
**CITY OF CARLISLE COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
760 CENTRAL AVENUE, CARLISLE, OHIO**

Mayor Randy Winkler called the Carlisle, Ohio City Council Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 24, 2022 to order in Council Chambers at the Carlisle City Hall building, 760 Central Avenue, Carlisle, Ohio. The meeting was opened at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Kim Bilbrey	absent
Mrs. Debbie Kemper	present
Mr. William Bicknell	present
Mr. Michael Kilpatrick	present
Mr. Chris Stivers	present
Mr. Tim Humphries	present
Mayor Randy Winkler	present

Staff members present: City Manager Julie Duffy
 Finance Director Ryan Rushing
 Clerk of Council Jennifer Harover

Mayor Winkler commented that Mrs. Bilbrey would not be at the meeting this evening due to a family member being ill. Mrs. Kemper made a motion to excuse Mrs. Bilbrey from tonight's meeting, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Mrs. Bilbrey has been excused from tonight's meeting.

The minutes of May 10, 2022 were presented to Council for review. Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Minutes of May 10, 2022 have been adopted.

The minutes of Council's work session on May 10, 2022 were presented for review. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Work session minutes of May 10, 2022 have been adopted.

The minutes of Council's work session on May 16, 2022 were presented for review. Mr. Bicknell made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Work session minutes of May 16, 2022 have been adopted.

Public Forum:

Mayor Winkler invited Service Director, Dan Casson to come forward and introduce our newest Service Worker II. Mr. Casson introduced John Coffey to Council. Mr. Coffey is a graduate of Carlisle High School, has lived in the area all his life and began his employment with Carlisle Service Department in 2012. John has recently passed the EPA test and has been promoted to Service Worker II after receiving his Water Distribution license. This has been quite an undertaking as well as a big accomplishment. He is very proud of John's hard work and dedication to the department. John has been a great asset to the city and will now take on a much larger role. Mayor Winkler commented that he remembers when John joined the department, and it doesn't seem like it has been that long ago. He congratulated John for his achievement and performed a ceremonial oath of office for Mr. Coffey as Service Worker II. Council congratulated John and thanked him for his service to the community.

No other members of the public approached Council.

Council Report:

Mr. Humphries had a recent conversation with a citizen that he found very interesting. The citizen had a different and refreshing thought process where they believe the mass amount of taxes should be paid locally and then support State and then Federal. It was a different aspect of how people that live in

each community would have more opportunity to speak with their local government and then things would trickly up versus down. It was refreshing to hear this new thought on how government should be from the ground up.

Mr. Stivers congratulated John Coffey for his promotion. With ten years in the system and still setting goals for himself, he must be a good one. He also congratulated the Carlisle Class of 2022. They will be having their graduation walk on Thursday and among those will be his own daughter, Taylor Collins. Kids baseball is in full swing, and they play at CBA fields. If you have never been to an eight-year-old, coach-pitch baseball game, you will be riveted to watch them. SAY Soccer sign-ups are now. They can be done online at <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/carlisesoccer>.

Mr. Kilpatrick congratulated the Class of 2022 as several of them are currently working at The Farm on Central. They have worked hard, and he has heard the trials and tribulations that they have gone through. It is nice to see their work paying off with graduation.

Mr. Bicknell congratulated John Coffey on his movement to Service Worker II. This shows another layer of the strength, dedication, and work ethic of our staff. They continue to want to better themselves not only for personal reasons but also as something that will help our community. As the building for JEMS continues, they now have an RFQ for a contract manager that will be going out soon and will be open for 30 days. This is the next step in this process. He gave a special thanks to staff members that met with JEMS at the property last week. It actually produced great ideas that were able to reduce the building by about 1,800 sf which takes about \$500,000 away from the project total. They are doing a great job of dwindling down to where they need to be. Each time they meet, it gets more exciting as they are getting closer to getting dirt moved. They are working on getting the community excited about seeing this emergency service building in town. He is sure that everyone has heard of Chautauqua Preschool. Unfortunately, they will be closing their doors as of tomorrow. Marilyn Vanlandingham and Karen Neal have been running the preschool for over 50 years. They have educated over 2,000 kids with good Christian values from around this area. He is blessed to know that all three of his children were lucky enough to go there before it stopped. Other than his own grandmother, he does not know of any other women that love children any more than these two and treat them like their own. They remember all of the children even into adulthood and they have been a huge part of this community. He wishes each of them the best of luck in whatever they decide to do next. He thanks them for the many, many years that they have dedicated to children. Two of their helpers are actually in the process of continuing in the same footsteps with a new preschool in Carlisle. He welcomes them to carry on that legacy.

