

Amherst City Council met in a Regular Session under full compliance of State Law with President Wasilk opening the meeting at 7:00 P. M. Roll call:, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Dembinski, Ms. Harmych, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Nahorn, Mr. Janik Also present were Mayor Costilow, Deputy Auditor DeSan, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Lawrence, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Mayor Costilow, Assistant Law Director Ward, Deputy Treasurer Wood, and members of the public. Auditor Phillips had sent a letter that Deputy Auditor DeSan would be attending in her place. Mr. Heberling motioned to excuse Auditor Phillips. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 7-0 to excuse Mrs. Philips.

The Prayer was invoked by Chaplain Janik followed by the Pledge to the Flag led by Sergeant at Arms Dembinski.

Consent Agenda: The Clerk read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Heberling motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Voice vote 7-0 to accept the Consent Agenda as read.

Acknowledgement of the Public pertaining to items on the Agenda: There was no one speaking.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST READING:**

- (a) An Ordinance approving the final development plan for the proposed development of a portion of parcel No. 05-00-044-000-106 for the purpose of constructing an unheated storage building for use by North Coast Design Build, LLC. A-25-30

Mr. Heberling motioned to pass this on to its second reding. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Roll call vote 7-0 to pass to second.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS SECOND READING: NONE**

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THIRD READING: NONE**

Miscellaneous and acknowledgement of the public: Mr. John Sekletar of 378 Long Avenue is here this evening with a request to the city, Mayor and council members to support a project they are trying to attempt to do with Patron's Park. His son was repainting the murals a couple of months ago and said he had an idea. They would like to paint a run way, basically a walk way, in front of the mural wall. Mr. Sekletar presented drawings and a proposal to Council and Administration of the proposed painting of a walkway in front of the Mural Wall and Patriots Park. It would be 5' by 150' with two coats of paint on the walkway. This walkway will be between the Mural Wall and the parking lot. His son felt this would tie the mural wall and Patriots Park together and make it more than just a parking lot. He thought it was a good idea so they continued to pursue it. We had copies made and had a projection of what it would look like. He thought he'd go to the city to see if they can help out with this project. He has not asked the city for a penny since this project began. He would like to reach out to the city and if they would help us complete this project. He does not know how to formally do this in a form of a request. Mr. Heberling asked about the kind of materials that would be used. Mr. Sekletar was thinking of using a special paint and he spoke to that and named places it is used. He checked with Sherwin Williams and they stand by this paint and it lasts three years. Two coats would be applied. Mr. Nahorn felt it was a great plan. He asked about the cost of this project. Mr. Sekletar said his son could do this job if the city cannot do it. They have estimated \$650 for 5 gallons of paint and with man hours his son could do this whole job with the paint and labor for \$2,650. Mr. Dembinski said he would like to see the proposal. The proposal will be distributed to council but Mr. Sekletar read the proposal. Mayor Costilow said Mr. Sekletar did meet with the Superintendent of Utilities to discuss this. The Superintended noted that this is a parking lot, and he is worried about kids playing on this area, sitting on the grassy looking area and causing some problems. It could be a slipping hazard. We have not seen any information on this paint. We need to look at that. Also, there are plans on redoing that parking lot in the next couple of years. You put all that money in this proposed plan and then you have to tear it up and paint it again. The other concern that the engineer and Superintendent had was the upkeep and maintenance. Mr. Sekletar did find some paint that he says lasts three years, so what does that mean? We just don't know about it. He wants the engineer to look at and have Street Department think about it before jumping into this. The picture looks beautiful. He hopes Mr. Sekletar would have the engineers look at this, as well as the Street Department, rather than just jumping

into this. He said it looks beautiful and would be a nice addition; but the safety and maintenance need to be considered. Costs in the future is also something to think about. So maybe Mr. Sekletar needs to come to city hall and show us some more information and talk about this. And get a better idea when that parking lot will be done. Maybe there is some different asphalt that can be used. He hopes council does not to take any action until the city has a better time to look at this whole thing.

Scott Robinson of 675 West Martin said it's not going to be painting of the parking lot, but on the pavers. He is sure it has been used before. The hazard has never been an issue. But something to double check on. Mr. Sekletar said this paint is not a slippery paint. It's recommended by Sherwin Williams for blacktop. And concrete. They stand by their word. It will only be walked on. It will be foot traffic not cars. It will not affect the parking lot. It's five feet from the walkway and two feet from the curb. It will not affect anything with foot traffic. They use this paint at the Metroparks. He does not see why there would be issues with this and would be happy to address them. He has Sherwin Williams behind him 100%. He is satisfied with what they are getting and what they are giving at that price. He feels personally that the mural has made Amherst the destination point. He feels people come here and they see that. We are attempting to make this look even nicer and prettier. This would tie the whole thing together. He would like the city to work with them and get this accomplished. Veteran's Day is coming up and this would be great to have it done by that time. We have big plans for this Veteran's Day. He had given the Mayor a book called "395." It talks about the veterans killed in Vietnam who were from Ohio. It also mentions Patriots' Park and the Veterans' Mural. So we are on the map and he is proud of what we have done. This was done without going to the city and asking for money. We have done all this by collections and contributions. So he hopes the city would consider this little item, little compared to what they have done.

