There are copies available in the back of the room. At this time, I would ask you to please check to make sure your cell phone is placed in silent mode.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sharnsky—Our next item of business is the approval of our regular minutes from March 16, 2020. Everyone has received a copy in draft format. Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes as submitted? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for approval of the March 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2020: Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea. Seven yeas on the approval of the March 16, 2020 minutes.

PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Caldwell—Council received the Mayor’s Court monthly report and Council received the Financial Reports for the month of March which were approved by the Board of Audit on April 6, 2020.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR’S REPORT, MAYOR ROTH

Mayor Roth—As you will see, a few of the Department Heads are not present tonight due to the COVID-19; in keeping with social distancing obligations. The City revenue has dropped with the local businesses temporarily closing due to the virus and the City income tax is low, as expected, due to this. As you know, we are a pretty conservative City, so we are doing the best we can, but we are modifying all the budgets. I would like to thank all the Department Heads for their cooperation in this and, again, I am impressed by the quality of people that we have working for the City.

Due to what is going on, there will be a newsletter going out, which Council has had the opportunity to review, which reports that we had to cancel the large item pick up day, which normally occurs in May. Our hope is to have it in the fall, if we are able to do it then. I can’t predict the future. Governor DeWine has closed schools through
June, but he couldn’t advise for September yet. We hope to have it. I would like to emphasize that the compactor is open. If you can haul it there, and it doesn’t glow in the dark, we will take it.

Obviously, we had to cancel the Memorial Day event. We honor our veterans and service people, but the largest group that attends that event is a high-risk group, and not safe or proper to have that event.

Safety Town, at the request of the Police Chief, has been cancelled for this year. That age group is vulnerable. We deem it wise to not have that type of gathering at this point.

Additionally and unfortunately, the Fourth of July parade has been cancelled and now the fireworks display has been cancelled. We have contract commitments and deadlines to make to cancel or we lose all the money we put forward. We average about 10,000 people attending in the Bicentennial Park area, not even counting the Summit Mall area and the other parking areas around the City, and we just can’t predict if there will be a second or third round of this virus.

Park concerts for the 2020 season have been cancelled. If possible, maybe at the end of August or September if things come back to some normalcy, and again, I can’t predict this, we could have a few concerts at the end of the year to make up for the lost time.

Those are the main ones. Mr. Staten, did I forget anything?

Mr. Staten—No. The only thing left is maybe to talk about the Cleveland-Massillon project and that you can sign up for all the services online. There is a “Notify Me” button and it will allow you to get information from the City sent to you via email or text. It’s a good thing for citizens to sign up for because that is the easiest way for us to get news to them.

Mayor Roth—A note for the record, the Cleveland-Massillon Road Project is funded fully by the State. This funding took place before the COVID crisis, so this project will move forward. It’s out for bid and as we talked about before, we have bidding for that.

I believe Mr. Staten, that we are going to let the people use their old compactor decals for now?

Mr. Staten—That’s right. We are suspending doing compactor stickers for now. We do take the phone call, we take their number and then we will eventually get the new stickers to residents who need them now. Ongoing stickers probably won’t happen until we can open our doors again, and so, we are just on hold with that.

Mayor Roth—I am proud to say that we have maintained City services, as well as we can, and I think we are doing good with that and with the FairlawnGig that has been uninterrupted by this. There have been several major incidents around the country due to the COVID issue, and fortunately, the Gig and it’s back up, have us running as smooth as silk.

I will comment tonight on other legislation as needed.

LAW DEPARTMENT, R. BRYAN NACE

Mr. Nace—I have no report this evening.

POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF DONALD DUMAN (EXCUSED)
FIRE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF RUSSELL HOSE

Chief Hose—I have no report this evening.

Mr. Sharnsky—Chief, I just want to make a couple of comments. I’ve been attending the Cabinet meetings every week and the amount of work from your administration, Mayor, has been impressive. How well everyone has pitched in and made a bad situation, bearable. Especially your department, Chief. I want to thank you and Captain Brant for being here tonight and for keeping us on the safe side and providing the masks and staying here to take temperatures and those types of things. I come in here every week and don’t even think twice about being safe or about being at City Hall and coming into the City. So, I’m glad we’re not seeing a large peak in Fairlawn and I think that’s due to efforts that have taken place and people are listening to what the experts are saying at the State level. The preparation is impressive. I think if we do have that peak, or we do have a spike in COVID cases, we are ready. I think we can handle whatever comes our way. That goes for the Police Department too. People are coming in every day and doing their jobs. The same as with all your staff. It has been very impressive. I just want to thank you and thank you for being here this evening.

