

Council Action

In an effort to increase awareness and understanding, this publication was created to detail and explain the actions of the Vandalia City Council. We hope this promotes a better understanding of the role Council plays in keeping Vandalia a great place to live, work and play.

Council took the following actions at the Tuesday, September 8 meeting:

- ✓ Approved a one-year extension to complete the sidewalk construction for eight remaining vacant lots in the Brown School Woods Subdivision.
- ✓ Approved Resolution 20-R-51 authorizing the Replat of Lot 2 in the Shoppes at Northwoods Section One sub-division, creating an outlot that totals 0.9183-acres of land, or 40,000 SF with the following conditions:
 - o The deed to Lot 4 shall expressly include the right to access the public street through the existing access easement.
 - o Lot 4, with permission from the sign owner, shall be permitted one off-premise sign panel on the existing highway pole sign adjacent to Interstate-75
- ✓ Approved Resolution 20-R-52 authorizing a \$25,000 donation to the Vandalia Development Corporation.
- ✓ Approved, as an emergency, Ordinance 20-23 amending Ordinance 18-04. The version of the Ordinance 18-04 that was signed by former Mayor Setzer was a draft version of a redlined PDF where strikethrough and underline did not correctly translate; it was also not the final version that was passed by Council. There are no substantial changes to the original Ordinance.
- ✓ Ordinance 18-04 increased the City's formal bidding threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Increasing the formal bidding amount allowed items less than \$25,000 to be approved administratively without formal Council action. Council requested that language be added to require that Council be notified prior to a bid award for an item that is less than \$25,000 but greater than \$10,000.
- ✓ Denied a variance request to permit a wall sign without removal of an existing nonconforming freestanding sign at 7200 N. Dixie Drive.
- ✓ Approved a variance to allow one off- premise, 26.5 square foot, 7'-8" tall driveway entrance sign at 780 Northwoods Boulevard subject to the following conditions:
 - o The subject sign be modified to include a base of exposed brick or stone
 - o The subject sign be modified to include a landscape bed in compliance with the Zoning Code
 - o Premier Health and the property owner of 780 Northwoods Boulevard provide a written contract designating responsibility for the maintenance of the landscape bed
- ✓ Approved a variance to allow an off-premise, free-standing monument sign on property without public street frontage at 680 Aviator Court subject to the following conditions:
 - o The subject sign be modified to include a base of exposed stone or brick
 - o The subject sign be modified to include a landscape bed in compliance with the Code
 - o No business may advertise on the sign that is not located at 600 or 680 Aviator Court
- ✓ Denied a variance request at 543 Kenbrook Drive for a 6-foot-tall wooden privacy fence in the decorative fence zone. The Applicant was approved for a fence permit in May, however the fence was not installed in the location shown on the site plan.
- ✓ Approved a variance at 812 Meyers Court to allow a 480 square foot deck within 19 feet of the rear property line.
- ✓ Approved a variance at 284 North American Boulevard to allow a 280 square foot home addition, connecting the home to a nonconforming detached garage.
- ✓ Approved a variance at 929 Desales Street to allow a 6-foot-tall wooden privacy fence in the decorative fence zone with the following condition:
 - o The fence be built flush with the building line
- ✓ Approved the substitution of a nonconforming use at 217 S. Dixie Drive to allow the conversion of an office into a personal service use for a barber shop subject to the following condition:
 - o A shared parking agreement be signed by the property owner of 217 & 237 S. Dixie Drive and approved by Staff to ensure adequate parking.
- ✓ Approved a variance at 6750 Old Webster Street to allow a 6,500 square foot gravel parking lot.

The next regularly scheduled Vandalia City Council meeting will be held in the Vandalia City Council Chambers, 333 J.E. Bohanan Drive, on Monday, September 21, at 7pm.