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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

6:30 PM

"Special Meeting"

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett & Chad Grashel

I. Call to Order

by Mayor Lance Westcamp at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Director of Finance, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Jeff Green - Development Director, Ruthanne Sargus Ross - Clerk of Council

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to excuse Council Member Grashel from tonight's meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Grashel

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

V. Approval of Minutes - May 10, 2021

The May 10, 2021 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

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City Council Meeting Minutes 5.10.2021

Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes 5.10.2021.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**A. Mike Ream**

Mike Ream, 360 West Street, addressed Council about issues with the rental property next to him and two families across the street from him. Parking is permitted on Mr. Ream's side of West Street, no parking is permitted on the other side of West Street. When Mr. Ream, his wife and/or daughter back out of their driveway, they have to pull almost all the way across the road to see in either direction for oncoming traffic. One of the families across the street has approximately 8 vehicles

parked on the street every day. Some are parked there every day for months. These vehicles block his view of either direction. On the other side of his driveway, there are cars parked in the other direction. If you drive down West Street there is not a single parked vehicle until you get to his address/property where they start to line up on the left hand side. Mr. Ream proposed a solution to Council for their consideration. He proposed moving the signs that prohibit parking on the other side of the street be moved to his side of the roadway, so the residents are blocking their own view. This has become a problem to him, he already had a couple near misses just trying to back out of his driveway with no clearance to be able to see anything. The vehicles are trucks, company trucks, vans and cars. Chief Adams commented coming off the evening shift after all the years he worked it, he noticed the parking lot on West Street from Canal Street down to Kinsel Avenue. Work vans, large SUVs and vehicles are parked bumper to bumper down the street. Chief Adams has marked vehicles many times and the vehicle would be moved 6 inches until the next time it is marked. Mr. Ream said it is so bad that his mail won't be delivered 2 or 3 times during the week to his mailbox because vehicles are blocking it. He has talked to the gentleman across the street about not being able to see and his mail not being delivered. The gentleman told Mr. Ream to just let them know but when Mr. Ream called and he wasn't home, nothing got resolved. Administrator King offered several possible solutions. The City could paint the curbs yellow where parking would be prohibited. Mr. King would take a look at the situation with the Chief, the City Engineer and the Public Service Director to see if switching the "no parking" signs to the other side of the street would trigger another issue. Mr. King wants to look at the bigger picture to not just address Mr. Ream's issue and solve his problem but also to not create a different issue. Mr. King will follow up with Mr. Ream.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

None

B. 2nd Readings

[Res. 2021-001](#)

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NATURE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO 48.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL NUMBERS 180-005408 AND 180-005409, LOCATED IN MADISON TOWNSHIP

UPON ANNEXATION OF SAID TRACT TO THE CITY OF GROVEPORT (SUNSHINE & SMOOCH, LLC AND JCD PICKAWAY FARM LLC PETITIONERS)

Sponsors: Grashel

Law Director Kevin Shannon advised that staff requested Council to consider making a motion on this legislation to suspend the rules as to the three readings, a service resolution goes into effect immediately upon passage.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No. 2021-001. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Grashel

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Grashel

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

C. 1st Readings

[Ord. 2021-020](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 153, PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO

Sponsors: Dildine

Attachments: [Ord. 2021-020 Exhibit A Chapter 153.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-020. This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

[Ord. 2021-021](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GROVEPORT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (HEREINAFTER "GROVEPORT CIC") TO LEASE CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 480 MAIN STREET AND 674 MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 1724.10 (B) AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Hilbert

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective

date so action can proceed on this matter this evening.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-021. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Grashel

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adopt as emergency legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Grashel

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

[Ord. 2021-022](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AS TO APPROXIMATELY 47.429 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED SOUTHEAST SIDE OF HAYES ROAD AND PONTIUS ROAD, PARCEL NUMBERS 180-005409 AND 180-005408 OWNED BY, SUNSHINE & SMOOCH, LLC AND JCD PICKAWAY FARM LLC FROM RURAL (R) TO PLANNED INDUSTRIAL PARK (PIP)

Sponsors: Lockett

Attachments: [Ord. 2021-022 Exhibit A Rezoning.pdf](#)

[Ord. 2021-022 Exhibit B Final Dev Plan.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-022. This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

[Ord. 2021-023](#)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR HAYES ROAD, CA INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS, LLC, APPLICANT, PARCEL NUMBERS 180-005408 AND 180-005409

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [Ord. 2021-023 Exhibit A Final Plat.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-023. This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

[Res. 2021-002](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Sponsors: Grashel

Attachments: [Res. 2021-002 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No. 2021-002. This Resolution was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Lance Westcamp personally thanked the Groveport (Southeastern Franklin County) Chamber of Commerce and the Groveport Madison Local School District Administration for inviting him and the Council Members to the luncheon honoring the 11 GMHS 2021 Valedictorians. The Mayor accentuated that two of those valedictorian graduates live in the City of Groveport. The City will look into teaming up with the Chamber of Commerce to be more involved in future events honoring Groveport Madison valedictorians.