ZONING/HOUSING/RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT, WILLIAM ARNOLD (EXCUSED)

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, NICHOLAS SPAGNUOLO (EXCUSED)

Mr. Staten—Cleveland-Massillon Road did go out to bid. The bid opening will be May 8. You will see legislation in front of you tonight, about online bidding, in the Board of Audit section. We did go out for an online bid. Everything should go off just as it would for a normal bid situation. We’ve worked pretty hard to make sure that we got the right contractor to help us with this online bid.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT, ERNEST STATEN

Mr. Staten—FairlawnGig is up to $195,000.00 a month in revenues.

Mr. Sharnsky—I was listening to the Governor speak today about the internet and how many people in the State of Ohio don’t have adequate internet services. I think people are seeing now that they are paying the price, because of all the online learning and everything, that if we don’t have good internet, you can’t continue to do the things that we do. I’m grateful that you guys are here and are working. I was impressed with a picture that went out, Ian, with you in your suit. I know that you are doing a lot of work to keep everyone up and running and trying to solve all the problems that us non-computer savvy people that need the help. We appreciate your service as well. And we appreciate the FairlawnGig. Aren’t we lucky that we have it, at this point in time, with everybody working on the internet? It would be a mess if we were on the old system. I think we would be overwhelmed.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, MARK LUDWIG

Mr. Ludwig—I would like to echo what you said. I feel so privileged to be here with this group and especially Fire, Police, and Service. The rest of us are tagging along with their leadership. I am just so privileged and pleased. I couldn’t stay at home tonight and listen with my bad ears on Zoom and say this without coming and saying it personally. God bless you all.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, JACOB KAUFMAN

Mr. Kaufman—Since our last meeting, the Federal and State government, and the City, have extended their income tax filing deadlines from April 15th to July 15th. As the Mayor said, City Hall is closed to the public, but we do have a tax drop box out front for anyone that is able to file their taxes at this time. If you wait until the July 15th deadline, you will not be penalized or have any interest charges imposed. Those are abated until that time.
Mr. Sharnsky—I know that we’ve discussed it. I think you’re tracking certain things that are connected with this virus for FEMA reimbursements? I think we’re able to buy some equipment and buy some other things. Do you want to touch on that just briefly?

Mr. Kaufman—that’s correct. In our Finance account software, we’ve set up a special project code, Project 145, to track all COVID-19 related purchases. The thought there is that we would apply for reimbursement from FEMA. FEMA would reimburse at a 75% Federal share, 25% local share. So, we do have a running tally of all of those items. Captain Brant and I have submitted an initial application. On my to-do list tomorrow is to finish the rest of it and get his concurrence on that and then we will go ahead and send it to the Feds and begin requesting reimbursement. One thing that we are waiting to see is what other measures are taken at the Federal government, whether it’s stimulus for local governments or other things. We just want to make sure that when we request reimbursement, we are getting the most for our dollar that we can.

Mrs. Potts—is this just supplies?

Mr. Kaufman—Yes, supplies, personal and protective equipment. We could do reimbursement for equipment that we utilize or additional overtime costs if those were to be justified as well. There are a number of things that we can request reimbursement for.

Mr. Sharnsky—is the delay in the collection of City income taxes to July 15th going to cause your department any issues?

Mr. Kaufman—we’ll see a dip in revenue citywide, that’s for sure. It’s going to be a never-ending tax season. Similar to a never-ending budget season with the requesting of reductions and all that. Right now, we have been able to manage. We have two tax employees full-time. That’s all they do. One has been at home during this process and the other one has been able to handle everything, which is very unusual, for April. Usually we would be very busy, but she stayed pretty well caught up.

Mr. Sharnsky—So instead of everyone waiting until April 15th to file, now they can wait until July 15th to file so you’re going to have the big crunch in July at the last minute.

Mrs. Potts—Will the State auditors be coming in?

Mr. Kaufman—they have already been in contact with me numerous times. They asked a handful of times if they could send people in. We said no, we’re not letting the public in. I apologized. We’re trying to do what we can to pull samples for them. Update internal control narratives, provide populations for them so they can pull their samples. I understand the pain that they are feeling because they have to try to remain charitable while working from home which that is not a job that you can really work from home and do. It’s been difficult and we’re trying to help them out as much as we can.

