

On Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 6:01 p.m., the Dayton City Commission met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mims called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Turner-Sloss gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mims led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken, and Mayor Mims, Commissioners Joseph, Shaw, Fairchild and Turner-Sloss were present. The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Regina Blackshear and the City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2023, meeting. Commissioner Fairchild seconded the motion. The previous meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Communication #21768

Handout - Commission Meeting - Grand Place Senior Housing

Communication #21769

Handout - Work Session - Finance Briefing Committee

Communication #21770

Handout - Petition in support of C1 Liquor Permit - Check Your Head LLC

Communication #21771

Letter – from Fairfield Homes, Inc. – RE: Stratford Place Apartments

Communication #21772

State of Ohio, Department of Liquor Control – Permit Application No. 7308480 – New –D5- Reserve On Third LLC, 452 East Third Street, Dayton OH 45402.

The Clerk of Commission reported receipt of – Permit Application No.7308480 – New –D5- Reserve On Third LLC, 452 East Third Street, Dayton OH 45402. The application was referred through the city for investigation.

Communication #21773

Citizen Comments – FUSUS Technology

Communication #21774

Letter – Redwood Housing Partners – RE: Oregon Towers

Communication #21775

State of Ohio, Department of Liquor Control – Permit Application No.

1998001 – New- D5– Dayton Shipping Company Operations LLC, 800 E First Street, Dayton OH 45402.

The Clerk of Commission reported receipt of – Permit Application No.1998001 – New –D5- Dayton Shipping Company Operations LLC, 800 E First Street, Dayton OH 45402. The application was referred through the city for investigation.

Communication #21776

Letter – Miami Valley Housing Opportunities – RE: Beacon Place

SPECIAL AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

There were no awards or presentations.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE CALENDAR

The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Regina Blackshear, requested the addition Emergency Resolution No. 6707-23- Objecting To The Issuance Of Liquor Permit Number 562414, Mathanakeri Spears Management LLC dba Grooming Lounge With Bar, 2319 E Third Street, Dayton OH 45403. She also asked for the addition of Informal Resolution No. 1001-23- Acknowledging the Catastrophic Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria.

DISCUSSION OF CALENDAR ITEMS

Calendar Item No. 2. Go Sustainable Energy LLC-Service Agreement

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the agreement is for solar panels at the Kitty Hawk golf course and will have significant cost savings and impact for water distribution.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss said she is very excited to see the item on the calendar and looks forward to the information that is to come.

Commissioner Joseph thanked the sustainability staff for their work on this calendar item.

Calendar Item No. 6. Peterson Construction Company - Contract Modification

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, said the bulk of the expense for the contract is for equipment, materials, and site work. She said the guaranteed maximum price is a structure that helps drive costs down because they can lump activities together.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss said she looks forward to active engagement with the Human Relations Council.

Calendar Item No. 11. Ordinance No. 32022-23 Appropriating Funds for the Year 2023 to Provide for Operating and Capital Expenses of Various Offices, Departments, and Divisions of the Government of the City of Dayton.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss said that although they have had a long and difficult budget process, she is taking the time to review all the information. She said she appreciates the opportunity to have the budget proposal vetted and reviewed before the second reading of the ordinance.

Commissioner Fairchild asked about the \$50K that was added to the budget for the Gem City Ice Cream Building. He wanted to know the total amount of the expenditure.

Ms. Dickstein said the total amount for the item would be \$308K.

Commissioner Fairchild said he is trying to reconcile that they were able to add \$87K to remove honeysuckle but not able to fund the BTA program.

Resolution No. 6706-23 - Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Funding Consideration by the United States Department of Transportation under the

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program.

Commissioner Shaw said the City of Dayton will be submitting a RAISE Grant request to the U.S Department of Transportation which is due on February 28, 2023. He said they are aggressively pursuing this for strategic economic and community development purposes. The opportunity compresses different funding cycles into one cycle to speed up the process. Commissioner Shaw said the program leverages economic investment of the downtown area to accelerate the opportunities, improve connectivity, and accessibility for the West Dayton community which is a priority.

