CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 7, 2022 – 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER
President Mr. Daum called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President Mr. Daum led those in attendance in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boehner, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco.
Motion made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Bronner to excuse Mr. Thamann. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:
Safety Service Director Patrick Ross, Treasurer Brenda Owens & Clerk of Council Carla Kacher

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve May 17 (Regular) Council Minutes made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Bishop. Motion carried by a voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:
(1) Pat Ormond (2720 Maple Tree Ct)
- Congratulated all who were a part of the VYO Memorial Day Festival. Collected at least 30-40 bags of Recycling from the weekend's festivities.
- Showed Council what the first purchase with Hamilton County Grant Money was – "Portable Recycling Frames." Mr. Ormond has 20 of these at his home and is willing to loan them out for any events. Please call him at 513-319-6355 if you are interested in borrowing them for your event.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUEST SPEAKERS:
(1) **Jed Hartings:** Gave presentation to Council introducing the new Cincinnati Classical Academy (CCA). CCA is a Charter School. Charter School is a Public School that receives their funds from the government, not from taxes (about $8,000.00 per year per student). CCA will operate independently of the Reading School District. CCA will be ran and governed by a Board of Directors. Michael Rose will be the Headmaster. CCA's goal is to prepare students to lead a meaningful life and to cultivate citizenship & strong moral character. 41 employees hired (29 Teachers, 12 Staff). Grand Opening Celebration scheduled for August 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Headmaster

Michael S. Rose

- Bachelor of Architecture (DAAP | University of Cincinnati)
- Master of Fine Arts (Literary Arts | Brown University)
- Master of Education (Secondary Education | Xavier University)
- Ohio Principal Licensure (Educational Administration | Xavier University)
- Certificate of School Management & Leadership (Harvard Business School)
- 14 years' teaching experience at grades 7-12 (St. Edmund Campion, Moeller H.S., Summit Country Day)

Hillsdale College K-12 Initiative

- To promote the founding of classical charter schools and excellence in their teaching and operations
- Provide support to member schools ***at no cost***, including:
  - Licensed use of K-12 curriculum developed by Hillsdale College professors
  - Hiring of faculty and headmaster
  - Training for board, teachers, and staff
  - Oversight and assistance in school start-up and operations

What is Classical Education?

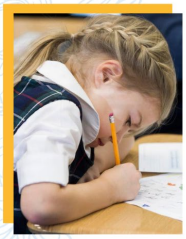
Traditional

Purpose: preparation for a meaningful life; "teaching children to desire the right things", what is Good, True, and Beautiful

Methods: Books and pencils; memorization and recitation; primary sources; seminar; Socratic dialogue

Subject Matters: Strong core curriculum; content-rich; classical liberal arts and sciences

Curriculum

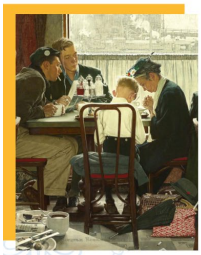


- Explicit Phonics
- Explicit Grammar
- Sentence Diagramming
- Latin (grades 6-9)
- Singapore Math
- History and Geography
- Classic Literature
- Science
- Music and Visual Arts

Strong Core Curriculum

9	10	11	12
Ancient Literature	Medieval & British Literature	American Literature	Modern Literature
Ancient World to 500 AD	Europe 500–1815	America 1607–pres.	Modern World 1815–pres.
	Economics	Moral & Political Philosophy	American Government
	Intro. Moral & Political Philosophy		
Logic & Rhetoric	Elective		Senior Thesis

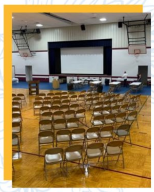
Classical's Core Virtues



Mission Statement:
To develop the minds and nourish the hearts of our students through a content-rich curriculum in the classical liberal arts and sciences, *with instruction in moral character and civic virtue*.