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, LAURIE BEISECKER (EXCUSED)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Resolution 2020-023 Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020 AS “NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK"
   Introduce this into the Safety Committee

Resolution 2020-024 Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16, 2020 AS “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”, AND MAY 15, 2020 AS “PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY”
   Introduce this into the Safety Committee
Resolution 2020-025
Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE WEEK OF MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2020 AS “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN
Introduce this into the Municipal Services Committee

Resolution 2020-026
Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2020, AS “NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN
Introduce this into the Safety Committee

Ordinance 2020-027
Offered by Mayor Roth
Introduce this into the Finance Committee

Ordinance 2020-028
Offered by Mayor Roth
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMIT COUNTY COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER AKRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $26,000.00, AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-029
Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION WAIVING AND SUSPENDING THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE ANDREW E. SOMBATI COMPACTOR AND RECYCLING CENTER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1062.02(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN, FOR ONE YEAR COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 2020 AND CONTINUING UNTIL JULY 31, 2021
Introduce this into the Public Affairs Committee

Ordinance 2020-030
Offered by Mayor Roth
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF H.M. MILLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AS BEING THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE SOUTH MILLER ROAD SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR A SUM OF $138,618.50, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-031
Offered by Council President Russ Sharnsky
A RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL’S SCHEDULE DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-032
Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY ON APRIL 24, 2020 IN THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Resolution 2020-033
Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE METRO SWAT TEAM
Introduce this into the Safety Committee

Ordinance 2020-034
Offered by Council President Russ Sharnsky
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 220 “COUNCIL” AND CHAPTER 222 “ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS” OF TITLE FOUR “LEGISLATION”, PART TWO “ADMINISTRATIVE CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN
Introduce this into the Committee of the Whole

Ordinance 2020-035
Offered by Mayor Roth
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 1032 “STREET LAWN AREAS” OF TITLE TWO “STREET AND SIDEWALK AREAS”, PART TEN “STREETS, UTILITIES, AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE” AND CHAPTER 678 “NUISANCE TREES AND FIREWOOD AND DANGEROUS TREES” OF PART SIX “GENERAL OFFENSES CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN AND ADOPTING AN UPDATED MASTER STREET TREE PLANTING PLAN
Introduce this into the Municipal Services Committee

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING Ordinance A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY ON APRIL 24, 2020 IN THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN

Resolution 2020-036 Offered by Mayor Roth A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATED MAJOR STREET PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN AS MAY BE AMENDED

Resolution 2020-031 Offered by Council President Russ Sharnsky A RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL’S SCHEDULE DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS

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Committee of the Whole Chair, Russell Sharnsky

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Ordinance 2020-020 Offered by Mayor Roth AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CITY OF FAIRLAWN STORMWATER DRAINAGE MANUAL 2020 EDITION


Ordinance 2020-028 Offered by Mayor Roth AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUMMIT COUNTY COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER AKRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $26,000.00, AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CREATE AND ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATED MAJOR STREET PLAN FOR THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME

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Mr. Sharnsky—We have so many pieces to consider tonight that I would ask the Mayor and the Law Director to chime in whenever you can. I would appreciate it. Thank you. Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-019 by title only for the second time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-019 by title only for the second time.

Mr. Sharnsky—I believe this is the second reading. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Roth—As we discussed this in Committee of the Whole, we would request Council to consider passing this tonight because this helps us set up the Parking Violations Bureau once we get approval from the Municipal Court. There are several other pieces of legislation we will need to put in place so, timeliness is an issue. If Council sees fit, I would request you pass this tonight.

Mr. Sharnsky—are there any questions or comments on Ordinance 2020-019? Hearing none, I would entertain a MOTION for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-019.

Mrs. Potts—So moved.

Mr. Stock—Second.

Mr. Sharnsky—I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-019.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE THREE-READING RULE FOR ORDINANCE 2020-019: Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea. Seven yea on the suspension of the three-reading of Ordinance 2020-019.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-019 by title only for the third time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-019 by title only for the third time.

Mr. Sharnsky—for the record, we have had discussion of this ordinance in two of our Committee of the Whole meetings. Are there any final comments from Council? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Ordinance 2020-019.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-019: Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Ordinance 2020-019.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-020 by title only for the second time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-020 by title only for the second time.
Mayor Roth—We talked about this in committee and I would request Council, if you see fit, to pull this out of committee and pass it tonight, emergency legislation. Ordinance 2020-020 and 2020-036 I think are the ones we can pass. Ordinance 2020-021 we can hold on to.

Mr. Sharnsky—Ordinance 2020-021 requires a Public Hearing that I assume we will set this evening.

Mr. Sharnsky—Comments from members of Council? Hearing none, we will hold this in committee.

Mayor Roth—Ordinance 2020-021, yes. Since we only have one Council meeting a month, for this month and next month, I would request you consider passing Ordinance 2020-020 tonight.

Mr. Sharnsky—Comments from members of Council? Hearing none, I would entertain a MOTION to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-020.

Mr. Brillhart—So moved.

