

B. President Engle presented RESOLUTION 2018-H AMENDING APPENDIX 2 OF THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS MANUAL (NON-UNION WAGE RANGES) OF THE CITY OF XENIA OHIO, originally introduced by Vice President Wallace on March 8, 2018, and it was read for a second time.

Motion by Vice President Wallace, seconded by Mayor Mays, to adopt Resolution 2018-H as read. Brief discussion followed. Councilman Dean noted this is only a two percent increase on the wage ranges, and employees must earn the increase with satisfactory performance evaluations. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Scrivens, Louderback, Smith, Dean, Mays, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Emergency Ordinance 2018-10 Amending Ordinance 2018-03 to Provide Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for the City of Xenia, Ohio, for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018. City Manager Brent Merriman said emergency Ordinance 2018-10 seeks supplemental appropriations for the Progress Drive rehabilitation project set for this spring. As Council will recall, in 2016 the City applied for and subsequently was approved to receive grant funding for the rehabilitation of Progress Drive. The City was awarded a project amount not-to-exceed \$504,680. However, the original bid for the project was only \$495,989, with a state share of \$366,964.52 based on a 74/26% split. Over the ensuing two winters, weather conditions have taken a toll, and now as they approach the start of the project, final engineering has revealed the need for an expanded scope of work, thus requiring additional appropriations of funds to ensure the project is properly executed. Additional grant dollars are available from the state based on the original award amount to cover the new cost up to the \$504,680 as previously mentioned. Staff recommends approval of the emergency ordinance to appropriate the new state share at a total of \$504,680 in order to have all needed funding in place for the initiation of the Progress Drive rehab project.

President Engle entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-10 as an emergency.

Motion by Councilman Louderback, seconded by Councilman Scrivens, to adopt ORDINANCE 2018-10 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-03 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF XENIA, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Scrivens, Louderback, Smith, Dean, Mays, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

B. Introduction of Resolution 2018-I Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Vehicles from Key Chrysler for the Public Service Department's Maintenance Division. Mr. Merriman said staff respectfully requests introduction of Resolution 2018-I to authorize the purchase of two (2) new service vehicles from Key Chrysler in Xenia. The purchase of these trucks was planned in

needed on the S. Progress Drive improvement project. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Scrivens, Louderback, Smith, Dean, Mays, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

President Engle entertained a motion on Administrative Action #3.

Motion by Mayor Mays, seconded by Vice President Wallace, to establish a new not-to-exceed total cost for the S. Progress Drive improvement project at \$733,704.48. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Scrivens, Louderback, Smith, Dean, Mays, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

Administration Motion to Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Xenia Police Officers Association. President Engle invited Mr. Merriman to present this additional agenda item. Mr. Merriman said the Police Officers' collective bargaining agreement expired on August 31, 2017. The Police Officers were in the process of changing representation, which delayed the negotiation process. City staff and members of the Xenia Police Officers Association engaged in the negotiations in January 2018 using a traditional bargaining process meeting four times from early January to early March. The parties reached a tentative agreement for a successor collective bargaining agreement and if approved will be effective as of March 25, 2018. The negotiation team and the appointed officials believe the terms and conditions of the proposed tentative agreement are fair and satisfy the interests of the City. Council's rejection of the terms of this agreement as presented will return all parties to the bargaining process and potentially to fact-finding and binding conciliation. Council's approval will close negotiations.

President Engle entertained a motion.

Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Vice President Wallace, to approve the terms and conditions of the proposed collective bargaining agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the Xenia Police Officers Association. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Scrivens, Louderback, Smith, Dean, Mays, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

D. Administrative Motion Approving the Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$597,099.70. Finance Director Ryan Duke requested the payment of bills as presented.

President Engle entertained a motion.

Motion by Councilman Louderback, seconded by Councilman Smith, to approve payment of bills totaling \$597,099.70. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Scrivens, Louderback, Smith, Dean, Mays, and Engle

Nays: None motion carried.

11. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

A. Mayors and Managers: Mayor Mays said she attended the meeting last week at the Beaver Creek Golf Club and received an update about ODNR's Dam Safety Project, which includes some assessment cost changes. The Mayors and Managers group agreed to send a letter of protest to ODNR due to the rate structure changes. They also discussed the centralized income tax collection issue and the opinion against Ohio cities. The group unanimously supported the hiring of a lawyer to file an amicus brief with funds that are already available. They all believe this issue will end up at the Ohio Supreme Court. Finally, the Chief of Staff at the Dayton VA Medical Center, Dr. Tom Hardy, gave a very comprehensive overview on the history of the Veteran's Administration.

B. Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission: Councilman Louderback said MVRPC met earlier this month, but there was nothing on the agenda that directly or indirectly affected Xenia or Greene County. However, he commended the MVRPC on awarding Xenia the grant for the Progress Drive project, which staff applied for several years ago.

12. APPOINTED OFFICIALS REPORTS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

A. City Manager, Finance Director, and Law Director:

Mr. Merriman said the Progress Drive rehab project would be starting very soon. Motorists should expect some lane restrictions and delays, and he asked them to be patient. The City's PR Coordinator will use all outreach methods to convey pertinent information. He encouraged Council members and residents to attend the following 2018 Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) Events:

- Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 5-7 p.m. at Shawnee Elementary School
- Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 5-7 p.m. at Arrowood Elementary School
- Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 5-7 p.m. at Cox Elementary School

Again this year, the City will partner with Xenia Community Schools, JobsOhio, Greene Memorial Hospital, Central State, National Parks Service, Xenia Bouncy Castle, and the Greene County Combined Health District for the NNO events. Councilman Scrivens asked if the dates shared were the only NNO events scheduled this year. Mr. Merriman confirmed. Finally, he noted three First Friday events are planned this year in May, June, and July, and so far, there is a good schedule of vendors, activities, and entertainment. They will hope for fair weather for all the outdoor events.

