

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday February 7, 2022 at 6PM
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President John Torma **called to order** this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council at 6:00PM. The call of the roll was recorded as follows:

First Ward Council member Tom Beagle:	present
Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl:	present
Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer:	present
Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett:	not present
Council member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council Member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council member At-Large Robert Nizer Jr.:	present

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

Council President Torma **entertained a motion to excuse** Mr. Barrett from this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council. **Moved** by Mr. Kreefer and **seconded** by Mr. Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

Council member Kerr led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

MINUTES-CORRECT:

Council President Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from Monday January 3, 2022 as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Council President Torma **entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted.**
Moved by Council member Kerr and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Craig Stowers, 949 Denver Street addressed a re-zoning issue with council members. Mr. Stowers, who owns rental property in the area of his complaint, stated that a company was in the process of getting zoning permits to open a drug rehabilitation, walk in drug administration program at 231 W. 7th Street. Mr. Stowers stated he was not in favor of this business being allowed to open in a neighborhood setting and suggested to Council they pass an ordinance dealing with this issue.

Stowers further stated that un-desirables would then be drawn to the area for treatment, and that crime in that neighborhood would increase as a result of this proposed treatment center opening at that location.

Carolyn Hager, 2484 Stagecoach Road, addressed council with her concerns regarding a zoning request made by Six Recycling. Six is requesting a Special Exemption to the zoning certificate permit to allow the former Hall China company, which Six now owns, to be operated as a recycling center.

Ms. Hager, who owns rental property in the area, urged council members to contact the Zoning Board members and let them know the majority of neighbors are against such a business being located at that site, primarily because residential housing is located adjacent to the proposed recycling center, with property values suffering because of the industrial work to be done on the property.

Hager also emphasized that the roadway is not wide enough to accommodate the increase in truck traffic that should occur with the opening of the recycling center and she also passed out to members visual evidence (pictures) to her claim.

Rita Evans, 1839 Harvey Avenue stated she was not in favor of allowing a recycling center at the former Hall China Complex, echoing many if not all of Ms. Hagers comments and concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

There were no Communications or Petitions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 5pm February 23, 2022 in chambers.

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee: , Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee made no report, but promised future meetings after speaking to all department heads.

Recreation and Ordinance Committee: Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report, but indicated he would be having monthly meetings of the committee.

Street / Lands and Buildings Committee: Scott Barrett, Chair of the Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee was excused.

Safety / Rules Committee: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee reported the committee met at 4pm, February 1, 2022 with all committee members present as well as the Law Director and the auditor.

Mr. Kreefer reported the committee took up going over all the rules of city council, with Kreefer highlighting the the effective time frames of legislation passed under suspension of the rules as compared to being passed under emergency measure.

Mr. Kreefer also updated council regarding the continuing issues with storm water and waste water run-off in the outer St. Clair Ave. area.

Finance / Labor Committee: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee requested, in the form of a **motion**, that the proposed ordinance, labeled number 9 on the agenda, an ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 69, 2013, **be tabled** due to lack of information. Mr. Kerr **seconded** the motion. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Rayl reported the committee met at 3pm, Tuesday February 1, 2022 in chambers with all committee members present as well as several elected officials, department heads and the print media. Please see attached. Mr. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council the following 13 items.

1. An ordinance to pay vendors.
2. An ordinance to purchase meters and chemicals.
3. An ordinance to creat a new fund, line items and appropriations for the workforce Development grant.
4. An ordinance to replace Ordinance Number 26, 2021.
5. An ordinance to allocate the cost to the enterprise departments.
6. An ordinance to appropriate the carry over encumbrances.

7. An ordinance to allow the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Development for a for local administration of a housing revolving loan fund.
8. An ordinance authorizing the County Land Bank to file an application with the State of Ohio to participate in the Brownfield Fund.
9. An ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 69, 2013. (Tabled)
10. A resolution in support of the city's efforts to obtain funding from the State of Ohio to develop the Broadway Wharf and downtown vision plan.
11. A resolution in support of the city in it's efforts to obtain funding from the State of Ohio for use in residential blight remediation.

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday, March 1, 2022 in chambers.

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Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee made no report, but did advise a plan to have monthly meetings was in the works.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF OF POLICE: Police Chief John Lane lamented the fact that only three people were signed up to take the police test.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief William Jones made his year-end report. Please see attached.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT: Water Superintendent Robert Wright was not present.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Sewer Department head Paul McCartney was not present.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT: Street Superintendent Jason Jackson made no report.

