

City of Trenton
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 16th, 2023 - 7:30 p.m.

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Calvin Woodrey
Mayor

Ryan Perry Jennifer Harris Jennie Combs Dale Perry Cody Agee Sharon Montgomery
Vice Mayor Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member Council Member

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

1. Deacon Larry Gronas

ROLL CALL

Present: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
Absent: Montgomery (1)

Motion – To excuse Council Member Ms. Montgomery for reasons known to Council.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor-Perry 2nd Mr. Agee

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

PRESENTATIONS

1. William Steele, Paul McSorley, Ryan Prewitt. BZA swearing in ceremony.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the November 2nd, 2023, Council Work Session.
2. Minutes of the November 2nd, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion –To approve the minutes of the November 2nd, 2023, Council Work Session, and Regular Council meeting.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor- Perry 2nd Ms. Harris

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: Agee (1)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. October Financial Snapshot.
2. Budget Memorandum.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

1. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion - That the items 1,2,3 and 4 under unfinished business be read by title only.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor-Perry 2nd Ms. Harris

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)
NAYS: Agee (1)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 222.04 PAYMENT OF EARNINGS ON TREASURY INVESTMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(Second Reading)**

Motion - That the ordinance be approved.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor-Perry 2nd Ms. Harris

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

2. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 208.04, SALE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY, OF THE CITY OF TRENTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES. **(Second Reading)**

Motion - That the ordinance be approved.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor-Perry 2nd Ms. Harris

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

3. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 250.08, SICK LEAVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(Second Reading)**

Motion - That the ordinance be approved.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Harris 2nd Vice Mayor-Perry

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)
NAYS: Agee (1)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

4. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 250.09, PERSONAL LEAVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(Second Reading)**

Motion - That the ordinance be approved.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Harris 2nd Vice Mayor-Perry

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)
NAYS: Agee (1)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A MOTION TO APPOINT TIM JOHNSON AND WILLIAM STEELE TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A VACATED TERMS ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Motion - To appoint Tim Johnson and William Steele.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Harris 2nd Vice Mayor- Perry

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

Motion - To add a motion to the November 2nd Agenda.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Agee 2nd Ms. Harris

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

2. A MOTION TO APPOINT PAUL MCSORLEY TO CONTINUE HIS TERM ON THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Motion - To appoint Paul McSorley to continue his term.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Mr. Agee 2nd Ms. Harris

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

3. A MOTION, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWEST AND/OR BEST BIDDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CLARA DRIVE AND WEST STATE STREET, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED (\$60,000) SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

Motion - That the motion be adopted.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Ms. Harris 2nd Mr. Agee

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Montgomery, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Agee (1)

LEGISLATION

Motion - That the items 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 under legislation be read by title only.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st Vice Mayor-Perry 2nd Ms. Harris

YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Harris, Combs, Perry (5)
NAYS: Agee (1)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

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1. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.05, DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TRENTON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**
2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 894.01, IMPOSITION AND RATE OF TAX; MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINED. **(First Reading)**
3. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 892 OF TITLE FOUR OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TRENTON REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, INCLUDING CHANGES ENACTED IN OHIO HOUSE BILL 33. **(First Reading)**
4. AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE ANNUALIZED APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF TRENTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING A PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**
5. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTIONS TO THE ELECTORS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**
6. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A GOVERNMENTAL NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.26, OHIO REVISED CODE, DIRECTING THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **(First Reading)**

REPORTS

1. Finance Director, Matthew Mesisklis
 - a. Spoke to working with a representative from the Ohio auditor of the state to get Trenton enrolled in the Ohio open checkbook, which will allow residents and around the state to see fund breakdown, revenues, and expenditures of every expense in the city of Trenton.
2. Clerk of Council, Stanislav Beresford
 - a. Spoke to regarding planning commission, informed council according to codified ordinances there will need to be one council member on the board at the time of swearing in there will be two. Asked if Council would like to appoint a council member before January or after new Council is sworn in. Wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.
3. City Manager, Marcos Nichols
 - a. Reported that last week, Assistant City Manager, Nicole Ard and Marcos attended Ready Cincinnati, Regional Economic Development Agency, Ready Cincinnati's partners breakfast. The city of Trenton was awarded the Duke Energy Visionary Achievement Award in economic development. Mr. Nichols also requested to go into executive session to consider confidential information related to marketing

plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development and assistance and confer with legal counsel. To consider employment or compensation of a public employee or official.

