

**VILLAGE OF OAKWOOD
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2023-10-10**

ATTENDANCE

Johnnie Warren, President
Elaine Gaither, At- Large
Chris Callender, Ward 1
Paggie Matlock, Ward 3
Mary Davis, Ward 4
Candace Williams, Ward 5
Ross Cirincione, Prosecutor

Gary V Gottschalk, Mayor
Brian Dirocco – Fire Department (covered for Mr. Tapp)
Brian L. Thompson– Finance Director
Mark Garratt, Police Department
Tom Haba, Service Director
Daniel Marinucci, Chief Bldg. Official

ABSENT

James Climer, Law Director
Dave Tapp – Fire Department
Eloise Hardin, Ward 2
** Arrived after roll call*

Carlean Perez – Recreation Director
Ed Hren, Village Engineer

Meeting opened at 6:59pm by Warren
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call taken

Warren: Any correspondence? **Tanya:** Yes, you each received a letter from the Legal Aid Society. There are two different newsletters, one from the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District and one from Ms. Gaither. Additionally, on the 30th of September 2023, we had our second shred day. I would like to say thank you for everyone who showed up to help me out on that day. We had a total of fifty cars and the tonnage was approximately 2500lbs. For Legislation 2023-32, it is actually on its third reading today. For Legislation 2023-33, it is on its second reading today.

Warren: Ok, thank you. **Gottschalk:** Mr. Chairman, I wanted to thank the service department for not listening to Council President Warren. When he felt there was a lot of material here to be shredded. (everyone laughs). **Warren:** Don't worry, when somebody retires our shred day is going to have to get a second truck. (everyone laughs). Anyway, we had propone the reading of the minutes because we had just gotten them. So can I get someone to approve the minutes of September 12th, 2023, regular finance meeting.

Motion to approve Finance minutes of September 12th, 2023, made by Davis seconded by Callender

YES VOTE: Gaither, Callender, Warren, Matlock, Davis, Williams

MOTION PASSED

Warren: Can I get a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2023, regular Council meeting?

Motion to approve Council minutes of September 12th, 2023, made by Matlock seconded by Callender

YES VOTE: Williams, Davis, Matlock, Callender, Gaither, Warren

MOTION PASSED

Warren: Can we get a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26th, 2023, regular Council meeting?

Motion to approve special meeting minutes of August 29th, 2023, made by Matlock seconded by Davis

YES VOTE: Davis, Matlock, Warren, Williams ABSTAINED: Callender, Gaither

MOTION PASSED

Warren: Ok, may we get the departmental reports, may we hear from our Fire Department.

Departmental Reports

Fire-Dirocco: Dirocco: Good evening Mr. President. I am here for Dave Tapp tonight, he couldn't make it. We have no report since last meeting, anybody have any questions? **Davis:** I am coming to get a couple of fire smoke alarms. I talked to Tapp before, but I haven't gotten it yet. What are your hours like daytime? Or does it matter? **Dirocco:** You can stop anytime, there's always someone there unless we are on a call. Normally seven to five is when myself or Mr. Tapp would be there. **Davis:** Ok, thank you. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from Mr. Cirincione.

Law- Cirincione: Cirincione: Nothing tonight, I will entertain any questions. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from Mr. Dan Marinucci.