Mrs. Baum—Second.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-020?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE THREE-READING RULE FOR ORDINANCE 2020-020: Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea. Seven yea on the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-020.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-020 by title only for the third time.

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-020 by title only for the third time.

Mr. Sharnsky—Are there any comments from members of Council? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Ordinance 2020-020.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-020: Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Ordinance 2020-020.

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Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-021 by title only for the second time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-021 by title only for the second time.

Mr. Sharnsky—There is a proposed amendment to Ordinance 2020-021 that has been handed out to Council this evening. It’s marked as Ordinance 2020-021A. Any comments?

Mr. Nace—As we discussed during the committee meeting, we’re adding several Chapters to the title and to Sections 1 and 2 of that ordinance. The Chapters being added are Chapters 1020, 1042, 1230, 1240 and 1284 into the title and then they are also being referenced in Section 1 and Section 2, and in Section 3 we added a part to reference those same things to be consistent. That’s what we are doing with that amendment.

Mr. Sharnsky—There are also amendments to Chapter 1248 as well. I don’t think you mentioned that.
Mr. Nace—Oh, I’m sorry. I did miss 1248. I tend to read that as 1284. Both those Chapters are being amended and they tend to run together for me.

Mr. Sharnsky—are there any questions from Council regarding the proposed amendment as identified in Ordinance 2020-021A? At this time, I would entertain a MOTION to amend Ordinance 2020-021 as amended as in Ordinance 2020-021A.

Mr. Stock—So moved.

Mrs. Potts—Second.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for the amendment to Ordinance 2020-021 as amended in Ordinance 2020-021A?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2020-021 AS AMENDED IN ORDINANCE 2020-021A: Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea. Seven yea on the passage of the amendment to Ordinance 2020-021 as amended in Ordinance 2020-021A.

Mr. Sharnsky—I believe the final item we need to consider in this is that we need to set a Public Hearing, we need to set it at our next Council meeting.

Mr. Nace—We have to keep in mind that Planning Commission will need to meet prior to the time you are voting on it so, what I’m getting at is that there is no hurry with this because Planning Commission will not be meeting in May. The earliest that they will meet, if then, will be June. So, what I suggest is that that second meeting in June would be appropriate.

Mr. Sharnsky—Right, around the middle of June, the 15th? Is the 15th okay, Mr. Law Director?

Mr. Nace—Is that the second?

Mr. Sharnsky—that would have been our normal meeting date.

Mr. Nace—Okay, yes.

Mr. Sharnsky—June 15th, but our second meeting. That’s consistent with what we have done up to this point.

Mr. Nace—Right.

Mr. Sharnsky—we will schedule that for June 15th. That may need to be moved, but there’s no rush on that.

Mr. Nace—we can still hold a Public Hearing. That wouldn’t hurt anything because we could have public comment on it and that would not be a problem, but you should wait for Planning Commission to give their recommendation on these zoning items before you vote on it.

Mr. Sharnsky—they meet what, the second Thursday?

Mr. Nace—the second Thursday.
Mr. Sharnsky—Second Thursday, so if they meet in June that will be right before our June 15th meeting. Are there any other comments on this ordinance? Hearing none, we will hold Ordinance 2020-021A in committee for further consideration.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-028 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-028 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Detorakis seconded. Comments Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Roth—We talked about this in our committee meeting. Summit County has put together a program that is requesting cities and townships participate in donating some money towards a fund to help small businesses in Summit County to, at least, pay the rent, keep employees on the payroll and hopefully, stay in business. By contributing this money, Fairlawn would then have the right to have these monies directed towards Fairlawn businesses. It is my understanding that forty-four businesses have already applied to the county for this aid. The applications actually go to the Akron Area Chamber of Commerce. They have created a panel and the funding would then be doled out by them, but the important part is that if we participate and contribute, which I believe we should, the monies we give can be directed to Fairlawn businesses. Out of the forty-four, I think we were able to glean that four were not actually Fairlawn businesses.

Mr. Kaufman—Nine had other issues that disqualified them.

Mayor Roth—So there are still over twenty businesses that could receive this aid. I think it’s important that we do it. Obviously, the Federal government is doing things in the State, but this is quicker and more of a more direct approach to try to help some of these businesses, in our community.

Mr. Sharnsky—Just to clarify, this aid isn’t limited to the $26,000.00. It just goes into the pot?

Mayor Roth—It goes into the pot. The County part is actually over a million dollars right now, but this gives us the right to give a list of Fairlawn businesses and then they will go from there. I truly think this is an emergency.

Mr. Sharnsky—I believe this is as well. Are there any other comments or questions from members of Council? Hearing none, I would entertain a MOTION for suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-028.

