

City of Trotwood

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

6:30 PM

Trotwood Community and Cultural Arts Center
4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio 45426

City Council

Mayor Yvette F. Page
Vice Mayor Tyna R. Brown, Ward 4
Council Member Bettye L. Gales, Ward 1
Council Member Martha H. Clark, Ward 2
Council Member Charles Ron Vaughn, Ward 3
Council Member Rhonda C. Finley, At Large
Council Member Denise Moore, At Large
Clerk of Council Kara B. Landis

I. Call to Order

Mayor Page called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Invocation

Mayor Page gave the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Page led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Clerk Landis took Roll Call and advised that she had not heard from Council Member Moore. **UPDATE: Mayor Page learned that Council Member Moore had a death in her family and therefore, her absence is excused.**

Present: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Yvette F. Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager Quincy Pope, Clerk of Council Kara Landis, Law Director Chris Conard, Deputy City Manager Stephanie Kellum, Finance Director Chris Peeples, Fire Chief Rick Haacke, Deputy Fire Chief Chad McInturff, Police Chief Erik Wilson, Deputy Police Chief Mark Ecton, Planning and Zoning Administrator Tyler Hauck, Tax Supervisor Sue Bowman, TCIC Executive Director Chad Downing, TCIC Project Manager Derek Williams, and Code Enforcement Supervisor Max Fuller.

VISITORS PRESENT: Katrina Coleman, Stephanie Fritz, Ryan Spence, Andrew Bizet, Kristi Newton, Pat Cosca, R.B. Campbell, Cheryl Williams, Ernest Curry, Elveria Brown Goolsby, Janet Foote, JoAnne Orihood, Dawn Wojcik, Whitney Bell, Saleem Davis, Marion Epps, Ronald Norton, Penelope Norton, Yoonmee Hampson, Quintin Jordan, and Ramenia Jordan.

V. Approve the Agenda

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve the Agenda. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion **CARRIED** by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

VI. Special Presentations

[PR27-24](#)

Service Updates from Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

Presented by Brandon Policicchio

Chief Customer and Business Development Officer, RTA

Attachments: [PR27-24 Presentation](#)

Clerk Landis introduced Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer with the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA). Mr. Policicchio reviewed service updates in the City of Trotwood. He also shared that fares will increase incrementally between this month (September 2024) and January 2026. Mayor Page asked what the new fares would be and Mr. Policicchio stated that the details are on their website. He added that they have not increased fares since 2018 and that this is necessary due to the increased costs to provide services. He also commented that RTA is currently hiring.

Council Member Vaughn asked about not requiring a CDL license for new hires. Mr. Policicchio explained that RTA will pay the expenses for a new hire to obtain their CDL license, including the permit fee.

Council Member Finley thanked Mr. Policicchio and asked if there are any plans to address the safety and appearance of the small landing pads along Olive Road. Mr. Policicchio said that he would gladly meet with Deputy City Manager Stephanie Kellum to discuss future amenities and mentioned that there are community grant programs that could help make improvements to the current accessibility pads.

VII. Consent Agenda

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Finley

[SR24-21](#)

Minutes from the July 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

Attachments: [2024-07-01 DRAFT Meeting Minutes](#)

The meeting minutes were approved and will be filed according to the City's Retention Schedule.

[SR24-22](#)

Minutes from the July 16, 2024 Special City Council Meeting.

Attachments: [2024-07-16 DRAFT Meeting Minutes](#)

The meeting minutes were approved and will be filed according to the City's Retention Schedule.

[R24-60](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SEWER SERVICE TO THE AUDITOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE.

Attachments: [R24-60](#)
[R24-60 Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was approved.

[R24-61](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE TO THE AUDITOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE.

Attachments: [R24-61](#)
[R24-61 Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was approved.

[R24-62](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR STORM DRAINAGE SERVICE TO THE AUDITOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE.

Attachments: [R24-62](#)
[R24-62 Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was approved.

[R24-63](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION TO THE AUDITOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE.

Attachments: [R24-63](#)
[R24-63 Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was approved.

[R24-64](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR THE CITY'S CUTTING, REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS, VEGETATION AND/OR GRASS TO THE AUDITOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE.

Attachments: [R24-64](#)
 [R24-64 Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was approved.

[R24-65](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR NUISANCE ABATEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE ASSESSMENT OF CHARGES FOR THE DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY TO THE AUDITOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE.

Attachments: [R24-65](#)
 [R24-65 Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution was approved.

[R24-70](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING KARA LANDIS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, AS THEIR DESIGNEE TO ATTEND OHIO PUBLIC RECORDS AND OPEN MEETINGS LAW TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 149.43(E)(1) AND 109.43(B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Attachments: [R24-70](#)
 [R24-70 Attachment](#)

This Resolution was approved.