Building-Marinucci: Thank you, Council President. Just to note at the last meeting we spoke about... I had a personal meeting with Mr. Glavin on Oakhill Drive. Face to face in the Building Department. We told him to put the splash box in like we discussed. **Davis:** Garden Road. **Marinucci:** Garden Road, I'm sorry. I sent Council a letter of the dispute between those two people that's been going on forever. The Glavin property is being solved and the point-of-sale, all of that stuff has been done. There's a couple of issues that the new buyers will assume. They are minor issues, nothing major. **Warren:** But before, he's taken it upon himself to redirect the water with the splash block to the other one. Then put another end on the gutters so it will go the right way, right? **Marinucci:** Right. **Warren:** Ok. **Matlock:** You said this is on Oakhill? **Marinucci:** I said it wrong, it's Garden Road. **Matlock:** Ok. **Marinucci:** But I am here for questions. **Cirincione:** It just occurred to me that there is one bit of good news. There's a property on Columbus Road, Chris, I think it's in your ward. It's an old farmhouse which was abandoned, we had all kinds of problems with people breaking in there. Trying to stay there, it just was a real wreck. It's a long process to get someone to tear down a house. We finally had them tear it down but that was in the summer I believe, late summer. However, there was an old well in the back yard which needed to be sealed. Unfortunately, the cost of doing that in today's dollars is a lot more than anybody at the Court and myself thought it was. They finally were able to get the funds to seal the well. So, the house is down, and the well is sealed. I don't know what the owners plan to do with it. **Haba:** Has a for sale sign on it. **Cirincione:** Oh, does it? It's a nice lot it should sell. But I thought I should tell Council that. It was a real problem and mostly a safety problem, but it is gone now. **Warren:** May I ask Mr. Marinucci also, get the address from him. Try to put in your note that whoever comes into that property. They are aware, hopefully we have some idea where that well is located. So, when they start to excavating, that would be something they can sidestep or avoid. Especially with the laterals you'll have to run. If that could be done. **Marinucci:** Will do, Ross what was the cost of the sealing? **Cirincione:** \$6,000.00. **Marinucci:** Oh Jesus. **Cirincione:** It turned out to be \$6,000.00, but they had to do it. Thanks to Tommy Haba and his crew because during the time period before that well was sealed. Obviously, it was a concern for safety, especially with kids who might get on the property. His crew sealed it, it was bolted down. **Haba:** Just a temporary seal. **Cirincione:** It's been safe for the last several months but now it's finally finished. **Davis:** Who paid for the filling in of that well? **Cirincione:** The property owner. **Davis:** The property owner does get charged; they were the ones that did it. **Marinucci:** Yea, they had to pay for the demolition and sealing the well. **Davis:** Alright, thank you. **Warren:** Ok, may we hear from our Service Director?

Service-Haba: Haba: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to report about the repairing or the roofs at the Fire Department and at the Community Park. They are both completed now, and it looks good to me. The insurance covered basically all that. Community Park went maybe about 80, 90, \$100.00 bucks over for plywood that needed to be replaced. That was apart of the original price so \$10,000.00 for that and \$75,000.00 basically for the Fire Department roof. Also, we're probably starting leafing tomorrow unless something pops up in the morning. We'll have guys to go out leafing tomorrow morning for the first time of the year. One thing about that, it was always free getting rid of the leaves. One of our local places, contractors, informed me in spring he's going to start charging us. Not as much as the other cities but a reasonable price. I know the price is reasonable because about five six years ago. He couldn't take any more there because EPA was on his back. It's Savarino's up the road here is where we usually take it. So, we had to look elsewhere to take it. The price was significantly more so we are paying. But what we are paying this year is less than what we were paying

years ago some place else. So, it's not going to be that big of an expense. **Davis:** So, we are still using Savarino's and just paying them? **Haba:** Yea, I can't match that price anywhere right now. What we did also in the last few years. We get rid of maybe 10 or 20 percent of our leaves back here, mix it in with our soil. Get richer soil, not paying for it over there and it would help the soil out. So, it won't be too expensive. **Davis:** Ok, on Broadway did we find out about the hole on 266, that company that made the hole. **Haba:** Yea, I have been in contact with them. **Davis:** Also, Mr. Bugarcic's property? **Haba:** Mr. Bugarcic's they haven't talked to me about that. He's talked to Jim about it about that. **Davis:** So, he's going to be cited as far as we know? **Haba:** That's all in the legal department. Write a letter saying what he did wrong... **Cirincione:** We're working on it. **Haba:** The other one I talked to, he's an Asian gentleman, went there a few times before I caught him there. Talked to him, thought he was blowing me off. But he did get back to me. He had a water problem there, so he replaced the waterline. He said his contractor didn't want to do it. He wanted to see if there were any more leaks because he fixed it by the bike path. Then they still have a leak by the building. He wanted to wait until spring; I said no. you can't wait until spring. I said either you're going to do it, or we're going to do it and charge you. It's just going to be a lot more if we do it. I know who his contractor was, I said can you have him call me. So, he called me and said he was satisfied, no more leaks anywhere near the bike path there. So, I just talked to the gentleman either Monday or Friday. I called him back and he said he would fix it. **Davis:** Asked if he was given a timeline. **Haba:** We didn't give a timeline, I just told him it has to be done quickly. Because if he doesn't do it quickly. He's going to have a hard time finding asphalt. So, I told him get it done in a few weeks. I'd be back on him, and he said he's going to do it. **Davis:** Ok, thank you Mr. Haba. **Matlock:** Tommy thank you so much for helping out with the Oakwood Community Day. **Haba:** No problem. **Warren:** May we hear from our Police Chief.