Mrs. Baum—So moved.

Mrs. Potts—Second.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-028?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE THREE-READING RULE FOR ORDINANCE 2020-028: Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea. Seven yea on the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-028.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-028 by title only for the second and third time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-028 by title only for the second and third time.
Mr. Sharnsky—Are there any final comments before we consider this legislation? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Ordinance 2020-028.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-028: Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Ordinance 2020-028.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-030 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-030 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Brillhart made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Stock seconded. Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Roth—We had three bids submitted which the engineer was able to tabulate. The high bid was Lockhart at $178,000.00 and change, the next bid was SET Inc. at $141,000.00 and change, and the low bid was H.M. Miller Construction Company at $138,000.00 and some change. The Board of Audit has previously reviewed and has recommended it to Council. This is to fix a sanitary sewer on Miller. It’s currently functioning, but we all know the nature of sanitary sewers, so I would ask Council to look favorably upon this tonight and passing this emergency ordinance. In addition to this, based on the low volume of traffic currently on Miller Road, as Mr. Stock pointed out, this would be a safer project at this as far as traffic rerouting.

Mr. Sharnsky—Ernie, I’m sure you would like to get started on this, right? It’s a necessity that needs to be done. Any idea the length of the project, to do the repair?

Mr. Staten—We’ve given the contractor three months. We don’t figure it will take that long, but that’s what we have given them in the bid. Typically, if you pass it tonight, it takes about thirty days for the contract to really get in place. So, the sooner, the better.

Mr. Sharnsky—Okay. Are there any other questions or comments from members of Council? Hearing none, I would entertain a MOTION for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-030.

Mrs. Potts—So moved.

Mr. Detorakis—Second.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-030?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE THREE-READING RULE FOR ORDINANCE 2020-030: Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea; Stock, yea. Seven yea on the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-030.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-030 by title only for the second and third time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-030 by title only for the second and third time.

Mr. Sharnsky—Are there any comments from members of Council? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Ordinance 2020-030.
Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-030: Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Ordinance 2020-030.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-031 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-031 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Baum seconded. It’s pretty self-explanatory. This gives us the flexibility to change meeting dates from what we had scheduled in November, due to the current situation. Are there any comments from any members of Council about this resolution?

Mrs. Potts—Would there be a Board of Audit before that on May 18th?

Mr. Sharnsky—Yes. I believe it will be necessary.

Mayor Roth—We are hopefully setting a meeting on May 4th for the Board of Audit, which is a Monday, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Nace—She’s talking about before Council meeting on the 18th.

Mayor Roth—Oh, I’m sorry. I believe we will definitely have the Board of Audit, a Committee of the Whole meeting and then Council.

Mr. Sharnsky—The same format that we used today. Are there any other questions? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Resolution 2020-031.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-031: Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-031.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-032 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-032 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Brillhart made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Detorakis seconded.

Mayor Roth—This is probably something that we should have done through the years, celebrating Arbor Day, but it is what it is. We’re asking to rectify that situation this year and celebrate it. In addition, this will help us in the steps towards becoming a Tree City USA, which is one of our goals. We all know the value of trees in our community. I would ask Council to look favorable upon this resolution tonight. The celebration will be Mr. Staten and myself with a tree and a shovel, in a place in the park so we do not spread anything.

Mr. Sharnsky—The last tree I remember that we planted was when we did the bridge opening at Croghan. Was that a tree or a bush?

Mr. Staten—You planted a tree.

Mr. Sharnsky—Do you remember that, Mayor?
Mayor Roth—Yes. We had two Fairlawn citizens involved in the designing and building of that bridge, Geary Visca and Bob Hochevar.

Mr. Sharnsky—Are there any other comments? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to call the roll for Resolution 2020-032.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-032: Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-032.

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Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-034 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-034 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Brillhart seconded.

Mr. Nace—As we discussed in our committee meeting, there are a number of changes being proposed here. A lot of it is updating the code sections to conform to our current practice. There are other sections being added about Executive Sessions and about public comment and those types of things. This is our first reading on this one and I think it would be best if Council reviewed it and held it this evening. As I said earlier, if anyone has any questions or comments, please let me know. I’m available by phone or email and we can talk about this again next month.

Mr. Sharnsky—I would also encourage all Council members to review this and have some input into it before we move forward on it. So, we are going to hold this in committee.

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Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-036 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-036 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Detorakis made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Stock seconded.

Mayor Roth—We have talked about this in our committee meeting. The Street Plan, itself, actually reflects what is actually out there now. We just have not updated this in quite some time. I would ask Council again, because of the fact that we are only meeting once a month to keep this stuff moving, to look kindly upon passing this as an emergency tonight. We have a quorum, so it would be beneficial to get some of this legislation passed now.