AUDIENCE OF COUNCIL

Ms. Harris- Congratulated Marcos and City Staff on the award. Thanked the department heads the city manager and finance director, for showing the proposed budget in a separate committee meeting. Ms. Harris was very impressed with the funds that the city has and capitalizing on the investments. Ms. Harris also attended the parks board meeting this past week, appreciated the parks board asking veterans for their opinions. Congratulated Mr. Nichols, Mr. Croucher and Vice Mayor- Perry for being elected to City Council. Ms. Harris added that she attends Trenton Grace Point Nazarene Church, there was a question asked regarding an indoor place to walk. Trenton Grace Point Nazare Church has a gymnasium, that is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30am to 9:00am. Ms. Harris is excited for the tree lighting on November 25th and the State Street Coffee Truck. Encouraged all the residents to come out, wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Ms. Combs- Agreed with Ms. Harris and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving. Ms. Combs is very thankful because she became a grandma for the first time this week (Congratulations!).

Mr. Perry – Congratulated Marcos and Nicole for the duke award. Marcos did emphasize that the award was not just him and Nicole but multiple people on city staff. Mr. Perry Congratulated new members on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Perry wished everyone a happy thanksgiving and reminded everyone of the tree lighting and thanked Mr. Croucher for the spectacles.

Mr. Agee – Congratulated all individuals that have been appointed to the new board and newly elected and reelected council members. Mr. Agee wished everyone a happy and safe thanksgiving. Mr. Agee added that the city has a food pantry box, Mr. Agee noticed that it was empty and reminded that if anyone has leftover canned goods that think about donating it to the food pantry box, it will get used and wanted to encourage everyone to fill it up. Mr. Agee followed up by looking at the election results in Butler County which had a voter turnout of 45.8% based on the board of elections website. Mr. Agee encouraged citizens and everyone to go out and vote when the opportunity is given. Mayor Woodrey commented on Mr. Agee's point and wondered if the voter percentage would increase if citizens could vote inside city limits. Mayor Woodrey stated that the city of Trenton is the only city out of the six cities in Butler County, where registered voters must drive outside of city limits.

Ms. Montgomery – No reports.

Vice-Mayor Perry – Thanked the citizens of Trenton for giving him the opportunity to serve them, Vice Mayor Perry is honored and looks forward to continuing to serve. Congratulated, Mr. Croucher and Mr. Nichols and looks forward to serving with them. Vice Mayor Perry noted the sleigh out in the lobby of civic hall and encouraged everyone to fill it up with toys. Vice Mayor Perry concluded by wishing everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Mayor Woodrey – Congratulated Councilwoman Combs on becoming a grandmother, Mayor Woodrey understands the thrill of being a grandparent. Thanked, Mr. Steele, Mr. McSorley and Mr. Johnson on stepping up and volunteering to serve on the BZA, appreciates citizens for being apart of any board, commission or committee. Encouraged anyone who wants to join to head over to City of Trenton’s website. Mayor Woodrey followed up by congratulating Vice Mayor Perry on his reelection, Mr. Nichols on coming back to city council and Mr. Croucher on being elected to serve. Mayor Woodrey further added by congratulating, city manager and city staff on the duke award. Mayor Woodrey stated that if “Mr. Nichols wasn’t the city manager, we wouldn’t be getting this because previous city managers didn’t put the effort for it”. Wished everyone a safe and happy thanksgiving and hoped that the food would be good. Mayor Woodrey concluded by encouraging everyone to come out to the Christmas tree lighting on Saturday, November 25th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion – To go into executive session for reasons stated.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st ___Vice Mayor-Perry___ 2nd ___Mr. Agee___ Time: 8:22 PM
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

Motion - That the executive session be closed, and the meeting be adjourned.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st ___Vice Mayor-Perry___ 2nd ___Mr. Agee___ Time: 9:49 PM
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Montgomery, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion - That the meeting be adjourned.

(Roll Call Vote) 1st ___Vice Mayor-Perry___ 2nd ___Mr. Agee___ Time: 9:50 PM
YAYS: Woodrey, Perry, Agee, Harris, Combs, Perry (6)
NAYS: (0)
ABSTAIN: (0)
ABSENT: Montgomery (1)