

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO  
July 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the City Council Worksession was held Tuesday, July 18, 2023. President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:**

Present: President Rosso, Cizl, Kovach, Stark, Shaw, Wtulich, Gee, Mayor Bring, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Graves.  
Excused: Radeff, Finance Director Smith, Service Director Hastings.  
Attending: Citizens, media.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

\*\*\*\*\***COMMITTEES**\*\*\*\*\*

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**ROADS & DRAINS:** None. **SAFETY:** None. **BUILDINGS, LANDS, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT:** None. **ORDINANCE:** None. **FINANCE:** Councilman Cizl says there will be adjustments for the next meeting. **PARK BOARD:** None.

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**MAYOR:** Mayor Bring has no report. **SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Service Director Hastings is excused. **FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Finance Director Smith is excused. **LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Graves has no report.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Councilman Kovach says Community Days is this week and the parade is Thursday. I understand that someone has applied for a permit to protest during Community Days. That is acceptable, but this person does not have an application to be in the parade and therefore will not be able to participate in the parade. The deadline was July 3. The venue is not a free entity and Community Civic Council has paid rent to rent the venue. Therefore, the protestor will not be welcome on the venue's area. If needed, we will call law enforcement. They will be escorted to the surrounding parking lot area where they are free to protest. They can protest on the sidewalk, behind the shopping center, on Lake Breeze, by the boat launch and library. Councilwoman Gee says I want to remind everybody that Monday morning coffee will not be happening next Monday.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Rosso states we added discussing setting up an economic development committee to the agenda. In 95-97 there was a committee

called the economic development committee. It was setup in 95 and disbanded in 97. We do have an advisory board set up by charter. Councilman Shaw says I like both of these and I think merging both these and creating something similar or new would do the city good. There's a lot of talk of bringing in boat marinas, restaurants, etc. I think getting some sort of committee together to work on that is a great idea for the city. Mayor, is there an advisory board or did you appoint anybody to that? Mayor Bring replies not that I remember. Law Director Graves says when we first created it, but not currently. Councilman Shaw says spotlighting the little town we are in, we have the lake, we have great assets in the city, let's use them. I want to research what other lakefront cities do. Law Director Graves says we could do it either way. We could have a council committee that is just made up of council, or it could be a blended committee made up of council and residents. Councilman Shaw says I think blended would be best so we could all work together. Maybe we could get with the current owners of the shopping center and develop that, push them to get something in there. Mayor Bring says we did do a study with an engineering group and gave them the proposal and after looking at the cost, they denied it. President Rosso asks the area of the shopping center; didn't we make that area TIF or something? Law Director Graves replies it was designated for urban renewal. Councilman Shaw says with what took place on Friday, are we going to enter into some sort of Executive Session to discuss that further? President Rosso replies we can if council so wishes. \*Motion by Shaw/Second by Wtulich to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the discussion of pending litigation/complaints against public employees. ROLL CALL: Yeas: Stark, Wtulich, Shaw. Nays: Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Rosso. Motion denied.

Councilman Shaw declares his disdain for the vote. Councilwoman Gee states she thinks it is too soon to discuss with it being ongoing.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: Councils Agenda –**

**COUNCIL #025- THIRD READING-** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE SALE OF TWO VACANT LOTS KNOWN AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 03-00-038-120-017 AND 03-00-038-120-018 LOCATED ON MAPLEWOOD AVENUE AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** With no further business before this council, Motion by Kovach /Second by Wtulich to adjourn at 7:20pm. Yeas All.

**CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION:** This Meeting Of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

*Brandy Randolph*

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of WORKSESSION of July 18, 2023.

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MAYOR

*Dennis Bring*

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

*Rick Rosso*