Mr. Stock—This is a resolution, right?

Mr. Sharnsky—Yes. Are there comments from the Administration or questions? Hearing none, I would ask the Clerk to please call the roll for Resolution 2020-036.

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-036: Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-036.

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Mr. Sharnsky—I would like to set the next Committee of the Whole meeting for May 18, 2020. I think tonight’s format worked fairly well. We might want to allow for a little bit more time for the committee meeting. Are you anticipating this much legislation?

Mr. Nace—No. I don’t believe we will have as much next month. We had a lot to go over this evening and I don’t expect we’ll have quite as much on the agenda for that meeting.

Mr. Sharnsky—So unless things change, an hour should be sufficient and we can start Board of Audit at 5:00 p.m., we would have our Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:30 p.m., and then we would begin our Council meeting at the regular time of 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Nace—I think that will work.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR, BARBARA POTTS

Ordinance 2020-018
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 880 “MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX” OF TITLE FOUR “TAXATION”, PART EIGHT “BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN, OHIO

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Mrs. Potts—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-018 by title only for the second time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-018 by title only for the second time.

Mrs. Potts—We have talked about it. Would you like to make remarks again, Mr. Kaufman?

Mr. Kaufman—Yes. As we discussed, these are changes necessitated by the States approval of House Bill 166. This is the second reading, if Council sees fit, we would like you to vote favorably on it this evening.

Mrs. Potts—I would like to entertain a Motion for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-018.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mrs. Potts has made a MOTION for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-018; Mr. Stock seconded. Would the Clerk please call the roll for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-018?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE THREE-READING RULE FOR ORDINANCE 2020-018: Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea. Seven yea on the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-018.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-018 by title only for the third time?
Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-018 by title only for the third time.

Mrs. Potts—Would you please call the question.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Ordinance 2020-018?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-018: Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Ordinance 2020-018.

Mrs. Potts—Would the Clerk please call Ordinance 2020-027 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-027 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Detorakis made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Baum seconded.

Mrs. Potts—This is the one where we talked about electronic bidding.

Mayor Roth—that’s correct. We believe we have the authority to do it now, but this makes it very clear that we can do an e-bidding and with the Cleveland-Massillon Road Project out to bid, we would like to have this passed so we can make it clear on the books and utilize the system.

Mrs. Potts—I would make a MOTION for the suspension of the three-reading rule.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mrs. Potts made a MOTION for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-027; Mr. Stock second. Would the Clerk please call the roll for the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-027?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE THREE-READING RULE FOR ORDINANCE 2020-027: Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea. Seven yea on the suspension of the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2020-027.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-027 by title only for the second and third time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-027 by title only for the second and third time.

Mrs. Potts—Are there any other comments concerning this? I would call the question.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Ordinance 2020-027?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-027: Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Ordinance 2020-027.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR, TODD STOCK

Resolution 2020-025

Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE WEEK OF MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2020 AS “NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN

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Mayor Roth
Fairlawn City Council
April 20, 2020
Mr. Stock—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-025 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-025 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Brillhart made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Detorakis seconded.

Mr. Stock—Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Roth—We talked about this in our committee meeting. We annually honor our safety forces, which is what we should do. This is basically for the other government employees who work in the City. I think with what you see with the COVID virus going on, the employees of the City have pitched in. They’ve been flexible with the hours that they work. The shifts they have to work; the things they have to do. Again, I think this speak highly for all our employees who day-in, day-out, serve. Obviously, the Service Department is one of those groups that we are talking about. I think this is something to show our appreciation. If you would see fit, I would appreciate you passing it tonight.

Mr. Stock—Any further questions? Hearing none, I would call the question.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Resolution 2020-025?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-025: Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-025.

Mr. Stock—Would the Clerk please read Ordinance 2020-035 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Ordinance 2020-035 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Detorakis made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Potts seconded.

Mr. Staten—As we said at the committee meeting, these are sections that need to be changed to further our ability to become a Tree City USA. Most of what you will see is the fact that there is an actual planting guide that’s necessary and then there were a few other minor changes that we had to do to get close to the Tree City USA ordinances.

Mayor Roth—Is there a timeliness issue on this?

Mr. Staten—No. I think it could go more than one reading.

Mayor Roth—Okay. Would you please hold this in committee?

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**Ordinance 2020-035**

An ordinance amending and/or supplementing Chapter 1032 “Street Lawn Areas” of Title Two “Street and Sidewalk Areas”, Part Ten “Streets, Utilities, and Public Services Code” and Chapter 678 “Nuisance Trees and Firewood and Dangerous Trees” of Part Six “General Offenses Code” of the codified ordinances of the City of Fairlawn and adopting an updated Master Street Tree Planting Plan

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Mr. Stock—Could we please put this on the agenda?