Mr. Nahorn said it sounds like a great plan. He loves the continued idea of beautifying this area. Because it is on city property, he would like our engineer to check everything. He would suggest getting that proposal together and submitting it to the Mayor. Mr. Sekletar asked if they would take care of doing this? Mr. Nahorn said they need to submit this to the Mayor's office. Mr. Sekletar repeated Mr. Nahorn's suggestion as to what he needs to do.

Mr. Winiarski asked if the Sherwin Williams paint information is provided by the Amherst location? Mr. Sekletar said the Amherst location was checking into it, but the information is from the Elyria location. They do this commercial grade stuff. But he spoke to them and they stand behind their product. Mr. Winiarski said he would like to take to someone from the Metroparks about this to get their input on this. Mr. Sekletar said he does not believe there is any issues about safety, but he would be willing to address them. Mr. Winiarski offered his help in any way he can help with.

Mr. Heberling had asked his previous question as far as the type of texture, is what he is familiar with is similar, if not the same thing, but it is more similar to sand. There is a lot more texture that will grip when people are walking on it that will be different than regular high gloss paint. He is in full support of this idea, even if we are going to be redoing the parking lot within two or three years. If the longevity if only going to be an estimated three years, he feels it kind of pays for itself. It looks good and down the road we can revisit and consider perhaps something like astroturf. He is in support as long as it's safe.

Mayor Costilow said all he is asking for that our Engineers get their hands on this and we will discuss this with our Superintendent of Utilities. We don't know enough about it. We have to worry about liabilities and make sure that it will work well and that it will last. He needs to get this to the Mayor's office and he will get it to the engineers. Our engineer is buried right now with work as we have three different city projects going on. He would not have high hopes to get this done by November. There is not enough time, especially government time and weather wise, to get this done. But he asked to get the information to him as soon as possible and he will have the engineer view it and see where we get with the proposed plan. Mr. Sekletar said that's why his son proposed that no city labor would be involved, he can do it all. Mayor Costilow said that is not the way government works. Mrs. Wasilk said because it's city property it has to go through a process.

Mr. Janik thanked Mr. Sekletar for sharing this proposal. He agreed that this would pull the Park together very nicely. It is truly a gem int our downtown area. This goes beyond the scope of a parking lot because of what he has done. He thanked Mr. Sekletar for doing this,

as it is truly a gem in our community. Mr. Sekletar is right, it would pull the area together very nicely. It has gone beyond the scop of a parking lot due to what he has done. He would fully be on board with this. He questioned if a five gallon bucket would be enough. Mr. Sekletar said if that was the case, they would take care of the cost. Or their non-profit would pay for it. But he felt this was an opportunity for the city to step up and support what they are trying to do. He is tired of the fund raisers, it's a tough ticket to go up to people and ask for money. But we have great support from the community and we would cover if there is any problem with the paint or if more is needed and if it does not last three year. The price is nominal considering the beauty this will add to our city. He actually thinks it could be done by November. All we need is the engineer's blessing and if this is put high on the priority list, it can be done. Mrs. Wasilk thanked him for coming this evening.

Agenda requests and committee meeting schedules: There were no Agenda Requests presented this evening. Therefore, there would be no committee meetings on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Reports of the Administration :

Deputy Auditor DeSan: The months of July and August Auditor reports have been completed and distributed.

Treasurer Lawrence: The months of July and August Treasurer reports have been completed and distributed.

Law Director Pecora: No report.

Safety/Service Director Jeffreys: No report

Mayor Costilow: No report

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the July and August Auditor and Treasurer reports: Mr. Dembinski motioned to acknowledge the July and August Auditor and Treasurer reports. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipt of reports.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Report to Those Charged With Governance (2025)

Mr. Nahorn motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the Report. Mr. Dembinski noted it was the same report that was acknowledged prior but the year was captioned incorrectly on the report. He seconded the motion. Voice vote 7-0 to acknowledge the receipt of said report.

Request for change of liquor permit transfer from Sal & Als Diner LLC to Sal & Sal's Diner LLPP, 2261 Cooper Foster Park Road (Change in names only). There were no objections.

Mr. Heberling motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dembinski. Voice vote 7-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Olga Sivinski, Clerk of Council

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Jennifer Wasilk, President of Council