[24-13](#)

A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to draft an Ordinance approving the current replacement pages to the City of Trotwood Codes of Ordinances.

Attachments: [24-13 Motion](#)

This Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

[24-14](#)

A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to draft an ordinance requesting the State of Ohio Director of Transportation modify the speed limit to 45 mph on Westbrook Road within the City of Trotwood, Ohio, from Diamond Mill Road east to Salem Avenue (State Route 49), and further, to modify the speed limit to 35 mph on Westbrook Road within the City of Trotwood, Ohio, from Salem Avenue (State Route 49) east to Main Street (State Route 48).

Attachments: [24-14 Map](#)

This Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

[24-15](#)

A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to prepare legislation authorizing the City Manager to transfer ownership of the City-owned property known as 103 East Main Street, Parcel ID No. H33 00303 0048, to the Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation and declaring the property surplus.

Attachments: [24-15 Map](#)

This Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

[24-16](#)

A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to draft an ordinance repealing current Section 951.02 "Prohibited Activities" of the Trotwood Codes of Ordinances and enacting new Section 951.02 "Prohibited Activities" to prohibit marijuana in municipal park lands and facilities.

This Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

[24-17](#)

A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to draft an ordinance to amend current Chapter 521 "Health, Safety and Sanitation" of the Trotwood Codes of Ordinances to update Section 521.10 "Prohibition of Smoking" and prohibit marijuana in City-owned facilities.

This Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

VIII. Open Public Hearings

To comment during a Public Hearing, please fill out a Speaker Form and return it to the Clerk of Council BEFORE the start of the meeting. When instructed, please stand to be sworn in by the Mayor. When the Mayor calls the Ordinance you wish to speak on, you will be asked to step to the microphone, state your name and address, and proceed with your comments. Only comments relating to that specific Ordinance are permissible. You will have three (3) minutes to speak.

Clerk Landis advised Mayor Page that no one had registered to speak during the Public Hearings.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to open the Public Hearings. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

IX. Ordinances

[OR11-24](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL REPEALING SECTION 105.01 "PURCHASING; CONTRACTS" OF THE TROTWOOD CODES OF ORDINANCES, AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 105.01 "PURCHASING; CONTRACTS," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Attachments: [OR11-24](#)
[OR11-24 Exhibit A](#)

Clerk Landis read the caption, stating that Ordinance No. OR11-24 is being presented as an emergency.

City Manager Pope explained that this ordinance will revise the amount of his spending authority in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and that it should be enacted as an emergency so that it will go into effect immediately. He stated that this will increase the bid threshold from \$50,000.00 to \$75,000.00, which also aligns with various other jurisdictions.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. OR11-24. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

[OR12-24](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST MAIN STREET, IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL ID NOS. H33 00101 0007 AND H33 00101 0008, TO VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, LLC, DBA CENTERPOINT ENERGY, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PIPELINE EASEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Attachments: [OR12-24](#)
[OR12-24 Exhibit A](#)
[OR12-24 Map](#)

Clerk Landis read the caption, stating that Ordinance No. OR12-24 is being presented as an emergency.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Tyler Hauck stated that this is for an easement on City-owned property allowing CenterPoint to replace pipes in conjunction with the additional industrial activity.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. OR12-24. A Motion was made by Council Member Gales, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

[OR13-24](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL ID NOS. H33 00608 0034 AND H33 00618 0023 TO THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Attachments: [OR13-24](#)
[OR13-24 Exhibit A](#)
[OR13-24 Map](#)

Clerk Landis read the caption, stating that Ordinance No. OR13-24 is being presented as an emergency.

City Manager Pope explained that this legislation is similar to Ordinance No. OR12-24 and would grant a right of way and easement on City-owned property to The Dayton Power and Light Company in order for them to run electricity to a new home.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. OR13-24. A Motion was made by Council Member Gales, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley,
Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

X. Close Public Hearings

Mayor Page requested a Motion to close the Public Hearings. A Motion was made by Council Member Gales, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley,
Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

XI. Resolutions

[R24-66](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING VARIOUS PERMIT FEES, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, OHIO.

Attachments: [R24-66](#)
[R24-66 Exhibit A](#)

City Manager Pope explained that every year staff conducts an analysis of the City's fees and charges.

Deputy City Manager Stephanie Kellum stated that there are two areas with changes, cemeteries and public records. She shared that an exhaustive study of cemetery fees was conducted by Clerk Landis and Public Works staff because the City's fees have not been revised in almost 20 years. She added that they considered the fees from 10-12 other public cemeteries before making their recommendations. Deputy City Manager Kellum also stated that Clerk Landis worked with the law office on recommended changes to the fees for copies of public records.