Police-Garratt: **Garratt:** Thank you, Mr. President. We've been busy on calls in Oakwood. But we also assisted on Friday night Bedford Heights had a double homicide. The next day Bedford had a shooting on John Street. Helped them out on a couple of those, it was a busy weekend. Bad news is our body cameras have reached the end of their support life. So, we no longer get support for them or warranty, it was bought in 2016. We put in for a grant, we got a one-on-one grant. They are about \$24,000.00 for ten cameras. So, we would be responsible for \$12,000.00. I budgeted this already I am just telling you. We did get awarded that one-on-one grant, so that was really good. \$12,000.00 that they are going to help fund the ten cameras. Plus, we put in for two other grants to cover a new server and ten more cameras. The technology is far superior than it was in 2016 as you could imagine. The fisheye look, they have corrected that, so it is a normal view. Some really good other technical stuff I don't want to get into that we have the ability to do. It's a much a higher quality audio system is much better too. 2016 was our third set of cameras, so we've had them a long time. These integrate with our cruiser cameras too. But that was good new I wanted to share with you, that's all I have. **Davis:** Do you guys have to put it on as soon as you start your day? **Garratt:** Most of the guys have the bulletproof vest on the outside carrier and they attach it on there. So, any contact we have with anybody they turn them on. **Davis:** Do you have to keep the tapes for so long? Or do they get reused, and I don't know restarted the next day? **Garratt:** Yea, that's where the sever comes in play. They automatically download when they get in proximity. Which is cool because we don't have to worry about doing it. When it downloads in the server, the server holds it for thirty days. It rolls over unless we want to save that data for a case. In that case we would put it in another system and hang on to it until the case is resolved and we no longer need it. **Davis:** Alright, thank you. **Garratt:** Sure. **Warren:** May we hear from our Finance Director.

Finance-Thompson: **Thompson:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, just to recap we had our Finance Committee meeting tonight. Some of the highlights were in our general fund. We started the year approximately \$235,000.00. We ended unexpended through the month of August with about \$635,000.00. After additional encumbrances about a half a million dollars. A lot of the department ratios are where they should be budgeted through August. Carrying them in budget by 1%, it should be a 66%. We all came in at 65% so that was good. **Gottschalk:** That includes the *I. Schuman* loss. **Thompson:** Yea, I was just about to say that. It attributed, if you all know we had an explosion in the Village and lost a major company. Along with the income that came with it. So even with the loss of revenue we were still up from prior year approximately three to four percent on our income tax. So, that's good and it is trending in the right direction. Just to highlight over all funds we started the year at approximately \$400,000.00 and ended with all funds through August with about \$1.5 million. That was a good report for us. Just to round it out, I did ask all department heads to turn in your budget

by November 1st. So, we could start scheduling department head budget meetings by the first meeting in November was discussed. Last but not least, I was so elated Tommy went through and processed this roof. We had go the \$75,000.00 as the assessment for the job and those bids were coming in as high as \$140,000.00. When he told me he got the job done at \$75,000.00 I was elated. **Haba:** We had to redo it and we were satisfied with that. **Marinucci:** Can I throw something in? We just got the cost to redo a roof. Penske is \$220,000.00. **Thompson:** Wow, yea just scope of job. You did really good on that. That concludes my report, thank you. **Warren:** May we hear from the Mayor.

