

**MINUTES**  
**Wyoming City Council**  
**March 15, 2021**

The Wyoming City Council met in regular session on March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Mayor Hoffmeister called the meeting to order. In attendance were:

Council Members:

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor  
Nancy Averett  
Al Delgado  
Zach Green  
Jeff LeRoy  
Jim O'Reilly  
Sarah Stankorb Taylor

Others:

Rusty Herzog, Acting City Manager  
Emily Supinger, City Solicitor

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Delgado moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. There being no discussion, the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda carried with all voting yes:

- February 16, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes
- February 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Westside Paving & Excavating, Inc. for the Wyoming Tennis Court Reconstruction Project

SPECIAL REPORTS/MINUTES:

Ms. Stankorb Taylor commented on the meeting minutes of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force. The minutes were fascinating and was a very thorough history of our community and she learned a lot and thanked the Task Force members.

Mr. O'Reilly reported that First Suburbs is going to have a joint meeting with the Hamilton County Municipal League to discuss the implications of the legislature's consideration of the reapportionment issue. As Council may recall, reapportionment happens every ten years after the report of the US Census Bureau is received. The Census report has been delayed and it looks like it will be a very difficult period of time between July, when the report of the Census comes in, and the October date when the legislature is supposed to come up with the reapportioned districts. Our districts have always been on edge as we have the far west end of the Congressional district that goes to Portsmouth and we are at the north end of the district that comes north from the city of Cincinnati. So, reapportionment both of state legislative seats and federal Congressional seats, will be a hot issue this summer in the discussions between the Ohio Municipal League and the First Suburbs for later this month.

VERBAL REPORT FROM THE ACTING CITY MANAGER:

- City offices will be closed on Friday, April 2 for the Good Friday holiday. The Recreation Center will be open regular hours, 5am to 7pm.
- There is plenty of free mulch available with free delivery. Instructions on how to place an order can be found on the home page of the website.
- Spring clean for junk items will be April 17 and the yard waste day will be April 24. The second annual UpCycle event will be held on April 16 – details are still being finalized and will be publicized once we have those details complete.
- Spring curbside leaf pick up started today and will run through April 6. Rake your leaves to the curb and public works will pick them up. Please do not rake the leaves into the street or into the storm sewers, this can cause flooding. There is an informational video on the City's YouTube channel about the importance of why leaves should not be raked into the street and about storm water control in general.
- There will be no Committee of the Whole meeting in March, the next meeting will be April 26.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Debbie Bellman, 426 Flembrook Court, addressed Council and stated that she has lived in Wyoming almost 60 years. She stated that she has started a petition in the community to help City Council realize how much support there is in Wyoming to have Rusty Herzog appointed as our permanent City Manager. She stated that Rusty was not aware that she has started this petition but she feels, as many others in the community do, that Rusty would make a great City Manager for our community based on his 26 years on the police force here and his experience in dealing with so many people throughout Wyoming. Not only is he well-liked but he communicates well and he knows what makes Wyoming special. So far, she has collected over 100 signatures and she plans to continue to gather signatures and submit a final petition to City Council at the next Council meeting in April.

BUSINESS:

A. Resolution Designating April 18-April 24, 2021 as Volunteer Week in the City of Wyoming: Mayor Hoffmeister read the Resolution.

B. Proclamation Honoring Gail Bason as Exemplary Volunteer of the Year 2021: Mayor Hoffmeister read the Proclamation. Ms. Bason thanked City Council and stated that she loves what she is doing and plans to continue to continue to have fun and help out Wyoming and anyone else who needs help.

C. Report from the Historic Preservation Commission and Architectural Review Board on the Demolition and Replacement Construction at 216 Wilmuth Avenue Located in the Village Historic District: Mr. Gene Allison, Chair of the Architectural Review Board,

presented a verbal report to Council. The Historic Preservation Commission and the Architectural Review Board met jointly on February 17, 2021 to consider, and to provide City Council comments on, the demolition of a carport and replacement construction located at 216 Wilmuth Avenue. This property is located in the Village Historic District, is considered contributing to the District, and is subject to Chapter 1336 of the Codified Ordinances, which governs alteration of Historic Properties. The joint membership reviewed the application and the HPC-ARB voted unanimously that per Section 1336.04(b)(1), the existing carport does not have historical significance, and thus recommend that City Council approve the demolition application and proposed replacement construction for 216 Wilmuth Avenue.

Mr. Delgado moved to adopt the report. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the Report from the Historic Preservation Commission and Architectural Review Board on the Demolition and Replacement Construction at 216 Wilmuth Avenue Located in the Village Historic District carried with all voting yes.

D. Public Hearing on the Demolition and Replacement Construction at 216 Wilmuth Avenue Located in the Village Historic District: Mayor Hoffmeister opened the public hearing. Having received no comments, Mayor Hoffmeister closed the public hearing.

E. Motion to Approve the Demolition and Replacement Construction at 216 Wilmuth Avenue Located in the Village Historic District: Mr. Delgado moved to approve the application. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. There being no questions or comments, the motion to approve the Application for the Demolition and Replacement Construction at 216 Wilmuth Avenue Located in the Village Historic District carried with all voting yes.

NEW BUSINESS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA:

No items were received.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. O'Reilly applauded Ms. Bason for the work she has done over the many years for the city.

Ms. Stankorb Taylor announced the Freebox Free-for-All weekend event is April 10 and 11. If you have junk items to get rid of you can post a photo to this Facebook group and people will come and pick-up your items from your porch. For UpCycle day, more info is being prepared to be advertised, and many volunteers are needed and can contact her to sign up.

Mr. LeRoy mentioned that the announcement was recently made that the Family Aquatic Center will be open this year and Rusty made a promotional video which can be

found on the City's YouTube channel. The video's title is "Who Wants to Go Swimming?" As he mentioned previously, a new Physical Therapy office has opened in the community and he encouraged residents to use Drayer Physical Therapy in the community. The tennis court reconstruction will begin June 1 and should take approximately two months to complete. Lastly, Mr. LeRoy commented that there have been a couple of people that have asked him if City Council will begin meeting in person again. He was unsure if there has been any discussion about this yet or anything that can be shared yet. Mayor Hoffmeister suggested that this be added to the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion to determine what everyone has to say about it.

Mr. Green wished everyone a happy early Passover and Easter holiday.

Ms. Averett reported that the Urban Forestry & Beautification Commission is planning its first Garden Tour which will be held on May 23. There will be 8-10 gardens around the city that people can visit and learn about how to make their own gardens more beautiful. She stated that, as far as meeting in person, she has been vaccinated and believes most states are moving along quickly in this endeavor. She suggested that everyone should be vaccinated before meeting in person.

Mayor Hoffmeister asked everyone to be safe and to look out for their neighbors.

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT MEMBERS:

All members were present, there were none to excuse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There were no items for Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

Mr. O'Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stankorb Taylor seconded the motion. By roll call vote, the motion to adjourn the meeting carried with all voting yes. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Martin, Executive Assistant

Karen Zeilman, Clerk of Council

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, Mayor