Council Member Finley shared that she received a couple of phone calls pertaining to water bills and a fee charged when using a debit card. She asked if this new fee has been shared publicly. Deputy City Manager Kellum stated that this fee is in line with other jurisdictions and that the details have been shared with the public, to include the City's website. She explained that for many years the City has absorbed these third-party fees. Council Member Finley asked if the City incurs a fee and, how much of that fee is charged to residents. Deputy City Manager Kellum explained that the City is simply passing along the third-party fee.

Council Member Finley asked if the City has looked into increasing the fees for code violations for commercial businesses like Consumer Square. Deputy City Manager Kellum explained that Consumer Square is an issue completely different from regular fees. Law Director Chris Conard added that prior to him, Consumer Square was in bankruptcy and with that comes certain protections. He added that a call was held within 60 days of the new owner taking over to be certain there would be efforts to improve the property. Law Director Conard understands that it does not appear those improvements are happening fast enough and that steps need to be taken to ensure something is done.

City Manager Pope shared that the City purchases their water from the City of Dayton and that Dayton's rates have increased substantially over the years. He explained that the City has been absorbing the rate increases, then emphasized that the City will have to increase rates sooner than later. He added that many other communities who get their water from the City of Dayton are having the same issue and that water is a big revenue source for Dayton. City Manager Pope shared that some time ago, Mr. Powell from the City of Dayton presented rate increase information to City Council and that he has tried to contact him for further details. Deputy City Manager Kellum added that residents who have their account with Montgomery County are already paying higher rates. City Manager Pope shared that the City of Trotwood has three water sources: the City of Trotwood, Jefferson Authority, and Montgomery County.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-66. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

[R24-67](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GOVERNMENT EQUITY (ED/GE) PROGRAM PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH MONTGOMERY COUNTY ACCEPTING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR GORDON FOOD SERVICE, INC. IN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD.

Attachments: [R24-67](#)
[R24-67 Exhibit 1](#)

TCIC Executive Director Chad Downing shared that this resolution relates to the next phase of the Gordon Food Service (GFS) project, which will be the development of a commissary where they will produce their branded foods to distribute throughout the region. He added that through this project, GFS expects to create approximately 31 new jobs and use approximately 10,000 square foot of space for a full-service kitchen. Director Dowling stated that the City's application was submitted to Montgomery County for \$150,000 and although the full amount was not awarded, the City did receive \$75,000. Director Downing then reiterated that this resolution is for the agreement between the City and Montgomery County in order to accept the grant.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-67. A Motion was made by Council Member Vaughn, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

[R24-68](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH GORDON FOOD SERVICE, INC. AND AUTHORIZING \$75,000.00 IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ GOVERNMENT EQUITY (ED/GE) PROGRAM FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED TO GORDON FOOD SERVICE, INC. FOR FUNDING SUPPORT.

Attachments: [R24-68](#)
[R24-68 Exhibit 1](#)

City Manager Pope explained that this resolution is also regarding the grant from Montgomery County for Gordon Food Service and it is the agreement between the City and GFS. He went on to say that this agreement outlines how the City will administer the grant funds. Director Downing added that the grant will be awarded with a 50% draw at a certain point during construction, and the following two draws will be tied to the hiring of new employees. He added that the anticipated completion date is January 2025. Mayor Page asked Director Downing to clarify the details of the agreement. Director Downing restated that the draws are tied to the established outcomes and further, GFS cannot spend the money on just anything, only fixed assets within the building.

Council Member Finley asked how many jobs are to be created and the nature of said jobs. Director Downing stated that 31 jobs will be created and they will be for cooks and delivery drivers.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-68. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Vaughn, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

[R24-69](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATORY LET PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD BY RESURFACING SHILOH SPRINGS ROAD FROM DIAMOND MILL ROAD TO OAKES ROAD, PROJECT ID NO. 121597.

Attachments: [R24-69](#)

City Manager Pope stated that this legislation is an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to allow the state to complete work along Shiloh Springs Road within the City of Trotwood.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R24-69. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Finley, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley,
Council Member Vaughn, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Moore

XII. Old and New Business

There was no old or new business presented.

XIII. Comments

- A. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Please fill out a Speaker Form and return it to the Clerk of Council BEFORE the start of the meeting. When called upon, proceed to the microphone, state your name and address, and proceed with your comments. You will have three (3) minutes to speak.

Ms. Katrina Coleman, 9 Oak Street, thanked City staff for implementing the notification system because it provides information to residents for things like Rumpke, construction, etc. She explained that she contacted Montgomery County to learn more about the upcoming bridge closure and was pleased to hear that they are coordinating their work with the City so not to interrupt the flow of traffic. Also, she thanked the Code Enforcement Department because they have been working to address a nearby property that recently had a fire.