Mrs. Kemper congratulated John Coffey for promoting to Service Worker II. She knows he is under Dan's supervision and she also thanked him for doing an awesome job in helping John. She gave a shout-out to the Class of 2022. She knows that school will be out in the next few days and she hopes that everyone has a great summer. This coming weekend is Memorial Day and she hopes that everyone honors all of the men and women who have died in military service. She hopes that everyone has a safe holiday weekend. She has received many phone calls regarding the flags at the Veteran's Memorial. These flags are looking rough and she has been in contact with Pinnacle Flag Pole Company who installed all of our flag poles. She has been communicating with him for the past several months because the flags have been deteriorating. The flags have been ordered but, unfortunately, they have been on backorder since the first part of April. She spoke with him again today and he

received notice that the flags should be in this Thursday. He plans to be here on Friday to replace whatever flags he receives on Thursday. She has been consistent in contacting him as she would really like to have all of the replaced in time for Memorial Day. She would like to send prayers out to all of the families of the students and teachers at the school shooting in Texas that happened today. This is such a tragedy and she hopes that everyone keeps them in their thoughts and prayers. She thanked the emergency personnel that were able to get there and stop any further deaths or injuries.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Winkler congratulated John Coffey and thanked him for his dedication and hard work. He does so much for the community. All of our Service Workers do a lot with a little. He appreciates each of them for all of the things that they do from taking care of our parks to all of our buildings to snow removal and mowing grass. They are a small but mighty group of guys who get a lot of quality work done each day. He appreciates all of them as well as the Service Director, Dan Casson. He thanked Mrs. Duffy and her staff as well as everyone who works for the City. There are not many employees here but all of them are amazing and wear multiple hats. They all help each other, do multiple jobs and try to keep the City moving in the right direction while at the same time educate him and Council as to the needs of the community. He just received a text that our Carlisle girls' softball team were District champions playing today in regional finals but, unfortunately, they have lost that game. They had a bad day today getting beat 11 to 8 but he would like to congratulate them for having a fantastic season. He would have loved to have seen them go to State but it wasn't in the cards for today. They had a tough game and gave it their all and they should be very, very proud of their successes this season. He did take proclamations to Baptist Tabernacle today for the baccalaureate services that were happening tonight. He and Council were invited but that event was happening the same time as Council's meeting. One of the School Board Members will be reading that on his behalf during the ceremony.

Manager's Report:

Julie Duffy thanked John Coffey as his promotion is quite an achievement. The EPA can be very challenging to work with and the requirements/knowledge that he had to obtain in order to pass the written exam as well as 12 months of training in the Water Distribution System for him to become fully certified was a true dedication. It is something that you can't find in every employee. John is just one example of the members of the department that Mr. Casson has been working with to get other certifications in place. This is a passion and dedication of the department. She is very proud of John and all of his accomplishments. She looks forward to seeing what he can do for us in the future. This coming Monday is Memorial Day. The city administrative offices will be closed. Our public safety officials will be on duty as normal as they never get a holiday. If you would need to reach them for a non-emergency situation, please call Warren County dispatch at (937) 425-2525 and for any emergency, please dial 9-1-1. Trash service will be as scheduled with pick-up being on Tuesday. The Monday holiday will not impact that schedule. It is now warmer weather. While residents are spring cleaning, please remember there is a limit to how many cans you are able to put out for Rumpke. They have been very generous with us over the years and our limit is eight. They are very conscious about the quantity of trash their trucks can hold to make sure they have room for everyone's trash. If you do have any bulk items, please contact our Utilities Department and they can give Rumpke the courtesy heads up to be sure they have adequate equipment in place as well as personnel.