Commissioner Shaw said he is excited about the work and he thanked everyone involved for applying and integrating the City of Dayton’s vision for livable streets that create value for Dayton neighborhoods which is a critical goal for the City Commission.

Calendar Item No. 5. Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation-Service Agreement

Commissioner Joseph said in the agreement there is money allocated towards neighborhood revitalization to reduce blight and revitalize houses.

REPORTS

**1. Purchase Orders, Agreements and Contracts:
(All contracts are valid until delivery is complete or through December 31st of the current year).**

AVIATION

A1. Apex Mechanical Systems, Inc. (annual boiler inspection including maintenance and repair services as needed through 12/31/26) **\$160,000.00**

POLICE

B1. A E David’s Uniform Company (police uniforms and related items) **\$69,360.86**

PUBLIC WORKS

C1. Gem City Tools dba Dayton Tool Crib (tractor and mower parts, supplies and related items as needed through 12/31/23) **40,000.00**

C2. Valley Asphalt Corporation (asphalt paving material and related items as needed through 12/31/23) **32,000.00**

WATER

D1. Stalk and Awe Geese Management Services (prevent wildlife from nesting and returning to the City’s Reclamation Plant as needed through 12/31/25) **\$42,000.00**

D2. Vesco Oil Corporation (Mobil oil as needed through 12/31/26) **80,000.00**

D3. The Safety Company LLC dba M Tech Company (confined space training and certification as needed through 12/31/25)

36,000.00

-Depts of Aviation, Police, Public Works and Water. **Total: \$459,360.86**

2. **Go Sustainable Energy LLC – Service Agreement** – to assist with the RFP process and contract negotiations to obtain solar photovoltaic (PV) at the city’s Kittyhawk golf course location – City Manager’s Office.

\$61,050.00

(Thru 02/01/26)

3. **The Kleingers Group – Contract Modification** – to perform surveying services on additional properties impacted by the proposed design of the North Main Street Safety Improvement project – Public Works/Civil Engineering.

\$11,000.00

(Thru 12/31/26)

4. **Michael Baker International, Inc. – Service Agreement** – Dayton Recovery Plan – Curb and Sidewalk Assessment Consulting Services (15% MBE Participation Goal/9% MBE & 6.9% WBE Participation Achieved) - Department of Public Works/Civil Engineering.

\$450,000.00

(Thru 12/31/25)

5. **Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation – Service Agreement** – to provide acquisition services for vacant and underutilized property along commercial corridors and in residential neighborhoods – Department of Planning, Neighborhoods and Development/Development

\$850,000.00

(Thru 12/31/24)

6. **Peterson Construction Company – Contract Modification** – for change order number 2, Phase II Preconstruction Services and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) #1 for the Early Work Package of the Anaerobic Digester Project – Department of Water/Water Reclamation.

\$21,102,212.00

(Thru 12/31/23)

7. **Charles F. Jergens Construction, Inc. – Contract Modification** – first amendment to professional services agreement for the removal of unanticipated underground debris found in adjacent parcels during the salvage and demolition of 1005 W Third Street - Department of Planning, Neighborhoods and Development/Housing and Inspections.

\$150,000.00

(Thru 05/30/23)

C. Revenue to the City:

8. **Sinclair Community College – Other** – Joint Use Agreement with Sinclair Community College – Department of Aviation/AP Admin and Finance.

\$246,250.00

E. Other – Contributions, etc.:

9. **LexisNexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. – Other** – Accurint Virtual Crime Center Online Subscription Services – Department of Police/Support Services. **\$39,225.00**
(Thru 02/28/24)

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS ON CALENDAR ITEMS:

There were no citizen comments on calendar items.