PRUDENCE
JUSTICE
COURAGE
HUMILITY
GRATITUDE
PERSEVERANCE
COMPASSION

School Location



170 Siebenthaler Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45215

Students

- 450 enrolled K-6 | 2022-23
  - Open seats: 20
  - Waitlist: 45
- 52 zip codes
- 35 school districts
- Backgrounds from homeschool, Christian, Catholic, & public
- 5% reside in Reading School District

**** For the full account of the Guest Speaker's presentation, please visit http://www.icrctv.com/communities, click on "Reading," and then click "Reading City Council 06-07-2022"***

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

MAYOR: Robert "Bo" Bemmes: *(Absent, No Report)*

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross:

- Pool is open. Hours: M-F 12-8, Sat-Sun 12-6
- Thurnridge Drive Update:
  - Restoration including topsoil and seeding continue
  - Will begin adjustment of manhole lids/covers later this week and will take about 1 week
  - After adjustments, final pavement layer completed followed by speed hump installation and striping and then will complete checklist before project officially finished off
- Third Street-Awarded 30 year interest free loan for this project and will be having project out to bid this summer, but we will try to pre-order water main necessary for the project
- Congrats to all graduates of all our schools
- Congrats to Reading Baseball Team-Sectional Cham
- 4th of July Festival by American Legion July 2-3 with Fireworks on July 3 @10PM

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson *(No Report, Absent)*

TREASURER: Brenda Owens

City of Reading
May 2022 Income Tax Receipt Summary
With Prior Years Comparison

Individual Residents Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	$96,093	$110,812	$107,429	$79,333	-26.2%
February	$68,356	$67,807	$45,896	$37,035	-19.3%
March	$117,226	$89,577	$127,056	$131,391	3.4%
April	$415,198	$109,428	$221,576	$457,756	106.6%
May	$77,836	$48,987	$223,455	$102,421	-54.2%
June	$115,093	$99,289	$134,637		
July	$53,556	$337,009	$82,544		
August	$70,483	$71,990	$39,361		
September	$102,017	$106,778	$89,782		
October	$38,131	$93,081	$56,061		
November	$54,158	$76,487	$14,763		
December	$58,151	$96,708	$86,298		
Yearly Totals	**$1,266,298**	**$1,307,953**	**$1,228,857**	**$807,936**	
YTD Progress	**$774,709**	**$426,610**	**$725,412**	**$807,936**	**11.4%**

Payroll Withholding Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	$555,799	$539,671	$717,952	$689,143	-4.0%
February	$418,114	$530,926	$462,760	$441,735	-4.5%
March	$403,816	$419,609	$413,361	$434,394	5.1%
April	$718,041	$590,089	$801,135	$752,396	-6.1%
May	$464,702	$453,000	$490,963	$534,911	9.0%
June	$463,205	$441,487	$484,864		
July	$474,774	$433,643	$507,334		
August	$410,495	$519,886	$566,411		
September	$519,714	$392,475	$411,837		
October	$457,049	$449,639	$549,184		
November	$454,636	$483,331	$545,750		
December	$458,688	$429,457	$432,363		
Yearly Totals	**$5,799,031**	**$5,683,214**	**$6,383,913**	**$2,852,578**	
YTD Progress	**$2,560,471**	**$2,533,295**	**$2,886,171**	**$2,852,578**	**-1.2%**

Business Profits Income Taxes

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	$14,888	$22,258	$11,981	$48,907	308.2%
February	$37,357	$18,896	$58,854	$24,719	-58.0%
March	$44,127	$77,585	$23,641	$210,097	788.7%
April	$146,628	$26,014	$137,747	$274,272	99.1%
May	$22,169	$21,905	$60,812	$42,806	-29.6%
June	$87,523	$39,477	$87,483		
July	$7,829	$95,430	$43,735		
August	$50,022	$80,398	$38,207		
September	$61,612	$77,959	$85,263		
October	$16,216	$32,831	$42,542		
November	$13,642	$17,874	$22,412		
December	$63,553	$26,952	$87,159		
Yearly Totals	**$565,565**	**$537,579**	**$699,835**	**$600,800**	
YTD Progress	**$265,168**	**$166,658**	**$293,034**	**$600,800**	**105.0%**