Committee Report:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mrs. Duffy spoke to Council about the Charter Review Commission. Over the last few months there has been several discussions about this being a review year for us. The Charter is the structure to our form of government. The Charter does require that the basis is reviewed and a Charter Review Commission must be formed and appointed by Council. Based on the Charter, it is a group of nine citizens who are also registered voters. Over the past few months, Council has been given information about a few residents who have expressed an interest. It is her understanding that Council will also be seeking out some additional names to fill it. It is important that we get this group together as quickly as possible because they must provide a report back to Council by July 1st. She believes there are three members of the previous Charter Review Commission that had indicated they would be willing to serve again. Council also has in the binders two additional resumes and letters of interests as well as information that another resident had verbally expressed interest. Staff is looking for direction from Council as to whether they would like to take any action on the ones that have shown interest. Staff is also willing to set-up interviews with those interested if Council so chooses. Staff would also like to know if Council has reached out to any other residents who have shown interest. The Charter Review Commission must bring back a report to Council by July 1st is that they are a recommendation body. Any proposed changes to the language of the Charter would need to be reviewed by Council and decide if they agree with the recommendation and to move forward with putting it on the November ballot for a vote of the people. July 1st is very important as it gives time for Council to understand the recommendation as well as instruct staff to bring back legislation that would place it on the November ballot.

Mr. Humphries asked if in a Charter Review year, has there ever been a circumstance where the review was completed but it was put on the following primary election versus the November election. Mrs. Duffy commented that she is unaware of that every happening. Mr. Humphries asked if that would be a possibility. She would need to confirm the Charter language before she gives him a definite answer. She does not believe it would allow it but she would have to refer to the Charter.

Mrs. Kemper asked if there has to be nine members. Mrs. Duffy explained that our Charter actually indicates that Council "shall" (which is must) appoint nine electors of the Municipality. Mrs. Kemper asked what would happen if they didn't have that number. Mrs. Duffy explained that they would then be in violation of their government which all swore an oath to uphold and obey.

Mr. Kilpatrick questioned that Council needs to get three members lined up. Mrs. Duffy explained that they currently need all nine as none have yet to be appointed. Mayor Winkler commented that two residents have submitted letters of interest – Douglas Lanier and Jason Faulkner. He believes they both currently serve on other boards and he does not believe that interviewing them would be necessary. Mr. Bicknell commented that he would be okay with moving forward on their appointments. Mrs. Duffy

stated that the other three individuals, Martin Neal, Craig Harris and Allyson Couch, served on the last Review Commission. Mayor Winkler and Mr. Bicknell commented they would like to appoint all of these individuals. Mrs. Duffy explained that the only other individual she has been directed to contact was Travis Millard. He indicated that he would be interested but she has yet to receive an official letter of interest from him. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if they would make a deadline of some time next week to be sure that Council has submitted more possible candidates. Mrs. Duffy stated that Council does not want to rush the process but they are working against deadlines. There are currently five on the list that Council could either take action tonight to appoint and/or instruct staff to line-up interviews for these individuals. She has reached out to our Law Director and it is required that nine shall be appointed to the Commission. However, not all nine are required to meet for the group to submit a recommendation to Council. We would like for all nine to be a part of the discussions to get the appropriate blend from the community. One of the "must review items" is that of Council compensation so that is a mandatory discussion point every five years. In addition they will also review the other elements of the Charter. Historically, Council has indicated certain elements of the Charter that they would like their opinion on just to narrow down the focus of the Commission. A recommendation of the Commission could possibly be that they require no action but when they meet, they will still be bound by the rules of the Open Meetings Act and a quorum must meet in order to take any action. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if there were a specific number of meetings they are to have and/or hours completed. Mrs. Duffy stated there is not a specific amount of time stated, just enough for the group to decide what they need. Looking back at the last Commission five years ago, she believes they met a total of three times. Usually the first meeting is introducing each other, going over the rules of the Charter Review Commission, going over the Charter itself and beginning conversation. Typically, the following meeting is when they will begin to dive into certain concepts and possibly a third meeting, if needed, in order to button down any possible recommendation to Council.

Mayor Winkler asked if Council would like to go ahead and appoint the five they currently have interested in this Commission. Mrs. Duffy stated they certainly could do that if everyone was comfortable. If not, they would definitely need something done by the June 14th meeting of Council which, at that point, only gives the group two weeks, in summer months, to coordinate schedules and meet before the deadline to have the recommendation to Council.