APPROVAL OF CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS

Commissioner Joseph made the motion to approve the City Manager’s Reports. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The City Manager’s Reports were approved with a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Mims, Commissioners Joseph, Shaw, Fairchild and Turner-Sloss.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Ordinance No. 32021-23- Consenting to the Resurfacing of MOT SR 201 SLM 2.04 to 3.76 & SR 202 SLM 2.06 to 4.37 with Asphalt Concrete and MOT SR 835 SLM 0.02 to 0.61 with Super Pave Asphalt Including a Portion of SR 202 in the City of Dayton, and Agreeing to Cooperate in Matters Incidental Thereto, Including the Execution of Agreement Necessary to Implement this Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 32022-23- Appropriating Funds for the Year 2023 to Provide for Operating and Capital Expenses of Various Offices, Departments, and Divisions of the Government of the City of Dayton.

RESOLUTION – FIRST READING

Resolution No. 6706-23- Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Funding Consideration by the United States Department of Transportation under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program.

THESE ITEMS WERE ADDED

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION – FIRST AND SECOND READING

Emergency Resolution No. 6707-23- Objecting To The Issuance Of Liquor Permit Number 562414, Mathanakeri Spears Management LLC dba Grooming Lounge With Bar, 2319 E Third Street, Dayton OH 45403, and Declaring an Emergency.

Commissioner Joseph moved that this being an emergency measure for the immediate consideration of the Resolution. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Mims, Commissioners Joseph, Shaw, Fairchild and Turner-Sloss. The question being shall Emergency Resolution No. 6707-23 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Mims, Commissioners Joseph, Shaw, Fairchild and Turner-Sloss. The Emergency Resolution was adopted.

INFORMAL RESOLUTION

Informal Resolution No. 1001-23- Acknowledging the Catastrophic Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria.

Commissioner Fairchild made a motion to adopt Informal Resolution No. 1001-23. Commissioner Joseph seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 5-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Mims, Commissioners Joseph, Shaw, Fairchild and Turner-Sloss. The Informal Resolution was adopted.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Joseph made a motion to appoint Jean de Dieu Mukunzi, Chen Shterenbach and Jorge Gerardo Pamirez Piedra to the Welcome Dayton Committee for a term ending December 31, 2025. Commissioner Turner-Sloss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Fairchild made a to appoint Nikol Miller to the Human Relations Council Board for a term ending August 31, 2026. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mims opened the Public Hearing regarding Fusus Technology. He asked Ms. Dickstein to proceed. Ms. Dickstein invited Major Paul Saunders, Dayton Police Department, to present.

Major Saunders said when looking for new technology they look for the benefits of real time crime monitoring which includes crime prevention, evidence gathering, quicker response times, improved public safety, enhanced community involvement, and improved situational awareness.

Major Saunders said Fusus will streamline emergency and incident management by fusing all community video assets into a single platform, enable real-time crime centers to efficiently gather intelligence, and provide first responders with the tools to efficiently monitor and rapidly respond to evolving situations.

Major Saunders said Fusus panic alert is an App with a based panic alert button, alerts are geolocated in FususOne, and cameras can be automatically activated in the vicinity of a panic alert and accessed via FususOne and FususOPS.

Major Saunders said Fusus Registry saves time and enables investigations by creating a map of all the public and private security cameras in a location. He said when an incident occurs, investigators can use the registry to easily locate and reach out to all the camera owners in the vicinity and request video footage.

Major Saunders said the FususCore appliance can be dropped onto any public or private video network to have access to live streaming video feeds. He said the core appliance is compatible with a wide range of IP security cameras and is controlled and configured remotely using the FususCore dashboard.

Major Saunders said the question was raised how he was having engagement meetings without having an impact report. He said the ordinance requires a 30-day notice of a hearing. He said within a day they have to issue an impact report which has to include public commentary and concerns. Major Saunders said when the impact report is complete the engagement is ongoing. He invited Mr. John Bourne, Former Director of Public Safety for the State of Ohio to the podium for an overview.

Mr. Bourne said there are four agencies in Montgomery County participating in the pilot program. He said Montgomery County was chosen because it is diverse i.e., urban, suburban, and rural and the collaboration is already in place. He said the main purpose of the pilot program is to determine if its effective and if it works. Mr. Bourne said there is no cost to participating agencies. He said they did an 18-month competitive search for the right vendor. He said Fusus was selected as the vendor and is currently under contract through the Ohio Attorney General's office.