HOUSING INSPECTOR: Housing Inspector Kayla Crawl was not present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: City Planning Director William Cowan was not present.

OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Charles Payne made no report.

CITY AUDITOR: City Auditor Marilyn Bosco made no report.

INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT: Tax Commissioner Linda Harpold was not present.

CITY TREASURER: Treasurer Deborah Fickes was not present.

OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY: Service / Safety Director David Dawson gave his year-end report. Please see attached.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Gregory Bricker commented on the loss's of Judge Frank and Dispatcher Hoffman as a tough way to start out the new year. The Mayor also thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the meeting.

The Mayor gave his year-end report. Please see attached.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL IN IT'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FOR USE TO DEVELOP A DOWNTOWN AND BROADWAY WHARF VISION PLAN.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Resolution Number 1, 2022 duly passed as read.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL IN IYS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FOR USE IN RESIDENTIAL BLIGHT REMEDIATION.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Resolution Number 2, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY CERTAIN VENDORS WHO SUPPLIED GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE CITY WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OR AUTHORIZATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 1, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN METERS, CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY

WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS FOR 2022 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 2, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO CREAT A NEW FUND, CREAT NEW LINE ITEMS AND MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
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Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 3, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE ORDINANCE NUMBER 26, 2021, THE WAGES AND BENEFITS OF THE NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO, COUNTY OF COLUMBIANA.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 4, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOCATE THE COSTS TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER, REFUSE AND RECYCLING AND STORM WATER FUNDS FOR INDIRECT BILLING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS PER THE COST ALLOCATION STUDY FOR 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 5, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE CARRY-OVER ENCUMBRANCES FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND TO ADD THE AMOUNTS TO THE CURRENT YEAR (2022) APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
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Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 6, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF A HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 7, 2022 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBIANA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BROWNFIELD FUND.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	comment:

Mr. Rayl commented that after speaking to Mr. Kreefer regarding this proposal, it was his wish that this proposal went through three readings. Rayl explained that Mr. Kreefer felt that some of the Maryland Street school could be saved from demolition and re-purposed to the benefit of the city. Rayl furthered that Mr. Kreefer had done some extensive investigating, having spoken to the Land Bank, Tetra Tech and contractors, and had convinced him that saving some of the building was worth exploring.

Mayor Bricker disagreed with that assessment and pointed out that saving a portion of the building would actually increase the cost of demolition. The Mayor then reminded members that the Brownfield Fund money was also attached to the razing of 606 Dresden Avenue and too delay the Maryland Avenue project would also delay the Dresden Avenue project.

Mr. Kerr then extrapolated that three readings, without a special meeting, would push passage, or not, into April.

Mr. Kreefer commented that he had spoken to all the parties involved and that he was under the opinion that any delay in the process would not hurt the either project. Kreefer also stated it was his desire to have another contractor give their opinion.

There was some discussion about calling a special meeting and a back and forth on the viability of the projects if delayed. Mr. Kerr seemed leery about delaying the project due to the fact that both buildings are an attractive nuisance and a danger to the community.

The Clerk reminded members that they were in the middle of Mr. Rayl's vote for First Reading.

Mr. Kreefer indicated that he always wants to do what's best for the city and dropped his opposition to passing this proposal tonight under Suspension of the Rules.

Mr. Rayl: yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma declared Ordinance Number 8, 2022 duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked everyone who came to the meeting, especially the Boy Scouts.

At-Large Council member Robert Nizer Jr. thanked all those who came out and thanked everyone for welcoming him to city council.

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr thanked the Boy Scouts for showing up, and praised the water Department employees for all the hard work over the last few weeks and applauded Mr. kreefer for his efforts.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett was excused.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer commented that regarding the Maryland Avenue project, indicating was his feeling that part of the building could be used for a car barn for the Street Department and part for a training center for the fire department. Kreefer also said that if another contractor looks at the project and says its not worth it, then he would apologize. Kreefer stated it was a fact that we cannot afford to replace what we are tearing down and the Street Department employees deserve a better place to work.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl thanked the scouts and everyone who came out, and stated he still felt Kreefer's suggestion was still viable.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanks to all who came out and all the good information he has received.

Council President Torma thanked the scouts for coming out, thanked Chief Lane, Chief Jones mayor and service director for all the work they put in, and thanked the fire departments ambulance crew for assisting in a personal matter.

Torma went on to encourage all members to call the zoning board members and express their opinions on the recycling plant, for which he in not in favor.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Torma entertained a motion to Adjourn. **Motion** was made by Council member Rayl.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT