

**May 24, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Internal/External Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**City of Cheviot, Ohio**

Meeting took place in Council Chambers & was called to order at 7:00pm

Committee Members  
in Attendance:                   Stefanie Hawk  
  Amy Richter  
  Kathleen Zech  
  Brian Smyth

Other Councilmember /  
Administration Attendees:   Councilmember John Hardig  
  Councilmember Lindsay Jones  
  President of Council Kerry Smyth  
  Mayor Sam Keller  
  Safety Service Director Tom Braun  
  Law Director Kim Rohr  
  Clerk of Council Jenny Eilermann  
  Treasurer RaeJean Hardig  
  Police Chief Emmett Stone

Also in attendance were numerous members of the public.

**Agenda Items:**

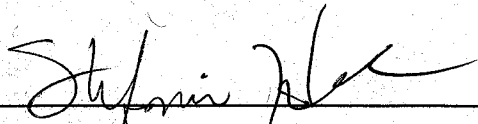
1. Letter to Congressman Steve Chabot in support to making Daylight Savings Time Permanent was determined to be a moot point.
2. Social Media Policy
  - a. Former Councilmember & Committee Chair Gail Griffin will send the draft of the social media policy that the committee was working on previously.
  - b. Once received the committee will reconvene to determine next steps and decide whether to restart work on the social media policy for the city.
3. Pride Month Resolution
  - a. The Proposed resolution was read aloud.
  - b. Discussion of committee members and other council members in attendance. Some members of council were concerned about the way the resolution was introduced. This was clarified by the chair, who stated that it was not intended to bypass the committee but rather to be prepared should council have had decided to vote on the resolution at the May 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
    - i. Law Director Rohr clarified that this resolution does not give permission for or grant the use of any city property for a parade or festival. Further

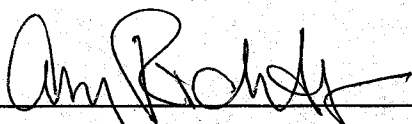
clarifying that anyone could request a permit to organize a Pride Parade or Festival with or without the resolution passing.

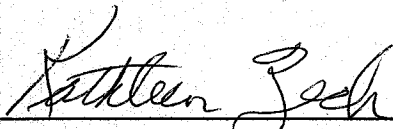
- c. Former Councilmember Gail Griffin addressed the committee as a special guest and spoke of her support of the Pride Month Resolution.
- d. Public Recognition: A number of members of the public spoke out on the Pride Month Resolution.
  - i. In-Support:
    - 1. Residents: Anita Hehn, Michelle Minette, Katie Ewing, Austin Calasco, Madge Maril, Thomas Riggs, Hugo Petermann, Andy Kite, Kate Kinney, Kari Raisor, Mike Blum, Joe Richter
    - 2. Non-Residents: Rico Hayward, Lia Slicer (Cheviot property owner), Quinn Marcotte, Emmy Friedrichs, Marlena Brookfield (parents in Cheviot), Stuart Manning (former resident), Nate Braun
  - ii. In-Opposition:
    - 1. Residents: Mike Willwerth, Judi Blank
  - iii. Unclear position on Resolution:
    - 1. Residents: Netty Smyth
    - 2. Non-Residents: Mary - no last name given
- e. Committee members voted 3:1 to advance the Pride Month Resolution to the full City Council for a vote at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Councilmember Brian Smyth voted against advancing the resolution and voiced his opposition to it.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Stefanie Hawk – Chair

  
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Amy Richter – Committee Member

  
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Kathleen Zech – Chair

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Brian Smyth – Committee Member