Mr. Bourne said the measurement of work falls into two categories first, does the integration work, does it actually operate as advertised, and the second is the effectiveness, will it improve safety and solve crime. He said after the pilot program they will work with the City of Dayton to get an evaluation.

Major Saunders said the City Commission has three decisions options they may approve or deny the use of the technology, or they may propose modifications to the use policy for the technology.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss thanked Major Saunders for his detailed presentation and Mr. Bourne for his overview. She said in order for her support of the pilot program she wants to make sure they are in compliance with the ordinance and that they have the necessary safeguards in place.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss said she believes some areas are missing. She asked about the overall adverse impact on black and brown communities and for clarification, if approved, that it will be for the pilot program only.

Major Saunders said there is no indication of the impact on the black and brown communities. He said it is not uncommon for the black and brown communities to share their videos with police. He said he doesn't believe there is an adverse impact on those communities.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss asked about the cost for the pilot program.

Major Saunders said the cost of the trial program will be zero, but he doesn't know the cost, should they continue the technology.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss asked if the cost is \$250K as stated by Mr. Bourne and if it is, why wasn't it reflected in the report that the Ohio Attorney General is providing this program at zero cost to the City of Dayton.

Major Saunders said that is the cost, but he doesn't have the details on what it entails.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss asked for clarification of what they are asking for. She asked if they were asking for approval of the technology only.

Major Saunders said yes that they would have to come back before the City Commission to ask for the purchase of the technology.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss thanked him and said she wanted it noted for the record that they are only approving the technology as a free pilot and not a purchase. She said for her to support this project and the use of the technology they need to make sure the questions raised by residents are addressed, safeguards are in place, and that they are following the language of the ordinance. She said they are not in a position to approve the technology, but she is willing

to support the pilot program with the understanding that once the data is collected and it says that the technology is effective then another conversation will be had.

Commissioner Fairchild said if they are approving the pilot program then they are within the realm of the Ordinance because a cost analysis is done, but beyond the pilot, he believes they would be outside the ordinance. He said he encourages the City Commission to approve the pilot program and then review the information for its effectiveness.

Commissioner Fairchild asked about the statement that says surveillance does not reduce crime.

Major Saunders said its not a question of whether the technology is effective and that is why they are asking for approval. He said he was involved in the development of the ordinance and that the idea behind it is that they would be providing information to the City Commission and the community.

Commissioner Fairchild asked about the businesses where Fusus is being use and what percentage of businesses gives pre-approval versus selective approval.

Major Saunders said he doesn't know.

Commissioner Fairchild asked about the threshold of critical incident. He said it could be set too high and have very few critical incidents or too low and have too many incidents. He said that will be key in the pilot program for useful information.

Major Saunders said the owner of the video determines what the video will be used for. He said the threshold will be very low.

Chief Afzal said having the technology of awareness is beneficial for his officers because this is one of the most dangerous cities. He said he doesn't believe that Commissioner Fairchild appreciates the work the police do.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss said that is unfair, misleading, and offensive to say he doesn't have an appreciation for police work. She said they are trying to get an understanding of the technology.

Commissioner Fairchild said when officers make decisions about what calls to answer, and sometimes they are never answered, and a dispatcher prioritizes the calls that are given to those officers, those are considered thresholds and if by talking about thresholds doesn't take officers safety into account, he said he doesn't know what to make of that when they do it all the time.

Commissioner Fairchild asked about disparate impact in policing and how it should be taken seriously around the issues of cultural competency, diversity, and the dismissive attitude.

Major Saunders said they are not dismissive. He said before they scheduled a community engagement meeting, they discussed whether the technology would have a disparate impact because the immigrant communities are who needs them the most.

Major Saunders asked how does getting live feeds about crimes happening in the city have an adverse impact on any of the members in the community.

Commissioner Fairchild said that posture is very frustrating for community members and the fact that he cannot see it and people in the community can feel it and experience it and have painful stories of the despair that occurs in policing through practices, policies and technology is very dismissive.

