

MINUTES

Niles City Council held its regular meeting of November 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers Safety-Service Complex in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Marino, and the Clerk; Linda A. Yuhasz called the roll:

Lastic-P; Papalas-P; Giancola-P; McCormick-A; Stredney-P; Merlo-P; Wilkerson-P; Marino-P

It was moved by Councilman Stredney, seconded by Councilman Lastic to excuse the absence of Councilman McCormick. Motion carried.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Merlo to accept the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 2011 and place them on file. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM Governor Kasich

A letter to confirm receipt of Resolution No. 31-11

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic to accept the letter and place it on file.

Motion carried.

FROM The Township of Weathersfield

Resolution 102-2011

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Giancola to accept the report and place it on file.

Motion carried.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Jean Waris of 925 Youngstown Warren Road, Niles expressed her gratitude to a city administration that works together for the betterment of the community. She told city council some facts of human trafficking and how within five years the sale of human beings is going to surpass the sale of illegal drugs. She challenged everyone at the council meeting to sit down and talk to her and let her educate you on the issue of human trafficking. Mr. Dull, Chief Hinton, Mayor Infante and Councilman Stredney all have Jean's contact information if needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. __ (Draft No. 59-11)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Wilkerson to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 59-11 has been adopted on the 16th day of November, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. ___(Draft No. 60-11)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE UPDATED MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Merlo to suspend the rules requiring three readings.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 60-11 has been adopted on the 16th day of November, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO.__(Draft No. 61-11)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO THE REFUNDS ACCOUNT IN THE INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 61-11 has been adopted on the 16th day of November, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO.__(Draft No. 62-11)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TRUMBULL COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Lastic to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

Mayor Infante told council that himself, Mr. Hess, Mr. Dull and Mr. Nader will assist in the transfer of NiTTS to the transit board and will provide technical assistance to the board for 12 months.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Papalas, seconded by Stredney that this Draft be adopted.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 62-11 has been adopted on the 16th day of November, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO.__(Draft No. 63-11)

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE TERMINATION OF THE CITY'S STATUS AS A DESIGNATED RECIPIENT OF URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM ASSISTANCE, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY FOR SAID TERMINATION

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Papalas to suspend the rule requiring three readings.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Merlo, seconded by Wilkerson that this Draft be adopted.

Mr. Hess explained to council that it is necessary for the City to terminate its status as a Designated Recipient of Urbanized Area Formula Program Assistance so that the City of Warren, the original designee, may designate Trumbull County as the Designated Recipient. He told council that this system has grown to the point that it should be a county-managed system and not a city-managed system. Mr. Hess thanked council for all their help.

President Marino thanked Mr. Hess on behalf of city council for all his tireless efforts and thanked the Mayor for being a visionary leader and getting the NiTTS off the ground.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 63-11 has been adopted on the 16th day of November, 2011.

RESOLUTION NO.__(Draft No. 64-11)

A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE PROCEDURE FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN FOR STREET NUMBERING PURPOSES AS 101 THIRD STREET, OWNED BY SADIA SINDHU, FROM B-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO R-A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Lastic that this Draft be adopted.

Councilman Papalas: I see no representative or the real estate agent here tonight, were they notified that this Draft was being presented tonight?

Mr. Vigorito: Not that I know of.

Councilman Papalas: Why didn't we notify them?

Mayor Infante and President Marino both said that they will be notified when this Draft goes back to the Planning Commission. Councilman Papalas wanted them notified sooner so they would get in touch with the City sooner.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

This Draft has been adopted on the 16th day of November, 2011.

It was moved by Councilman Stredney, seconded by Wilkerson to place Draft No. 65-11 on the agenda for a first reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO.__(Draft No. 65-11)

AN ORDINANCE SUBDIVIDING THE CITY INTO WARDS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 731.06; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Wilkerson to give this Draft a first reading.

Councilman Wilkerson scheduled a public meeting on Friday, November 25, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center for the purpose of sharing and soliciting input on the redistricting of the city wards. He said that all four ward councilmen will be in attendance.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 65-11 has received a first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

Mayor Infante thanked city council for all its support with the busing system.

President Marino scheduled an organizational meeting with council for committee assignments after the December 21, 2011 meeting.

Councilman Wilkerson thanked Law Director Dull for his cooperation with Draft No. 65-11 and Mr. Vigorito for his help with cars parking in the old Burlington's Coat Factory parking lot.

It was moved by Merlo, seconded by Wilkerson to adjourn the meeting.

Linda A. Yuhasz, Clerk of Council

Robert Marino Jr., President of Council