Councilman Louderback asked how long the S. Progress Drive project would take. Mr. Merriman said from start to finish, the project will take approximately 2 to 2½ months because the street is a concrete street.

Mr. Duke encouraged anyone interested in the City's budget or finances to visit the city website, www.eXploreXenia.com, where they will find schedules of bills, Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports, the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, the budget, links to the Ohio Checkbook, information on how the city receives and allocates resources (i.e., property taxes), how Xenia compares to other municipalities regarding water and sewer rates, and much more. He said the information has been on the website for quite some time but was recently reformatted in one location on the Budget and Finance page for ease of reading, graphs were added, etc. Councilman Louderback said he appreciates the transparency.

Ms. Fisher said Victim Advocate Program nominated Xenia Municipal Court Judge Michael Murry for the 2018 Model of Justice Award, and the Ohio Victim Witness Association granted him the award, which he will travel to Columbus to receive on April 12.

B. Mayor and City Council:

Mayor Mays shared the following events that she recently attended:

- March 13: Greene County Engineer's Office annual dinner.
- March 14: REACH groundbreaking and Mayors and Managers meeting.
- March 15: Ceremony to celebrate Charles Young's 154th Birthday.
- March 16: Christian Men's Fellowship luncheon.
- March 18: Pastor Walls' 50th pastoral anniversary celebration.

Councilman Louderback encouraged everyone to shop locally. It is so important to downtown businesses. He noted that Linda's restaurant recently moved to Cincinnati Avenue.

Councilman Smith said he also attended the REACH groundbreaking ceremony. He noted the YMCA has not built a facility since 2008 in Huber Heights. He was proud that the City could be a partner on this very exciting project. He thanked Mr. Brannum for his comments this evening and recognized there is work to be done. He invited the public to attend the free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, at Shawnee Park. Basket donations are being accepted, and children can win a free basket after the egg hunt. He thanked the Xenia Area Association of Churches and Ministries for their partnership on this event. He asked Mayor Mays to talk about her church's mobile food pantry. Mayor Mays said Emmanuel Baptist Church at 1120 S. Detroit Street is the new home for the food pantry called "With God's Grace," and they now have a mobile food pantry on the fourth Thursday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Visitors can expect to receive some groceries as well as a brown bag meal.

Councilman Scrivens said they need to find a way to discontinue the practice of people who travel around and toss papers onto driveways. When they are not picked up, it creates a huge problem. He commented on the alley that runs parallel to Stelton Road, which has a lot of trash. Also, there is a lot of trash at the top of E. Second at Patton. Finally, a vacant lot on Mulberry between Lexington and Church needed to be addressed. Regarding Mr. Randall's car, he felt Mr. Randall should be made whole if a City vehicle hit his car. He said the second monthly bulk pick up is coming along, but he still sees items sitting at the curb for 2 to 4 weeks; Public Service staff should make some rounds to keep the City looking good. Finally, he recently had an opportunity to meet Fairborn City Council member Donna Wilson and her husband as well as Bellbrook City Council member Darryl McGill. He also had a brief conversation with Xenia Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Lofton; they discussed some school issues and he expressed Council's support for him and the XCS system. He met a candidate who is running for State Representative who is a transplant from Australia who wants to make a difference in Ohio. He asked Xenians to make a difference, because this is where they live. He attended Dr. Douglas Walls' 50th pastoral anniversary also with about 500 other people. Dr. Walls' congregation should be commended for their service in the community.

Councilman Dean thanked all who spoke during audience break this evening. Regarding Mr. Brannum's comments, he agreed the City has some work to do. He said if the City's truck hit Mr. Randall's car, then the City should make restitution. They will also look into the grain silo.

Vice President Wallace echoed others' comments—Mr. Randall's Mercedes Benz should be fixed. Mr. Merriman said the claim was presented to the City's insurance company, but in cases of denial, the City Manager's Office can review it again. He reported that it was Dawn Dance weekend at Wilberforce University, and they expect many alumni to attend. They are also expecting 500 prospective students and their parents this weekend. He asked all who come in contact with any visitors to welcome them to our community. The new Wilberforce President, Dr. Elfred Anthony Pinkard, is excited and optimistic. He said Dr. Walls was just a super person. It was amazing that he commuted from Columbus to preach in Xenia for 50 years.

President Engle reminded everyone of BRACA's Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at Shawnee Park. Registration begins at 10 a.m., and the egg hunt with different age groups from 0-12 and a special needs group begins at 11 a.m. The basket giveaway will follow. Last week, Council met for over three hours and received a very comprehensive presentation from city staff about all facets of streets. It is truly a very complex and costly issue that they take very seriously. He invited citizens to attend when they meet again to discuss their way forward on that subject.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilman Louderback, seconded by Councilman Smith, to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:04 p.m. No discussion followed. The Roll on this was the following:

Ayes: Wallace, Scrivens, Louderback, Smith, Dean, Mays, and Engle
Nays: None motion carried.

Michelle D. Johnson
City Clerk

Michael D. Engle
President, Xenia City Council