Mayor-Gottschalk: **Gottschalk:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, I came in when the Finance Meeting was about half over. But I felt it was very insightful report on the Villages finances by the Finance Director. The questions that were asked to improve the report. I thought were legitimate and I hope most would be accommodated on your next report. I think the trail on Tryon Road from Broadway Ave to Lamson Road is really looking sharp. I want to thank Councilwoman Matlock in ward three. There were a couple of residents that had some concerns over the trespassing of the transposing of the trail. On either the right-of-way, or it might have been their property. Those who were helped were satisfied. Thirdly, I am going to have nine pieces of legislation for the next meeting. DCOM, which is of course a major installer for equipment, as spectrum in the United States. I am going to have a presentation for both the TIF, which of course is a tax increment financing. As well as the job creation tax credit. We're hoping to have a payroll of about \$3 million in that building next year. King Group firm working out of Paris, France, I'll have job creation tax credit. Let's cross our fingers I should have news on that by the next Council meeting. Federal Metal, I'll have both a community reinvestment agreement, TIF, and job creation tax credit for them. If you are a coffee drinker, Starbucks was approved last night by our Planning Commission. I'll have a small CRA and TIF just like what we done for Dunkin Donuts. Additionally, there will be a piece of legislation for renaming the street of Oakwood Parkway. Which goes from Broadway Ave to Mount Zion. It will be renamed the Doctor Larry Young Macon Dr. So that's nine pieces of legislation you will have for next week.

Warren: Mayor, I'm only counting five. **Gottschalk:** Oh no each one of the ... **Warren:** You talked about the supplemental, ok. **Gottschalk:** CRA's and job creation tax credits, each have its own piece of legislation. Two weeks ago, when Ed Hren had presented his four item four pieces of legislation, or four pieces of the job to be done. One was the Broadway Ave Resurfacing, one was Tryon Road Phase 1, one was the Alexander Road Septic Conversion System, and one was the Richmond Road Restructuring with Glenwillow trail there. You asked to have each item, have its own piece of legislation. We could go that way, or it could still be with the one piece of legislation. There would be an exhibit on each one of these items to provide what it was and what the cost was. The only reason being, other than the names of the companies, the project which is maybe about three sentences to describe the cost. All the wording is the same, so rather than having five pages for each of these pieces. You look at about two hundred pages total. We could have it reduced, but whatever you care to want to do. You want each item with its own agreement or resolution. Or do you want the one with an exhibit for each one that satisfies everything? Plus, Ed Hren will be here in two weeks. So, what's your pleasure?

Warren: I don't think it's going to be two hundred pages. You said each one is five pages right? **Gottschalk:** Yea.

Warren: there's three right? **Gottschalk:** No there's four. **Warren:** That's twenty. **Gottschalk:** That's twenty and then there is a number of people... **Warren:** We'll take them each. **Gottschalk:** You want them each, ok. I think that concludes my report. **Warren:** Any questions? **Davis:** The legislation will have the cost of these projects. **Gottschalk:** Oh, yea. **Davis:** Ok. **Gottschalk:** Ed will be here as well. **Davis:** Ed will be here as well, ok. **Warren:** Any other questions? If not, I will open up the floor for public comments. This is the opportunity for residents to come up give a name, address, and to explain or give us accolade, or take away, or whatever you have to say. We are here to open and listen.

Open Floor Comments

Ben Sizemore, 25091 Garden Rd., Sizemore: I want to thank a lot of you for calling my home. Checking and seeing how I was doing and stuff like that. I want to thank the Fire Department. They had a hard time trying to get me out of the back room, where I was bleeding to death. When I was back there, they had a hard time trying to get me up, to maneuver me through the thing. They just had to just let everything go and get a hold of me, bear hold me, and dragged me out of there. Because they couldn't get me out of the room for nothing. I just wanted to thank them and the Police Department, too. For jumping in there and helping out a little bit. You know because I had some kids. I didn't know how to take things you

know. But all of my neighbors jumped in and stuff like that and helped me out a lot. But I really wanted to thank you all and God bless you really. **Warren:** We appreciate having you and your posse back again. **Sizemore:** Seriously, that really meant a lot. Especially when you've been laying there for seven weeks. You know, you don't know if you're coming out or what the heck they are doing with you. They couldn't find out, but finally one Doctor found it. That was a break there, I was getting tired of getting probed, hang on your head. I'll tell you what they do things to you. **Warren:** You don't know which Doctor is which because you have so many of them. It's a specialty for everything. Ok, anyone else?

