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Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 15, 2019

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

I. Call to Order

by Committee Chair Cleary at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Dennis Moore - Public Works Superintendent, Stephen Moore - Chief Building Official, Tom Walker - Director of Golf, Kyle Lund - Recreation Center Director, Patty Storts - Community Affairs Director, Tom Byrne - Director of Parks & Facilities Management, Steve Farst - Engineer, Bob Dowler - Director of Transportation, Sue Wadley - Personnel Director, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police

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

II. Moment of Silence

Committee Chair Cleary asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Madison Township Fire Chief Fasone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Council Member Becky Hutson arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Present: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert, Hutson, and Lockett

V. Approval of Minutes - March 18, 2019

Approved as submitted.

[#071-2019](#)

COTW Minutes 3.18.19

Attachments: [COTW Minutes 3.18.19.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**A. Madison Township Fire Chief Fasone**

Madison Township Fire Chief Fasone reminded everyone that this is severe weather month. Walls collapsed in a building at Rickenbacker and at two warehouses in Hamilton Township during Sunday's high winds. Some roofs were blown off on Shook Road and one person was injured while standing next to a window when a tree came through the

window. There have been 164 tornadoes reported in the nation.

[#082-2019](#)

MTFD Monthly Report

Attachments: [MTFD Monthly Report.pdf](#)

B. Wayne White - Elm Street Parking

Wayne White, 475 Elm Street, addressed Council with his concerns regarding the City's intent to introduce legislation for one-sided parking on Elm Street west of College Street. He inquired how the City decided to limit the parking to the south side as opposed to the north side of the street. Before he came to this meeting there were six cars parked on the north side of the street and one car parked on the south side. If the aforementioned legislation were to be adopted, all those cars would be parked on the south side. Hence the vehicles belonging to his neighbor across the street, will be parked directly in front of his house. He wouldn't object to no parking on this portion of Elm Street. He would like Council to look into all the repercussions of limiting parking to one side of the street, whether it is the north or south side. Another issue Mr. White raised was the traffic that cuts through Elm Street and Hickory Alley to avoid the traffic light at College Street and Main Street. Drivers speed across Hickory Alley and Elm Street because of the "no turn on red" onto Main Street. The City will look into changing the "no turn on red" signage. Suggestions included restricting turns on red on certain days or adding times of day.

VII. New Business

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

None

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[ORD. 19-004](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GROVEPORT - **PART THREE - TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE SEVEN, CHAPTER 351, SECTION 351.17, TRUCK PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS** AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Hutson

Attachments: [ORD. 19-004 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Marvin Draper, 4863 Saw Grove Court, addressed Council on the matter of heavy trucks parking on City streets in residential areas. Mr. Draper has been a resident of Groveport for three years. He moved here after living in Columbus for 66 years. Mr. Draper is retired from UPS where he drove a tractor and trailer for 32 years. He drove 6 years for Worthington Schools and now drives a six axle truck for a trucking company. He is well educated on heavy trucks and the damage they can cause to City streets and roadways. Unfortunately, there are a lot of bad semi-truck drivers out on our roads. These inexperienced drivers are going to run over curbs, sidewalks and tear the roads up that Groveport will need to repair.

Law Director Kevin Shannon commented on the interrelationship of truck parking in residential areas (351.17 which falls under the Police department for enforcement) and the limitations of parking in residential zoning districts (1177.08 which falls under the Building and Zoning department for enforcement). The draft of this Ordinance changes the gross vehicle weight to 9,000 lbs. The crux of the debate is the weight of the newer models of personal passenger vehicles. The newer passenger vehicles are much heavier than the vehicles of the period of when this section code was originally written in 1988 and the 2 ½ tons (5,000 lbs.) made sense. Mr. Shannon clarified as to commercial vehicles under 1177.08, sections 1 and 2, are separate, distinct provisions as it relates to commercial vehicles in a residential area.

1177.08 LIMITATION OF PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS.

The provision of parking space, either open or enclosed for the parking or storage of vehicles in a Residential Zoning District or Planned Residential Zoning District as listed in Chapter 1151, shall be subject to the following:

(a) **Commercial Vehicles:**

- (1) Not more than one truck limited to being a two-axle, four-tired pickup, panel or light truck, used strictly for commercial purposes, and which has operating characteristics similar to those of a passenger car shall be allowed per one (1) dwelling unit;
- (2) Trucks having dual tires on one (1) or more axles, or having more than two (2) axles, designed for the transportation of cargo, for commercial purposes and including, but not limited to tractor-trucks, trailers and semi-trailers shall not be allowed except in association with a home occupation, subject to approval in accordance with Section 351.17 of the Codified Ordinances and Chapter 1134 Conditional Use Review.

Under this provision one cannot have these vehicles in the residential

areas and, if one does, it has to be associated with a home occupation, but still limited by section code 351.17 which pertains to the weight limitations of the vehicle itself. So, if an individual with a semi-tractor trailer somehow indicates it is associated with a home occupation, the vehicle would still be limited by 351.17. Mr. Shannon wanted to show the interplay between the two ordinances pertaining to the matter.

Council Member Dildine raised concerns about changing the limit in 351.17 to 10,000 lbs.