The Mayor and BJ King have the meeting with Mayor Kirk and Mayor Ward scheduled for June 7th.

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator BJ King informed the Mayor and Council that all indications are pointing that the ability to participate in public meetings virtually is to come to an end on June 30, 2021. The current order allows virtual participation through June 30th but state legislature has not shown any indication that will be extended. One more month and things can go back to a sense of normalcy. It was hoped that virtual participation would stay just for flexibility for local governments to be able to continue to conduct business. Mr. Shannon added from a legal standpoint governments need to embrace the technology. If Groveport Council is able to participate virtually and see the interaction, and following all the guidelines so that no one can say that someone had a gun to their head when they voted, then Groveport is fulfilling all those purposes. He suggested maybe City staff can talk to the Ohio Municipal League about pushing the matter forward. Mr. King wouldn't be surprised to see a push to implement virtual participation permanently moving forward. Staff will keep an eye out for any information on the topic.

Monday, May 31st is the Memorial Day Ceremony, this is the last event to be scaled back for the City of Groveport. Council is encouraged to attend the event. The 4th of July event will be back to its full extent.

The credit card convenience fees are set to go into effect at the

Recreation Center and Town Hall on June 7, 2021 and then July 1, 2021 at the golf course.

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Admin report to Council May 24 2021

Attachments: [Admin report to Council May 24 2021.pdf](#)

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Casey Adams reported that last Saturday's demonstration march had 27 people participate. They used the sidewalk and the event worked well with all the yard sales going on in the City. Lt. Short and Officer Boso attended tonight's School Board meeting to discuss different ways to patrol the Groveport Madison schools with the School Board and Madison Township Police Department. Chief Adams and Lt. Short will meet with GMLS Superintendent Garilee Ogden next Tuesday to iron out some details on the 2021-2022 school year contract. On June 2nd the Chief meets with the HOA of Elmont Place via Zoom. Detective Gilbert will participate in the meeting to address the residents' questions on fraud issues and what they can do to help the Detective Bureau. Detective Gilbert will suggest residents bring in their Ring Doorbell videos to help solve crimes. Thursday he will meet with Kyle Lund and Seth Bowers to discuss the opening of the outdoor pool.

Mr. Dildine suggested revising the City's yard sale permit to include where people are to park during a yard sale. Mrs. Hutson suggested that all the departments need to take a look at the forms/information on its individual City website page. There is a lot of outdated information.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

Finance Director Jason Carr shared the information that was filed with Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB). The City is required to file annual operating data by May 31st of every year; this is something the Finance Department started doing last year. The City now has a process in place relating to the Main Street buildings. The first step is to monitor prevailing wage reports to ensure compliance with the Main Street buildings contractors. Since these workers will work for more than 20 days in the City the process includes making sure contractors register their business and pay income tax.

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Finance Director Council Report

Attachments: [Finance Director Report 05 24 2021.pdf](#)

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Mr. Shannon had nothing further to report.

F. Development Director - Jeff Green

Development Director Jeff Green noted the next step in the process on the two buildings is a special meeting of the CIC Board on June 2nd to approve the three lease agreements. The City obtained two large signs, one picturing the Rarey's Port building and the other shows the Wert's Grove building. The pictures will be displayed in time for the 4th of July. Mr. Green found out that Miller Valentine will be displaying picture signs at each site announcing the site as the future home of the businesses that will be coming soon. Thursday, a meeting with Matt Yerkes with Cultivate is scheduled to talk about moving forward with his ideas for some small business development activities.

G. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Chad Grashel

Council Member Hutson remarked to Jeff Green that it was wonderful that the City is moving forward with the 1847 Main Street project, especially since Obetz has a 4 million dollar project going in at the auto auction site.

Council Member Cleary noted that with July 4th coming, he agrees with Mr. Dildine that people are ready to let loose.

Council Member Dildine apologized for not being available for yesterday's regularly scheduled City Council meeting. He appreciates everyone's flexibility to be able to have the meeting today.

H. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Mrs. Ross had nothing to report.

I. Standing Committees

None.

IX. Other Business

None.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Grashel

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Hilbert, Hutson and Lockett

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, CMC
Clerk of Council

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