Mrs. Kemper made a motion to appoint Martin Neal, Jason Faulkner, Craig Harris, Allyson Couch, and Douglas Lanier to the Charter Review Commission, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

Roll Call:

- Mr. Kilpatrick yes
- Mr. Humphries yes
- Mrs. Kemper yes
- Mr. Bicknell yes
- Mr. Stivers yes
- Mayor Winkler yes

These five individuals have been appointed to the Charter Review Commission. If anyone in the community is interested in applying, they can send a letter of interest and resume to our Clerk of Council.

First Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:**ORD. 9-22 AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMIT ALLOWING RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR ANY PROCESSORS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF CARLISLE, OHIO AND ON AS AN EMERGENCY.**

Mrs. Duffy explained the ordinance before Council is to extend a moratorium that was previously adopted this time last year. Over the past few years, Council has discussed the question to allow medical marijuana as a permitted use, from a business perspective, for retail dispensaries, grow facilities, cultivators or processors. When Council originally had the moratorium in place, they felt it was important to give them time to understand the impact of these new businesses/uses and how they would or would not fit with our current goals and objectives of this community. Would they fit as presented or would there be any type of zoning changes or regulations if Council decided to allow them. There have been some changes at the state level that may also impact how local jurisdictions handle the use and possibly some additional revenue. Based on conversations at the May 10th work session, it was her understanding that Council instructed staff to bring back an extension to the moratorium. This extension would be for another year allowing Council the time to meet and fully discuss and take any necessary action. However, this does not prohibit Council from taking action earlier than the year. They can adopt any form of legislation that would supersede this at any given time but it does give Council that cushion of time.

Mr. Stivers asked if this legislation could be amended to six months. He feels that would force them to revisit it versus it being a one year. Mrs. Duffy explained that would be a decision of Council and could be made in any motion made to change the specifications of time for the legislation. Mrs. Duffy commented that it is on as an emergency as the current moratorium does actually expire tomorrow.

Mr. Bicknell stated that this was brought up originally because there was an opportunity and they revisited it. He believes that if something were to come about, that would give them reason to review so he is not sure there is much difference between having it be for six months or for a year. As Mrs. Duffy stated, if there is a reason, they can make legislation to change it at any given time and get rid of the moratorium. Mr. Kilpatrick's concern is that if someone is looking for a place to have something and they see that we have a moratorium, they will just skip to the next place that does not have one as they don't want to jump through that hoop. Mr. Bicknell stated that they would do that regardless of the timeline of the moratorium. The city would need to have no moratorium to have someone interested right away and that would leave the city unprotected. Mr. Stivers commented that Mrs. Duffy mentioned they are not even registering licenses for another six months. So they may issue licenses within the 12-month time frame. Mrs. Duffy explained that it is possible for them to make a decision within the next year as they have not stated the application window. Mr. Bicknell asked the Mayor to correct him if he was wrong, but the last time this came about, there was an extended window for the review to even get to a license. Even if they open the window to apply for the license, it could still be six months before they get an answer. Mr. Stivers explained that they just passed legislation recently. He would love to have State Representative, Scott Lipps here for a work session of some type to be able to get some information. He is with the understanding that there will be some significant changes when it comes to the legalization aspect. Mrs. Duffy commented that she has reached out to Mr. Lipps