He does not want residents who currently own, or may want to own in the future, a regular Ford F350 (or any similar vehicle/ pickup truck) for personal use as a passenger vehicle, find they are in violation of the weight limits set forth in 351.17. Many of today's models weigh more than 10,000 lbs. He has an issue with limiting people on what they can buy and park on their own driveway or neighborhood street, for their own personal use.

After a long discussion on the points of the language in this Ordinance, it was agreed that the Mayor would appoint members of Council and officers of the Police department to serve on a committee to look more thoroughly into the issues at hand.

Chair Cleary read by title Ordinance No. 19-004. No recommendation was made to the City Council.

ORD. 19-012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THIRTEEN - BUILDING CODE, CHAPTER 1322 - ENGINEERING REVIEW AND INSPECTION FEES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [ORD. 19-012 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Chief Building Official, Stephen Moore, explained this Ordinance pertains to both engineering and zoning fee changes. The zoning language was changed to better clarify the fees. The biggest change made was adding a zoning verification for existing buildings that will be occupied by a new tenant. This change has been added to the City's new zoning code. This changes the process and saves money for the new tenant if they plan to use the building for something other than the zoning allows.

City Engineer, Steve Farst, stated the engineering fees apply once a project commences. These fees are designed to reimburse the City for expenses incurred for specialized consultants and other necessary outsourcing. Fees have been added for additional requirements in regard to stormwater operating and maintenance plans mandated by

the EPA. Another change pertains to the Traffic Impact Study (TIS). When a TIS plan review is needed these fees cover the cost of a non-complex and a complex traffic impact study.

Chair Cleary read by title Ordinance No. 19-012. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert, Hutson, and Lockett

B. 2nd Readings

[ORD. 19-018](#)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE RECREATION CENTER THEREBY AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 13-005

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [ORD. 19-018 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Director of Recreation, Kyle Lund, explained that this Ordinance would make the fees for the day passes to the outdoor water park and the recreation center the same. Staff looks to make the birthday party packages the same fees for the outdoor package and the indoor package. Also, all age groups would be charged the same rate. No changes to membership fees.

Chair Cleary read by title Ordinance No. 19-018. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Grashel, Hilbert, Hutson, and Lockett

X. Financial Report

Finance Director, Jeff Green, informed Council that there was no income tax report in this financial report because the department is still trying to figure out how the information should be presented. The City of Columbus just sends a spreadsheet that is very easy to duplicate. The information that comes from RITA is altogether different. Once staff can compile the information to be easily understood, it will be presented to Council.

[#072-2019](#)

Finance Report

Attachments: [Finance Report.pdf](#)

XI. Other Business

None

XII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Lance Westcamp commented that he asked Mr. Green at lunch today which of his three hats he was wearing today. He thanked Mr. Green for stepping up to the plate during Administrator Hall's vacation. The Mayor had the honor of attending "Shrek the Musical" at Groveport Madison High School. It was an excellent performance for an auditorium that was 2/3 full.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Not present.

C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

a. Elm Street Parking

Law Director Shannon advised Council that he had drawn up a draft ordinance addressing the matter of parking on Elm Street in anticipation of Council wanting the ordinance on next week's agenda for first reading. The ordinance would limit parking on Elm Street to the south side from College Street to West Street. A letter from Administrator Hall indicated that there were issues/complaints in the neighborhood regarding the particular area. Council directed Mr. Shannon to have the ordinance on the agenda at next week's meeting for its first reading.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Nothing further to report.

[#073-2019](#)

ECODEV Council Report

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E. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Nothing further to report.

[#074-2019](#) PD Council Report

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F. Public Works Superintendent - Dennis Moore

Nothing further to report.

[#075-2019](#) PW Council Report

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G. Chief Building Official - Stephen Moore

Nothing further to report.

[#076-2019](#) B&Z Council Report

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H. Director of Golf - Tom Walker

Nothing further to report.

I. Recreation Director - Kyle Lund

Director of Recreation, Kyle Lund, reminded everyone that the Marshmallow Drop was rescheduled for Wednesday. Registration is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. with the event starting at 6:30 p.m. at Cruiser Park.

[#083-2019](#) REC Council Report

Attachments: [REC Council Report.pdf](#)
[The Connection.pdf](#)

J. Community Affairs Director - Patty Storts

Nothing further to report.

[#077-2019](#) CA Council Report

Attachments: [CA Council Report.pdf](#)

K. Director of Parks & Facilities Management - Tom Byrne

Parks & Facilities Management Director, Tom Byrne, reported that the Ohio & Erie Canal Southern Descent Historic District, which includes Lock 22, has been officially added to the National Register of Historic Places. There will be a celebration on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at The Links at Groveport from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a lot of videos and maps showing what this could mean for the City of Groveport.

[#078-2019](#)

P&FM Council Report

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L. City Engineer - Steve Farst

Nothing further to report.

[#079-2019](#)

ENG Council Report

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M. Director of Transportation - Bob Dowler

Nothing further to report.

[#080-2019](#)

DOT Council Report

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N. Personnel Director - Sue Wadley

Nothing further to report.

[#081-2019](#)

HR Council Report

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O. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

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

Council Member Grashel helped out at the Spring Swing that was held at the Recreation Center last Saturday. The event drew people from all

over the region from different communities. There were many compliments on the facility. The event was put on by the Groveport Madison Boosters.

Council Member Cleary wished everyone a blessed Easter.

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Hilbert made a motion, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Shawn Cleary, President Pro Tem

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, CMC
Clerk of Council

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