Total Income Taxes Collected

	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 21 to 22
January	$666,780	$672,741	$837,361	$817,383	-2.4%
February	$523,826	$617,629	$567,510	$503,488	-11.3%
March	$565,169	$586,771	$564,058	$775,881	37.6%
April	$1,279,867	$725,531	$1,160,458	$1,484,424	27.9%
May	$564,707	$523,892	$775,230	$680,137	-12.3%
June	$665,820	$580,253	$706,984		
July	$536,158	$866,082	$633,613		
August	$531,000	$672,274	$643,978		
September	$683,343	$577,213	$586,882		
October	$511,396	$575,551	$647,787		
November	$522,436	$577,693	$582,925		
December	$580,392	$553,117	$605,819		
Yearly Totals	**$7,630,893**	**$7,528,746**	**$8,312,605**	**$4,261,313**	
YTD Progress	**$3,600,349**	**$3,126,564**	**$3,904,617**	**$4,261,313**	**9.1%**

Total Refunds **2019 = $135,343** **2020 = $132,162** **2021 = $115,450** **2022 YTD Refunds = $124,379**

Brenda A. Owens- City Treasurer 06/01/2022

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith:

- GAAP 2021 is completely finished. Still working on outstanding items for the 2020 and 2021 Audit. Should hope to finish this process by early July. Working with Software Solutions to get our new software implementation process started. Requested a meeting with Software Solutions, Patrick, and myself to triage needs. Will get May reports to you shortly.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner

- We had a Finance Committee meeting on May 5th. In addition to Committee members Mark Bishop and Bob Boehner attendees included Patrick Ross, Mayor Bemmes, Sabrina Smith, Brenda Owens, Dave Powell, our loan advisor Andy Brousart and our bond counselor Brenda Wehmer.

Discussion included loan procurement and possible grants for funding field turf installation and track resurfacing at veterans stadium and purchase of service equipment. We also discussed possible approximate costs for a new fire station and recreation center.

Sabrina added that the implementation team for our new finance and accounting software would be reaching out soon.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop

- I have scheduled a Committee meeting for Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers or the Caucus Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss trees.

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell

- The parking complaints on Dottie Court continued to be an issue this school year. I am in the process of drafting an ordinance to address the issue and hope to have it on the floor for discussion at our next meeting.

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco *(No Report)*

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger

Police Department run count for May, 2022

- Calls for service 1,321
- Auto Accidents 28
- Booking Original Charges 141
- Total Criminal Charges 203

Citations Issued

- Hamilton County 8
- Arlington Heights 11
- Juvenile 2
- Reading Mayor's 178

Total Citations 200

SERVICE: Bob Boehner

- City Crews have been patching pot holes in the streets, mulcher has been out collecting branches & the new Salt Bin is up holding approximately 800 tons of salt (this should be able to hold all the salt needed for a busy Winter). City crews were out cleaning and preparing the parade route for the Memorial Day parade activities, as well as hanging flags, mulching,

painting the roadway and preparing Koenig Park for all the holiday events. Service is happy and grateful to Council for being able to purchase both their trucks (2022 GM Sierra 3500 Dump Truck & 2022 Sierra Pick-Up Truck) that were sorely needed. City Crews came in early to paint street lines and crosswalks, they are also repairing several catch basins throughout the City (Market & Pleasant/Gahl Terrace & Gormon Lane). City Crews repaired a water leak at Petworth Ct and completed all renovations at Koenig Park & replaced the toilet at Hilltop Park. Thurnridge project is almost finished with a few minor adjustments – a finishing coat of asphalt is being put down & the speed bumps to slow traffic down. The City's backhaul has been out sweeping streets throughout the City.

RECREATION: Scott Thamann *(No Report, Absent)*

OTHER BUSINESS: *(None)*

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

READING OF RESOLUTIONS: None

READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY THE AMOUNT OF $84,202.53 FROM THE STREETS & CURBS FUND (230.280.5800.00) FOR PAYMENT WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT LOANS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mrs. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Powell to suspend the rule that requires a second and third reading. Motion carried by 6-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Eadicicco to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by 6-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-19**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Mr. Bronner moved to adjourn. Mr. Powell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

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Carla Kacher
Clerk of Council

Dwight Daum
President of Council