

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Lohnes in the absence of President Garnes at 6:00 P.M. Councilman Lohnes then gave the invocation and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Kris Bugara, Sheila Cherry (6:08), James Edwards, Cindy King, Edward Lohnes, Jack Madison and Phillip Mastroianni present.

Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were distributed electronically to all members prior to the meeting. Noting a correction on the date and no additional additions, deletions or corrections as seen by Council Members. Minutes were received and filed as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Memorandum from Mayor Grove RE: Historic Preservation Commission Landmark Designation

Motion and second to receive and file all communications tendered to the Clerk. Roll Call Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Mayor Grove:** Reviewed his Memorandum regarding Historic Preservation Commission Landmark Designation and asked Council to designation 404 Overlook as a Historic Landmark

Motion and Second to Designation of 404 Overlook as Historic Landmark property. Roll Call: Unanimous. **MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION OF ALL MEMBERS.**

Updated Council on progress of Meijer and New Dollar General also updated on the Mount Union Gateway project. Stated to Council that he is looking to economic development through growth in the City.

**Safety Service Director Dreger:** Updated on progress on demolition of the old Alliance Museum / Lutheran Church on East Cambridge. Clean up is done and demolition is beginning.

Updated Council on Paving progress.

Reviewed Ordinances 076-23 and stated that action is needed for the to be submitted.

Councilman Edwards asked about another blighted property and Director Dreger stated City has ownership and working on adding it to demolition list.

Councilwoman King asked if the officers involved in the officer involved shooting and on administrative leave are receiving counseling. Law Director Weyer stated that they are.

**Law Director Weyer:** Update Council on the Officer involved Shooting and the release of information at this point.

**Auditor Knowles:** No formal report.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Streets and Alleys: Bugara:** No formal report

**Properties and Lands: Cherry:** No formal report.

**Utilities: Edwards:** No formal report.

**Community Development: King:** No formal report.

**Finance: Lohnes:** No formal report but noted the committee will be holding an upcoming meeting to address financial issues and fiscal watch recovery

**Safety and Judiciary: Madison:** No formal report

**Planning Zoning and Housing: Mastroianni:** No formal report.

**Public Speaks: Jeremy Rhome** of 63 E. Broadway RE: Fire Department EMS and pending unfair labor practice filing by the administration.

**THIRD READINGS:** None

**SECOND READINGS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance No. 076-23:** Introduced by: Madison: An Ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service to apply for an Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) grant and enter into agreements as required to accept this grant; and declaring an emergency. Motion and Second to waive the rule requiring three readings. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion and second to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. **ADOPTED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**Councilman Bugara:** Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman Cherry:** Need a workshop to start dialog on EMS before current contract runs out and we are in the same position again.

**Councilman Edwards:**. Nothing to add.

**Councilwoman King:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Lohnes:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Madison:** Nothing to add.

**Councilman Mastroianni** Nothing to add.

**President Garnes:** Absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Noting no further business to come before this Council, President Pro Tem Lohnes adjourned the meeting at 6:15P.M.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:**

**Ordinance 076-23    ADOPTED**

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**EDWARD LOHNES,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

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**GERARD T. YOST,  
COUNCIL CLERK**