



City Council Special Meeting Minutes June 26th, 2018

A special meeting of Wickliffe City Council was called to order by Council President Edward Levon on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at Wickliffe City Hall.

The following were present at **Roll Call**:

Council President	Edward Levon
Council Members	Biondolillo, Bogo, Jaworski, Sakacs, Salotto
Mayor	John Barbish
Law Director	Scott J. Zele

The following were excused: Councilperson Koski

Reading of Memo

Clerk Fink read the memo (see attached).

Ordinance

Read by Law Director Zele

Ordinance No. 2018-25 An Ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio of a proposed removal of Article XI-Section 3 Mandatory Zoning Referendum of the Charter of the City of Wickliffe, Ohio *Third Reading*

Motion by Sakacs, seconded by Bogo, to adopt Ordinance 2018-25 as presented.

Discussion:

Mr. Biondolillo noted he wished to be proactive and did some additional research with regard to this item. He expressed his desire to have specific wording/procedures in place in order to better serve the community. He did not want to proceed with a yes/no vote without having a plan in place. He noted more time is needed. Councilperson Salotto questioned what Councilperson Biondolillo meant by putting this off, and he responded that more input is needed, noting he felt this was pushed through too fast.

Law Director Zele clarified regarding additional procedures could be put into place by ordinance; a change in the charter would not be necessary if this legislation was enacted.

Mayor Barbish noted he would be comfortable with the process if it was through ordinance as this would require more time for discussion. He would like to see this pass, as it is his objective to have it on the ballot this year. He noted a committee meeting could create new ordinances and involve Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission and even include a public hearing. He doesn't want to "miss the boat" on an opportunity if voters don't understand and would vote something down. He wishes for enough control and oversight, as he believes this will alleviate concerns.

Councilperson Salotto agreed that structure and time is necessary to go through several steps before a decision is made.

Councilperson Jaworski noted he understands the Mayor's concerns, but believes that the residents should be protected, and they should be a priority over developers. He believes this legislation takes away the voice of the residents, and has concerns similar to those of the Planning and Zoning Commissions, especially due to lack of a formalized plan for how this process will look.

Council President Levon also understands, but noted the majority of the Charter Review Commission members agreed to this legislation, and noted if it does not pass this time, it will need to be reviewed again.

He noted putting this on the ballot is a good idea to see if the voters have the same opinion, noting the voters are smart and should have the opportunity to decide. He disagrees with Mr. Bittence with regard to we rushed into this, since this has been read at four meetings and had been on the agenda since May 29th. Councilperson Salotto noted she believes the people should have a voice and agrees with Mr. Levon's comments.

Roll Call:

Yes: Levon, Sakacs, Salotto
No: Biondillo, Bogo, Jaworski
Motion failed.

Resolution

Read by Law Director Zele

Resolution No. 2018-17 A Resolution declaring intent to proceed with election of the question of an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation *Second Reading*

Adjournment

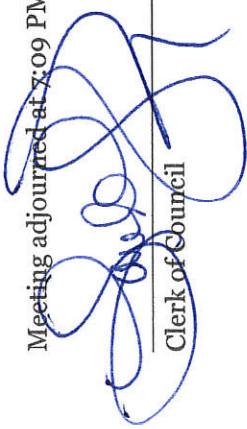
Motion by Biondillo, seconded by Sakacs, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:

Yes: Biondillo, Bogo, Jaworski, Levon, Sakacs, Salotto
No: None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.



Clerk of Council



Council President and Presiding Officer