Mr. Sharnsky—I do have one question. The tree people, Davey Tree, is that where the Master Tree Plan came from, they collaborated with that?

Mr. Staten—Yes. Actually, the one that I presented to you was done in 2013, but we’ve worked with them since then and even before 2013 on making changes to our programs within the Service Department. Then going forward, we realized that we had an issue on West Market Street that needed to be tackled and that led us to trying to get this through.

Mr. Sharnsky—Until the next plight comes through.

Mr. Staten—That’s right.

Mr. Sharnsky—The trees are as bad as this COVID-19 now. That’s all I had Mr. Stock.

Mr. Stock—Excellent.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR, KATHLEEN BAUM

Resolution 2020-029 Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION WAIVING AND SUSPENDING THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE ANDREW E. SOMBATI COMPACTOR AND RECYCLING CENTER, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1062.02(b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN, FOR ONE YEAR COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 2020 AND CONTINUING UNTIL JULY 31, 2021

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Mrs. Baum—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-029 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-029 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Baum seconded.

Mrs. Baum—We can’t go to school, we can’t go to church, we can’t go to restaurants, but we can go to the compactor and we can do it for free. We are so grateful and glad that the City provides this service. I’m sure that all the residents that take part in it are grateful for this.

Mayor Roth—I would agree. What amazes me is that we have well over 85% utilization by residents, continuously. When I talked to other Mayors, they all look quizzical that people voluntarily drive and bring their trash. I say, you have no idea how great this is. Except for the major holidays, it’s there and you can use it. I know it’s been over twenty years that we have been able to waive the fees for this, which I appreciate working with Council. I think it shows that we are fiscally responsible in other areas so that we can do this. I think it’s a great service that we give to the citizens and it sets out City apart.

Mrs. Potts—It’s so nice not to have a big garbage trucks going up and down the streets, tearing up our streets.

Mrs. Baum—So, would the Clerk please call the roll?

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Resolution 2020-029?
Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-029: Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea; Stock, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-029.

SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR, MICHAEL DETORAKIS

Resolution 2020-023
Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020 AS “NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK”

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Resolution 2020-024
Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16, 2020 AS “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”, AND MAY 15, 2020 AS “PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY”

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Resolution 2020-026
Offered by Mayor Roth and Council as a Whole
A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2020, AS “NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FAIRLAWN

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Resolution 2020-033
Offered by Mayor Roth
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE METRO SWAT TEAM

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Mr. Detorakis—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-023 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-023 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Baum seconded.

Mayor Roth—I think Chief Hose wants to make comments on this.

Chief Hose—The dispatchers are an integral part of the entire EMS system, Police, Fire. They are the unsung heroes and they, obviously, are the people who don’t get the notoriety that Police and Fire do because we are out and doing it. They are as important as anybody else when we have to respond to a call, especially with the information they give to us.

Mr. Sharnsky—The training and the requirements for that position have grown over the last couple of years and they are sort of out of sight, out of mind, wouldn’t you say, Chief?

Chief Hose—It’s a stressful job.

Mr. Sharnsky—I am glad we can recognize them once a year.

Mr. Detorakis—Are there any other comments? Hearing none, I will call the question.

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Resolution 2020-023?
Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-023: Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-023.

Mr. Detorakis—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-024 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-024 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mrs. Potts seconded.

Mayor Roth—In referring to both resolutions, 2020-024 and 2020-026, this is for Police and Fire. They are the safety net for our society and they put their life on the line and it could be any day, whether it is Police with crime issues and now with COVID, especially with EMS with COVID. They perform day-in and day-out with professionalism. The professionalism of our safety forces is comparable to any safety force out there. They are the best. I will just speak once for both resolutions and I would ask that you look favorably upon acknowledging both Police and Fire.

Mr. Sharnsky—I am glad that we are, once again, able to honor our Police Department and recognize the job that they do. And, I believe, if the Police Chief were here, he would say something about the Police Officers’ Memorial Day which is recognizing all the fallen officers in the country on that particular day; all the ones who are killed in the line of duty.

Mr. Detorakis—Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Resolution 2020-024?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-024: Baum, yea; Detorakis, yea; Brillhart, yea; Stock, yea; Potts, yea; Williams, yea; Sharnsky, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-024.

Mr. Detorakis—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-026 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-026 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mrs. Baum made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Detorakis seconded.

Mr. Sharnsky—Anyone that’s had an opportunity to use our EMS services would understand the level of quality service that we get from our EMS, and our Fire Department in general. I’m pleased that I live in the City and I really appreciate what you all do on a daily basis.