Commissioner Shaw said this is a pilot where they take a look at it evaluate it and tweak it if need be. He said its paid for by the Ohio Attorney General and is a gift. He said if bias is found they will tweak that as well.

Commissioner Joseph said they are one of a few cities in the country that have an ordinance and brings the information to the public and has a process to come together to see evidence to hear what is going to happen. He said the process included all kinds of people across the spectrum. He said it gave the City Commission complete control over whether they use it or not. Commissioner Joseph said it included two safety valves, first funding would need to come before the City Commission and second is a safety report.

Commissioner Joseph said it now time to review the language of the surveillance technology ordinance over what they are requiring as far as adverse impact disparate impact statement. He said they could be more detailed about what they are asking for and they should review their guidance guidelines.

Commissioner Joseph asked about the black boxes that will be used in the technology and which model will be used.

Major Saunders said it will go into a box that is like a DVR and how much video is stored and is contingent on how much video goes into it. He said some of the cameras might overwrite in seven days.

Commissioner Joseph said they should specifically ask for lifetime cost in the ordinance during the review.

Mayor Mims asked about the Ring technology and how often police look at it.

Major Saunders said citizens share their videos with them on a regular basis.

Mayor Mims thank Major Saunders for his presentation.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC HEARING

Citizen comments on the public hearing were received from the following:

1. **Ms. Destiny Brown, 130 W. 2nd St. Ste. 200E** – spoke in opposition of Fusus Technology.
2. **Mr. Gregg Epps, 129 Shoope Ave.** – spoke in support of Fusus Technology.
3. **Ms. Theresa Haire, 117 S. Main St.** – spoke in opposition of Fusus Technology.
4. **Ms. Lindy McDonough, 327 Sandalwood Dr.** – spoke in support of Fusus Technology.
5. **Mr. Marcus Bedinger, 146 N. Woodward Ave.** – spoke in opposition of Fusus Technology.

6. **Ms. Sandra Gudorg, 10 W. Second St.** – spoke in support of Fusus Technology.
7. **Ms. Jackie Patterson, 113 N. Upland Ave.** - spoke in support of Fusus Technology.

Mayor Mims closed the hearing.

The pleasure of the City Commission is to move forward.

Commissioner Joseph made a motion to move forward with the Fusus Technology. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. The question being shall the Dayton City Commission implement the Fusus Technology. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 3-2-0 vote. Voting in the affirmative were Mayor Mims, Commissioners Joseph and Shaw. Voting in the negative were Commissioners Fairchild and Turner-Sloss. The motion was passed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizen comments were received from the following:

1. **Mr. Youssef Elzein, 4906 Amberwood Dr.** – asked about a translator for the Arab American business owners. He spoke about Informal Resolution No. 1001-23- Acknowledging the Catastrophic Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria.
2. **Mr. Mirza Mirza, 1508 Valley St.** – spoke about Informal Resolution No. 1001-23- Acknowledging the Catastrophic Earthquakes in Turkey & Syria.
3. **Mr. Willie Feaster, No Address** – spoke about a incident with a student at Wogaman Middle School in the City of Dayton.

COMMENTS BY THE CLERK OF COMMISSION

The Clerk of Commission, Ms. Regina Blackshear, had no closing comments.

COMMENTS BY THE ACTING CITY MANAGER

The City Manager, Ms. Shelley Dickstein, had no closing comments.

COMMENTS BY THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Turner-Sloss

Commissioner Turner-Sloss said now that the Fusus Technology is in place, she hopes she will be able to work with Commission Joseph in regard to the impact report. She said she and Commission Fairchild support the use of Fusus Technology for the pilot program; however, there are concerns as it relates to not addressing safeguards that member of the community have brought to their attention.

Commissioner Turner-Sloss thanked presenters and citizens for voicing their concerns at the meeting.

Commissioner Fairchild

Commissioner Fairchild said Commissioner Joseph said the public hearing is painful; however, he said he didn't believe it was painful its what was anticipated, that they would have a full hearing. He said he appreciates him offering to work to perfect it.