Ms. Stephanie Fritz, 70 Brookhaven Drive, informed Council that T&B Inc. is a non-profit organization and they want to have a Unity Against Violence event to address youth violence. Their goal is for children to see that there are many other positive things they could be doing and if we want to see a change, we have to step up and make a change. Ms. Fritz shared that they want to have an event at Madison Park on September 21st from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and she encouraged the Trotwood Police Department to participate so that they can develop a bond with the children. She added that their message is to let kids know it is OK to call the police, it is OK not to be afraid when they see police, and the group would like to bring back activities like hopscotch and double dutch.

Mr. Ryan Spence, 508 North Union Road, shared that he is speaking on behalf of several community members and they have several problem houses in their area. One house that is a constant problem has many thefts, stolen vehicles, scrapping, burning copper in the yard, etc. Further, another house where an elderly lady passed away was taken over and is now falling apart. Mr. Spence asked what more they can do about these problems.

Mayor Page thanked Mr. Spence and told him that someone would be contacting him and that she appreciated him coming forward because they can't help if they don't know about an issue. Mr. Spence agreed and said they let it go on too long.

Council Member Vaughn asked how long this has been going on. Mr. Spence stated that the people squatted there at least two years ago based on when the owner stopped paying taxes per the Auditor's website. Council Member Vaughn asked Mr. Spence if when he says everyone is aware, that includes City administration and law enforcement. Mr. Spence answered yes, the Police Department is very aware of Jerry Knight on Hoover. A representative from the Police Department in the audience acknowledged that he is aware. Council Member Vaughn asked if he has video evidence and pictures; Mr. Spence stated he has videos and pictures. Mayor Page assured Mr. Spence that someone will be contacting him.

B. CLERK OF COUNCIL

Clerk Landis announced that the Planning and Zoning Department has begun working on the City's Long-Term Comprehensive Land Use Plan and that as part of the project, two public meetings have been scheduled on Thursday, September 12th. She explained that both meetings will be held at the Community Center and they will focus on fostering discussion regarding housing, business, and future development and investment in the City of Trotwood.

Clerk Landis stated that the two meetings will include the same information, just at different times of the day to allow for more citizen participation and that each meeting is expected to last approximately two hours, with the first meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. and the second meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. and that citizens are encouraged to attend.

Clerk Landis directed people to the website, www.trotwoodtogether.com, or to contact Planning and Zoning Administrator Tyler Hauck at 937-854-7216 if you would like further information and added that there are flyers on the table in the lobby.

C. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Pope had no comments.

D. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Vice Mayor Brown stated that it is good to be back and thanked Mayor Page for attending the Northgate Neighborhood Watch Association meeting. She shared that a group of residents has been going door-to-door sharing information about neighborhood associations, encouraging residents to attend as the meetings are a more open forum to engage and learn about what is going on in the community. Vice Mayor Brown also discussed the "Let's Talk Turner" forum and is glad to see the collaboration with Harrison Township and to hear ideas from stakeholders.

Council Member Vaughn shared that this is a time of great division and he would like to see us grow closer, not further divided. He encouraged everyone to vote however and for whoever you determine to be the best. He suggested that you look at where you were, where you are, and where you want to be. He added that it doesn't have to get worse, and to listen and watch, and judge for yourself. Council Member Vaughn reminded everyone that promises are easily made. He agreed with Ms. Fritz and believes her goals are our responsibilities in order to make this a better place. Council Member Vaughn said to not let anyone tell you that you are bound by your circumstances. He thanked members of the community and City staff, and shared that we always try to do the right thing. He added that this is simply about family.

Mayor Page addressed Council Vaughn reminding him that there are seven equal votes on the dais with seven individual minds that have been voted into the office for which they serve. She added that there is no condemnation when one speaks from their heart.

E. MAYOR

Mayor Page shared that when she first started in January only staff were attending meetings and she is pleased to see so many residents in attendance. Mayor Page then asked residents to consider volunteering so that they can be a part of all the great things that are coming to Trotwood. She mentioned the new development taking place on Wolf Creek Pike and encouraged everyone to drive around and see the new facilities. Mayor Page also mentioned new homes being built and stated that home ownership is the foundation for generational wealth. Mayor Page thanked the Salem Bend Condo Association for inviting her to their pool party and shared that there were over 50 people at the Northgate Neighborhood Watch Association meeting. She commented that while she has only been in office for nine months, she is very proud of the City and what is happening. Mayor Page then thanked City staff and everyone who works hard for the City. Mayor Page commented that she believes Trotwood is on the move, and that Council needs help because they can't do it alone.

XIV. Adjourn

Mayor Page confirmed all minds were clear and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.