Sylvia Johnson, Bedford Library: **Johnson:** Hi, my name is Sylvia Johnson and the librarian at the Bedford branch of the County Public Library. Just wanted to mention again that we have a social worker and I'll leave referral forms that you can use this person through our library. We have two more job fairs with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. Again, they're reaching out to help people who may feel they are not initially qualified for jobs. If you wish to be a driver, they will pay for your CDL training. You've not completed your high school diploma. They will connect you to your organization, who will help you complete your high school diploma. The last two job fairs, there's one tomorrow in Parma Heights. There's one on the 16th in Maple Heights. The last one for the year is October 25th at Warrensville Heights branch. So, please let people know. We have 123 Read, which is a program that helps students grade one to three. Who are experiencing difficulties with reading. We have 123 boost, which is a program that helps kindergarteners struggling with reading. These programs, you need to be registered, there's limited space. So, it's important that people follow up with these programs immediately. **Warren:** Would you be able to leave the brochures? Also, their volunteer opportunities at the library. Looking for tutors to help with our homework center after school, as well as the different 123 Read programs for our branch. Which is the smaller branch, with the smaller parking lot. Our food distribution ended in September, but Maple, Garfield, and Warrensville will continue through the rest of the year. They're always looking for volunteers to help with their homework. **Davis:** Ms. Johnson, can I ask you a question? Is it called Southeast or is it called Bedford library now? If you look for it online, I haven't been on there in a long time. **Johnson:** They have changed it now, Bedford Library. But our service area is Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood Village, of course, and Walton Hills. But the name is now Bedford. **Davis:** Ok, thank you very much. **Gaither:** Ms. Johnson, I wanted to thank you for the information. I have a copy of the newsletter that you helped give me information for. **Johnson:** Oh, Thank you. **Warren:** Ok, anyone else? We will close the floor for public comment and proceed with today's agenda.

Floor closed.

Cirincione: Thank you, Proceeded to read legislation:

Legislation:

2023-32	AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 125.01, 125.04,
Introduced 9-12-2023	AND 125.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF
By Mayor and	OAKWOOD RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE
Council as a whole	DEPARTMENT.
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Davis: Can we ask questions? Do you mind, Mr. Garratt, you gave us this paper last time with the different wages. Do you want the paper back? I just wanted to know why the part time would be more than a full-time person. **Garratt:** Well, that's up 560 hours. That's from this time of the date of this, to the end of the year. That's the full year that was budgeted for 2023, that's the difference. That would be the difference if we don't find a full time by the end of the year. This would be the savings if we find one, then we're still under budget. I Don't anticipate finding an applicant by end of the. Year but we can be hopeful. **Davis:** Ok, and if we vote for this, can you still hire part time if needed? I mean, is it still budgeted or wouldn't be budgeted? **Garratt:** I'm not going to budget any part timers other than the one we have currently until he's done. He's been here 42 years. **Warren:** That's all? **Garratt:** He's been here a while. **Williams:** I do have questions about that. So, for 2023, are you saying you're not going to spend \$50,000 of what was approved? **Garratt:** If we get a full timer now and hire, I'll still come under \$50,000.00, almost \$51,000.00. Because I've budgeted for the additional part timers. Which I have no filled either. So, if I don't hire by the end of the year. I'm going to come in under budget at \$83,000.00. **Williams:** So, there will be a savings regardless is what you're saying. **Garratt:** Yes. **Williams:** For 2024, because we had