Commissioner Fairchild thanked his colleagues for supporting the informal resolution for Turkey-Syria. He thanked Mr. Yousef for his leadership in the Arab American community.

Commissioner Fairchild encouraged everyone if they encountered someone for whom love is a stranger to be generous friends.

Commissioner Shaw

Commissioner Shaw said that the City of Dayton is welcoming community, and they grieve with the Arab American community on the devastation in Turkey-Syria. He said he wants to make sure there are translators in order to continue communicating with all citizens.

Commissioner Shaw highlighted Air camp, which is taking applications February 14, 2023, through April 15, 2023, at aircampusa.org/apply. He encouraged citizens to apply for the fourth through twelfth grade students.

Commissioner Shaw highlighted Safe Streets and Roads grant program. He said the City of Dayton is one of 14 recipients which come from the federal bipartisan infrastructure law and will pay for safety improvements on local roads.

Commissioner Joseph

Commissioner Joseph thanked citizen for sharing their concerns with the City Commission. He said they stand with the Arab America community and Turkey-Syria.

Mayor Mims

Mayor Mims thanked citizens for sharing their concerns with the City Commission.

Mayor Mims highlighted the raising of the Liberation Flag at City Hall in commemoration of Black History Month. He said it raised over the City of Dayton flag and not over the U.S. Flag.

Mayor Mims highlighted the passing of Dr. Arthur E. Thomas, Educator and President of Central State University.

Mayor Mims highlighted the State of the City at the Dayton Metro Library on February 8, 2023. He thanked all those who attended. Also the Sierra Nevada ribbon cutting, CareSource for bringing the Ambassador of Mongolia to Dayton, Ohio, Ohio Mayors Alliance,

Mayor Mims asked everyone to remain respectful during the City Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

WORK SESSION

A copy of prepared material has been recorded as Communication & Petition Number 21777 dated February 15, 2023.

The Dayton City Commission met in a Work Session on February 15, 2023, at 4:35 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting. Mayor Mims and Commissioners Shaw, Joseph, Fairchild and Turner-Sloss were present. Regina D. Blackshear, Clerk of Commission and Torey Hollingsworth, Director, City Commission office were also in attendance.

Ms. Shelley Dickstein, City Manager, Mr. Joseph Parlette, Deputy City Manager were present.

Mr. Robert Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer with the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) provided the commission with a service update. Mr. Ruzinsky stated that RTA maintained full service through the summer of 2021. He said the Fall of 2021, RTA cut low rider routes and some hours and in January of 2022, RTA went to a Saturday schedule six days a week, which amounted to about a 35% reduction in hours. Mr. Ruzinsky said in August of 2022, RTA went to the same service seven days a week (which increased Sunday hours by 45 percent).

Mr. Ruzinsky provided employment data. He said that RTA currently has 525 employees (there were 650 employees pre-COVID). He stated the 2022 RTA payroll was \$32,500,000 and the annual local payroll taxes were \$812,500.

Mr. Ruzinsky said the ridership mix has changed. He said pre-COVID-19 35-40 percent of the riders were office workers with mainly M-F and 9-5 type schedules which led RTA to provide more services during those times to meet the demand. He said those riders for the most part have not returned, with many now working from home long-term. Mr. Ruzinsky noted that today's riders work varied schedules seven days a week, and even holidays and that RTA has adjusted services accordingly. He stated that RTA currently runs about 75% of the services hours it ran pre-COVID-19 and the routes now run on the same schedule seven days a week (the Flyer is an exception). He said that RTA operates that same schedule on holidays. He said the same schedule seven days a week is easy for the customers to understand, and it makes the most productive use of their assets.

Mr. Ruzinsky said that monthly ridership peaked in October of 2019 at 902,501 with a sharp decline in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

Mr. Ruzinsky said that Sunday ridership has increase since May of 2022 where there was an average of 6,676 riders; June-July 2022 where there was free weekends, ridership grew to an average 8,423 and August-December 2022 where there was the same service seven days a week, ridership grew to 13, 028.

The Work Session concluded at 5:24p.m.

Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr.
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Commission