

**GALION CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

The September 5, 2023 special meeting of Galion City Council was called to order by President of Council Eric Webber. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed a moment of silence.

Clerk of Council Julie Bell called roll with the following members present: Ms. Ault, Mr. Bodkins, Ms. Durbin, Mr. Richart, and Ms. Zeger.

Mr. Richart made the motion to excuse Mr. Watt. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The roll call for elected officials and officials required by Council Rules and the Ohio Revised Code to be present was called with the following present: Mayor O'Leary, Director of Law Palmer, and SSD Ward. Auditor Saterfield came after the executive session.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to approve the agenda as presented which was seconded by Mr. Richart. Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session

Ms. Zeger made the motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, M. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried and council entered executive session at 7:02 p.m.

Ms. Ault made the motion to exit executive session and return to regular session. Ms. Zeger seconded. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Motion carried and council was back in regular session at 7:50 p.m.

Selection of Candidate for 2nd Ward

Ms. Ault made the motion to nominate Ms. Jessica Mercurio to the 2nd Ward Council seat. Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Richart, yea. Ms. Zeger, no. Mr. Bodkins, no. Ms. Durbin, no. Motion failed 3-2.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to nominate Ms. Connie Robinson to the 2nd Ward Council seat. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, no. Motion carried 4-1.

Ms. Robinson was immediately sworn in by Council President Eric Webber.

Legislation

Ordinance No. 2023-59 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-98 (Permanent 2023 Appropriations) by appropriating and transferring funds in various funds and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to correct Section 8 by changing the fund number and description from 102-1011-52450 –General - Drug Law-Security of Persons & Property-Drug Enforcement (D&E) to 101-1012-52450 General-Drug Law – Security of Persons & Property – Law Enforcement (L&E). Mr. Richart seconded the motion. The roll call on the motion resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Robinson, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-59. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Robinson, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-59. Mr. Bodkns seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-59 as amended resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Robinson, yea, Ms. Ault, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-59 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-60 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the OH EMA ARPA First Responder Incentive Grant Fund (275), and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Zeger made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-60. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Robinson, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-60. Ms. Zeger seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-60 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Robinson, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-60 passed for a final reading.

Ordinance No. 2023-61 (Second Reading)

An Ordinance establishing the OH Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Fund (423), and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Richart made the motion to suspend the rules and proceed to the final reading on Ordinance No. 2023-61. Ms. Durbin seconded the motion. The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Ms. Robinson, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea, Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Ault made the motion to pass Ordinance No. 2023-61. Mr. Bodkins seconded the motion. The roll call on Ordinance No. 2023-61 resulted as follows: Ms. Ault, yea, Mr. Bodkins, yea, Ms. Durbin, yea, Mr. Richart, yea, Ms. Robinson, yea, Ms. Zeger, yea. Motion carried 6-0 and Ordinance No. 2023-61 passed for a final reading.

There being no further business to discuss President of Council Webber asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Zeger made the motion and Mr. Bodkins seconded. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Eric Webber, President of Council

Julie L Bell, Clerk of Council