as well as the Ohio Municipal League to get some guidance on this issue. Her review of the current pending legislation that has passed the state Senate would propose an increased sales tax to the legislation which would be a county issue and not local. However, it is important for Council to understand what is currently in affect for lifting a moratorium and allowing this use. By today's standards, it is necessary to determine where these establishments could go and if it is a fit for any type of long-range plan we have so that our uses work well together in the right areas. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if we know the number of current dispensaries allowed in Ohio. Mrs. Duffy believes there are currently 58 licenses and some are in pending status. It is her understanding that the current Senate bill would increase that number to 1 per 1,000 prescription holders up to a 300 dispensary cap. Again, this has just passed the Senate and has not yet been enacted to the State. Mayor Winkler stated that he feels they have quite a bit of time then. Mrs. Duffy stated that staff has keep this issue close to Council and bring it to a currently scheduled work session with a goal to have it completed within six months which would give them to the end of the year. Mr. Kilpatrick wondered what the recreational status was in Ohio. He knows that Ohio is very conservative so it would never be as big as Michigan or California but he is curious to it compared to the medical. Mrs. Duffy explained that if we did not have a moratorium in place, it would mean that this type of business would be looked at based upon our current, allowed uses. A retail dispensary would be considered retail in our current zoning regulations and could be in any B-1, B-2 or B-3 area. Anything of cultivating or processing would fit the category of our industrial park. It is important for Council to know that if it were decided to let the moratorium expire and let is be naturally absorbed by our currently language, what it would mean and would it work with the vision of the community. It is not a judgement of the particular use with personal beliefs but it is about the use fit with the long-term plans and become a compatible use for other businesses. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that if Council were to lift the moratorium then they should also have language that clarifies its zoning. Mrs. Duffy commented that this is where that one-year time frame gives cushion to place any potential zoning changes. Any amendments to the zoning code or to the zoning map does take about 2-3 months to go through the process of Planning Commission and Council. Council could set a goal on this to be completed by the fall and that would also allow if there were any necessary zoning changes required to make it a compatible use before the moratorium would be lifted. Previous Councils have indicated there were certain elements of these uses that they were comfortable with and there were others that they were not comfortable with for the community. It is not an all-or-nothing as there are a lot of factors to consider. Mr. Stivers stated that he does not want to handcuff ourselves with a year-long moratorium. Mayor Winkler again reiterated that the moratorium could be lifted by Council at any time. Mrs. Duffy agreed that this does not limit Council from amending, changing or lifting the moratorium at any time during that year. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if there were any way to put in language for Council to meet on this topic so that it doesn't come to the end of the year and they still have not discussed it. Mrs. Duffy explained that she is very happy to pester Council on this topic so it does not get pushed aside. It will just be fit into Council's work session schedule on a date that works with other topics. If Council does take action on this, staff has heard it loud and clear that they would like to take action sooner than later with a goal of making a decision on this within six months and any further action from that decision within the year. Mr. Kilpatrick asked to discuss it at their next work session as to how this will be fit into their schedule. Mrs. Duffy stated there is already a topic on their work session for June so if they would like to have an off-meeting night, she can arrange that. Also if Mr. Stivers would prefer for that meeting to include Mr. Lipps, she can work on scheduling that with him which may require it to be an off-meeting night. Staff's goal is to be sure that each and every member of Council

has all of the information they need to make an informed decision. If there are any other elements that members would like to have, please let her know so that she can get it to them.

Mr. Stivers made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, have one reading by title only and declaring an emergency, seconded by Mr. Bicknell.

Roll Call:

Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

With no further discussion, Mr. Bicknell made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Ordinance passed on this day will be entered into Ordinance Record Book as Ord. 9-22.

ORD. 10-22 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE REAPPROPRIATION/SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLISLE, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AMENDMENT NUMBER 4 AND IS ON AS A SINGLE READING.

Mr. Ryan Rushing explained that our Fire Chief notified our Service Department that the air conditioning unit at the fire station at 365 Lincoln was not working. Our Service Department went to the station, inspected it and called out our contracted HVAC specialist. The a/c unit is a 1999 model so it is well over 20 years old and, unfortunately, it is at the end of its life. Due to its age and many repairs/maintenance that has been done over the years, it is beyond a point where we can repair it. As this replacement was not a budgeted item and, we all know, the fire department budget is not that large nor is there enough cost-savings to be made in the budget to cover this. This supplemental appropriation will be for the cost of replacing this a/c unit. The quote is between \$4,900 and \$5,300 so the appropriation is for \$5,300. The fire station is an occupied facility and all occupied facilities with the city must have HVAC systems not only for the health and welfare of the staff but also for the equipment. Being in the warmer months of the year, any items that need to be climate-controlled may potentially be destroyed if it is not replaced causing even further expense to the city. Mr. Kilpatrick asked if we get multiple bids for something like this or do we utilize a specific company for repairs. Mr. Rushing explained that we have a sole source for HVAC and actually use the company that installed the units

for the majority of our facilities. There is a developed relationship with this company which allows for easier scheduling, turnaround time of repairs and maintenance as well as giving us better costs for services and equipment.