Chief Hose—I can speak for the amount of training that the paramedics do, it’s incredible and it’s a thankless job at times. I know people continually will say how much they appreciate them and they do, but when they are out there doing their job, it’s tough many times and it is day and night, every day of the year, holidays. I look at them today, from when I was doing it a long time ago, and it’s ten times more in the amount of training they have to go through. It’s just like a small emergency room, the things that can be done in the back of a squad, to get a person stabilized. We do have top shelf people. We are aligned with top shelf hospitals. Our Medical Director is as new as they come, and we couldn’t be more proud of the people we have.
Mr. Sharnsky—I’m glad we are able to give you some recognition once a year. We do appreciate what you do on a daily basis.

Mr. Detorakis—Would the Clerk please call the roll?

Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Resolution 2020-026?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-026: Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea; Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-026.

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Mr. Detorakis—Would the Clerk please read Resolution 2020-033 by title only for the first time?

Mrs. Caldwell read Resolution 2020-033 by title only.

Mr. Sharnsky—Mr. Stock made the MOTION to accept; Mr. Brillhart seconded.

Mr. Detorakis—Comments?

Mayor Roth—Yes. We’ve participated with Metro SWAT since at least 2004, actually, I think it pre-dates that, and this enables us to pool our resources with other police entities in the county. It’s worked quite well and we have actually been called out a few times. We’re had to utilize their services a few times. This enables us to put a large force of highly trained police offers together, and they all volunteer for this, to be on site. One of the times we used them was when President Obama came to town. We did not have enough security so we were allowed to use over thirty police officers in the county under the SWAT agreement. It is something that is definitely valuable. I think it helps with the fabric of protecting our people countywide. This is definitely something that we want to be a part of and continue being a part of. I believe the changes to the contract are very minimal. I would ask Council that if you see fit, unless the Law Director would want to hold this, in passing this tonight.

Mr. Nace—No, I think we ought to move forward with it. There are no significant changes. They just periodically ask us to sign a new agreement with them. This is something that Council had not ratified in many years. I think it was 2004; the last time it came before Council. It’s something that I think we should move forward with this evening.

Mayor Roth—It’s reaffirmation of practice.

Mr. Sharnsky—I think it’s a win-win for the City. Does anyone know who the officer is that serves on this?

Mayor Roth—I do not know right now because we have some changes recently with our young police officers in the past two years.

Mr. Kaufman—if history holds true, I believe it’s Zach Honaker, is our representative.

Mayor Roth—Brandon Foster was involved at one time as a negotiator.

Mr. Sharnsky—it’s a big commitment because on top of doing other training, they have to train for SWAT on a regular basis as well.

Mr. Detorakis—I’d like to ask the Clerk to please call the roll.
Mr. Sharnsky—Would the Clerk please call the roll for Resolution 2020-033?

Mrs. Caldwell—VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-033: Potts, yea; Stock, yea; Brillhart, yea; Detorakis, yea; Baum, yea; Sharnsky, yea; Williams, yea. Seven yea on the passage of Resolution 2020-033.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR, MARIA WILLIAMS

Mrs. Williams—Intergovernmental Affairs has no report this evening.

PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR, PHILIP BRILLHART

Mr. Brillhart—Planning Committee has no report this evening.

Mr. Sharnsky—Is there any other business to come before Council this evening?

Mr. Stock—I have a couple of quick questions, sorry, not to keep us here any longer than we’ve already been here. How’d the City do with the hail damage, with that initial storm that came through? Did we have any issues?

Mayor Roth—I talked with Bill Arnold today. We are getting a lot of roof repair permits. The roofers hit the City pretty heavily after the storm went through. I know today we had fifteen permits pulled, onlinel think you said, Russ, Rosemont got hit pretty hard.

Mr. Sharnsky—Yes, pretty hard. I had a car sitting out and I had over $5,000.00 worth of damage to my car for that five or ten minutes that that storm lasted. It was pretty wicked.

Mayor Roth—I have a photograph showing the hail was quarter size. I know in talking to Bill that in the last ten days we’ve had an uptick in permits for roofers.

Mr. Stock—Okay, and then the tornado warnings did work.

Mayor Roth—Yes.

Mr. Stock—Just to clarify. Thank you.

Mr. Sharnsky—Is there anything else? Hearing none, I will entertain a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Baum made a MOTION to adjourn; Mrs. Potts seconded. Everyone voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting of Council will be Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

These are the official minutes of the Fairlawn City Council meeting held on April 20, 2020 and approved by Fairlawn City Council on the 18th day of May 2020.

Russell T. Sharnsky
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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