asked for an analysis overall and the total budget and we didn't get that. So, I just want to make sure. Are you saying the difference between 2023 and 2024 will be an additional \$87,000.00? **Garratt:** I'm going to give you this, this is new. Some of you weren't here last time. But i have updated figure I want you to review. I'll have this in my budget for when we do the budget hearings. However, when we originally multiplied that, it was times the 72 hours of paper instead of the 80. So that's why the difference is going to be \$21,252.00 for next year. It's going to cost, I'm not going to budget three-part timers, which I had budgeted for 2023. One of them left in January, which was Ray Latimore. That I won't budget for any of those three-part timers for next year. That brings in two full timers with your approval and then increases it by \$21,252.00 in my payroll for next year. **Williams:** So, this is not a credit, this is an additional cost. **Garratt:** This is going to cost additional \$21,000.00 up two full timers over three-part times. **Williams:** OK. **Garratt:** Basically, I can't get any part timers at all. **Williams:** So, I see the PT one, two, and three that you have here will actually not be in it. It's just confusing, like I see it on paper. I don't know if it's what you're planning or what you're getting. **Garratt:** I understand, I just wanted to make sure you have the finances done exactly what it is. I will not be budgeting those one, two, and three PT. So, you'll see that, but I wanted you to have a total. Of what it would be on my normal and what I do with the additional 2 full timers. It will be a difference of \$21,000.00, but I'm probably going to come in \$83,000.00 under my budget this year. So that's a fairly decent savings. **Williams:** But you will have one part time because you. Have one part timer you're keeping, but that person is in the budget? **Garratt:** That's not part of this. **Davis:** Is this increase that you have for 2024 cost, is that with your raise that you're that's in the thing already? **Garratt:** Those are hourly rates for 2024. **Davis:** Ok, Thank you. **Gottschalk:** Mr. Chairman, it's interesting. Cleveland has budgeted and appropriated money for 400 more officers than they have, they can't get them. They actually budgeted and appropriated for 400 more officers that they are lacking. Additionally, they were ecstatic when the twelve new officers had gone to the Police Academy and were hired. Four quit after the first week. So again, great job, chief. **Garratt:** I'm trying to get two more. **Warren:** Ok, can I get a motion to adopt?

Motion to adopt 2023-32 made by Davis seconded by Callender
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED

2023-33 Introduced 9-26-2023 By Mayor and Council as a whole 2 nd read	AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR A POTENTIAL GRANT FOR THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.
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Davis: Now my question, I'm sorry. Mr. President is, if we're dividing the up. Then will we start all over again as the as the number of readings? Or do we start just, like the next meeting that we have with the separate. **Warren:** We can suspend it right now. **Davis:** Ok. **Warren:** The only reason we didn't suspend this last one was because it had three readings. **Davis:** Ok. **Warren:** So, you're suspending this three reading rules. **Davis:** Ok, thank you. **Warren:** Any questions?

Motion to suspend 2023-32 made by Gaither seconded by Davis
YES VOTE: Warren, Callender, Davis, Williams, Matlock, Gaither
MOTION PASSED

Warren: Ok, going on for third reading. So just for the record, these for you guys to know, these are only to apply for grants. We don't have to move forward with the job. But the advantage is to have the grants available to you. We can turn them down if we get them and we see we don't have the revenue to go proceed with the projects. **Gottschalk:** I think Tryon Road phase one, which is the resurfacing from Richmond Road to Jean Drive. We do have a grant for that. **Warren:** But again, like I said, we're considering this. Even if this passes and when this pass or if it passed, we are not obligated. If they come and say that we got all grants and we see that we don't have the money to move forward with the projects, we'll just pass the projects. So, it's good to

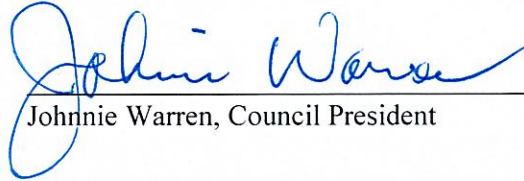
have the grant at least available to you. **Gottschalk:** The other point is, along with Councilperson Matlock. We've asked the engineers to come up with if the trail is extended to Jean Drive from Lamson Road. And as far as Glenshire Road from Jean drive. We'll see what the costs are, and the decision could be made at that point. At least we've asked them to do that, see what the estimates should be. **Warren:** Any other questions? If not, can I get a motion to adjourn?

Motion to adjourn made by Callender seconded by Gaither
YES VOTE: Warren, Gaither, Callender, Matlock, Davis, Williams
MOTION PASSED
Adjourned at 7:41pm

Approved 10.24.23



Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council



Johnnie Warren, Council President