

City of Trotwood

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2019

6:00 PM

**Trotwood Community & Cultural Arts Center
4000 Lake Center Drive
Trotwood, OH 45426**

City Council Workshop Meeting

*Mayor Mary A. McDonald
Vice Mayor Bettye L. Gales
Council Member Charles Ron Vaughn
Council Member Rhonda C. Finley
Council Member Robert L. Kelley, Jr.
Council Member Tyna R. Brown
Council Member Yvette Page
Jo'el thomas-Jones, Clerk of Council*

I Call to Order: Mayor Mary A. McDonald**II Pledge of Allegiance****III Roll Call: Clerk of Council**

Present: 7 - Mayor Mary A. McDonald, Vice Mayor Bettye L. Gales, Councilmember Robert L. Kelley Jr., Councilmember Charles Ron Vaughn, Councilmember Rhonda C. Finley, Councilmember Tyna R. Brown and Councilmember Yvette Page

IV. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Mayor Mary McDonald, called for a motion to approve the Agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Brown, second by Ms. Finley. Roll call:

Aye: 7 - Mayor McDonald, Vice Mayor Gales, Councilmember Kelley Jr., Councilmember Vaughn, Councilmember Finley, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Page

V Motion to Open Workshop Meeting

Mayor Mary McDonald, called for a motion to open the workshop meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Page, second by Ms. Finley. Roll call:

Aye: 7 - Mayor McDonald, Vice Mayor Gales, Councilmember Kelley Jr., Councilmember Vaughn, Councilmember Finley, Councilmember Brown and Councilmember Page

VI Special Presentations and Recognitions

A. [PR14-19](#) BASORE/SHILOH SPRINGS INTERSECTION REDESIGN AND TRAFFIC MODIFICATION

Attachments: [PR14-19 Basore Traffic Signal](#)

The City of Trotwood received complaints from citizens about the safety of the intersection. Residents named issues with making left turns into the Orchard at Shiloh Apartments as their primary concern. Trotwood City Engineer conducted a study and noted the intersection does have a history of traffic crashes that would warrant a left turn signal as a preventative measure to ensure the safety of residents. Kevin Miller, city Engineer, stated that 60% of crashes pertaining to that site are related to drivers making a left-turn. Council Member Finley asked if the new marking would include pedestrian walking lanes, and Deputy City Manager Kellum responded yes. Deputy City Manager further stated that the city is aware of an RTA stop, and they have accounted that while ensuring the intersection is safer.

B. [PR15-19](#)**A PRESENTATION BY THE CITY OF TROTWOOD ADMINISTRATION
RECOMMENDING AN OPTION FOR RESURFACING AND PAVING**

Attachments: [Funding for Paving Presentation final 2019 \(002\)](#)

A presentation by the City of Trotwood Administration Recommending An Option for Resurfacing and Paving: Aging infrastructure is a huge problem in this country, and specifically in the City of Trotwood, OH. Prior to the merger in 1996, Montgomery County maintained about 2/3 or 60% of Trotwood's roads. Many of Trotwood Streets, which are from the old township are 30 years old. Trotwood has chosen not to ask for higher tax levies to ensure Trotwood Senior Citizens keep the Homestead Exemption, as well as the city is sensitive to senior citizens that live on fixed incomes. The condition of Trotwood street have a direct correlation to the perception of neglect. The City Manger stated we have hard working citizens who care about Trotwood. Therefore, we must take action to ensure Trotwood's streets reflect the image Trotwood desires. Public Works Director, Johnny McCluskey offered city council members an opportunity to review maps which denote the conditions of Trotwood Streets. Tax department's Sue Bowman gave several examples of ways the city could levy additional income to rectify city streets. Finance Director, Chris Peeples, detailed that 1 mil in Trotwood is equaled to about \$239,000, and that it takes \$239,000 and some change to do one mile of streets. Deputy City Manger Kellum noted that Trotwood has 411 miles of streets, and that 60% of those streets are rated either fair or poor. Mayor McDonald, stated that she would like to have more community input for several months, which would give everyone an opportunity to decide in 2020. Deputy City Manager stated that the issues with the streets are dire, and something must be done soon.

a. Mayor: To Schedule an Appointment with the Mayor, Contact Clerk of Council at 937.854.7212 between the hours of 8 am - 5 p.m.

b. Council Members

Council Member Kelley, praised Trotwood's First Responder as it related to a fatal car crash, that took the lives of three teenagers, March 10, 2019. Council Member Page, detailed her meeting at the First Suburbs regular meeting, and stated that the First Suburbs Executive Committee sent a statement to the Governor of Ohio's office supporting his effort to impose an 18% gas tax to offset the cost of improving Ohio's roads. However, Council Member Page stated that the general body was neither asked, or voted for the measure, and that the entire decision was made by the First Suburbs Executive Committee without input from the regular body. Council Member Vaughn, congratulated first responder and Chief Wilson for a fine job on March 10, 2019 as it related to a fatal car crash. Council Member Brown, spoke about the pending Restorative Justice Initiative she is sponsoring, which is an effort to allow persons with criminal convictions to have their records expunged. The event will take place July, 2019 and applications and additional information promoting the event will be available through all Social Media portal, as well as information will be located at the City Government Offices. Council Member Finley, confirmed city administrations concern about Trotwood Roads, and stated that it is imperative that residents understand the importance Trotwood's roads have on future Economic Development.

- c. **City Manager: Reminder to visit the City of Trotwood web site at www.trotwood.org for updated information and events in our city. Go to "Notify Me" icon to sign up to receive information by utilizing your email address or mobile phone.**

VII Motion to Adjourn

Workshop Meeting Agjourned 7:10 P.M.