Mrs. Kemper made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings, and have one reading by title only, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

With no further discussion, Mrs. Kemper made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick.

Roll Call:

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Ordinance passed on this day will be entered into Ordinance Record Book as Ord. 10-22.

ORD. 11-22 AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE INCOME TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) FROM AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REVENUES FOR EXPENDITURES FOR POLICE SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF CARLISLE, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 881.012 AND 881.081 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE. – 1st Reading

Mr. Rushing explained that this will be the first of three readings to adopt the ordinance that would enact the additional language for a potential 0.5% income tax levy for police services only. As Council knows, we have met in numerous work sessions to discuss the current financial state of our police department. Currently, our police fund is operating in over a \$520,000 deficit. A majority of that, over \$400,000, is subsidized by the general fund. The additional \$100,000 is coming from the police fund’s reserve. We are currently in a pattern where if we continue this buy-down of the police fund’s reserves, we will be below our minimum fund balance projected at the end of 2023. By 2024, he is projecting that the police fund will be in a negative fund balance which would mean that the police fund would have zero operating cash in order to continue. The cost of doing business and the items purchased in order to provide police services are quite expensive but they are also a necessity to provide for the health, safety and well-being of the residents in Carlisle. In discussions with Council, there have been many

options speaking of tax credits, property tax levies and other resources and it was the desire of Council to allow the residents of Carlisle the ability to choose on whether or not they wanted to continue the police services that we have through this additional 0.5%. This is the first of three readings and will be a two-step process. This first step is just to enact the ordinance that would enact the legal language of the tax code in order to have this additional 0.5%. As you read the ordinance, it does state that if the ballot issue, which comes next, would happen to fail in the November election of this year, then this ordinance would not go into effect. This ordinance will only go into effect if the ballot issue is passed in the affirmative and it will amend the tax code to collect the additional 0.5% income tax solely for police services. Also in the ordinance, it does read that the credit would not be granted for this additional 0.5% which means that all of those working and living in Carlisle would pay this 0.5% solely for police services. By doing this, it would keep the police fund solvent and maintain our police services as we know them today and with the potential of some possible reorganization of reassignments or scheduling within the police department. However, for now, our main focus is to maintain the police services that we have today which includes seven full-time, road patrol officers and one full-time police chief. Our police department has eight sworn officers and they provide the police services for all of those living within the City of Carlisle. The hope is to maintain the tradition of excellence that our police department has provided this community as well as remain financially solvent for the foreseeable future, not only in the police fund but also in the general fund. It is worthy to note that the last time the City of Carlisle increased the income tax was in 1994. In that year, there was a ballot issue to create a 0.5% income tax for police services and that went into effect in January 1, 1995. It has been 27 years with the same revenue source to maintain the police department. We never enjoy going back for additional resources but this is a desire to maintain the resources we currently have and to support our police officers and department. We hope this will be the mechanism to achieve that this coming November. There will be three full readings of this ordinance and, if it passes, there will be a resolution to adopt the ballot language. That resolution would need to be passed as an emergency in order to send appropriate information to the Board of Elections to ensure that it gets on the ballot in a timely manner.

Mr. Kilpatrick asked what the average taxpayer making \$50,000 per year would be impacted by this increase. Mr. Rushing stated that it would be roughly \$250 per year. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that he has not been on Council that long but knows there has been a lot of discussion as well as talking with constituents and he feels this is the best path moving forward. He thanked everyone for the work they have done to get to this point. We have a fabulous team in our officers and chief that is keeping us safe and he hopes that we can continue to allow them to protect this community.

Mayor Winkler stated that if any citizen has any questions or comments to please feel free to contact any member of Council, attend a Council meeting or contact City Hall and we would be glad to answer your questions.

This legislation will be on Council's agenda for a second reading on June 14, 2022.

Second and Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions:

None

Mayor Winkler stated that this concludes the items on their agenda.

With no further business, Mr. Bicknell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kemper.

Roll Call:

Mr. Kilpatrick	yes
Mrs. Kemper	yes
Mr. Bicknell	yes
Mr. Humphries	yes
Mr. Stivers	yes
Mayor Winkler	yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date: 6-14-22

Randy Winkler
Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk of Council