

CITY OF GROVEPORT REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

October 15, 2018

ADMINISTRATION – *Marsha Hall*

Legislation

Smoking in City Parks

Several Central Ohio communities have passed legislation prohibiting smoking and the use of e-cigarettes in their parks. This includes, among more than twelve, Grove City, Reynoldsburg, Hilliard, Dublin, Westerville, Columbus and Metro Parks. With the large number of youth using our public parks within Groveport, staff recommends legislation be introduced prohibiting smoking and e-cigarettes for the health, safety and welfare of our residents and park users. Please feel free to discuss this at tonight's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Miscellaneous

FCC Ruling re Small Cell Wireless Infrastructure

The FCC has issued an order that preempts sections of Ohio HB 478, a compromise that both municipal leaders and the telecommunications industry agreed upon that became law earlier this year. Many of the provisions in HB 478 that allowed municipalities to provide for the safety of their communities as well as protect the aesthetics of their rights-of-way have been rendered obsolete.

One of the provisions that will prove difficult for most municipalities is the establishment of a "shot clock" regarding the processing of applications for small cell deployment on municipal infrastructure. If the infrastructure is existing, municipalities will only have 60 days to process applications from telecommunications companies. If new infrastructure must be constructed, that deadline only extends out to 90 days. HB 478 had established a shot clock that would change to accommodate a greater influx of applications from telecommunications companies.

Additional new provisions include limiting what a municipality can charge as an application fee. This new limit is substantially lower than what most municipalities charge currently. There are no provisions within the order that mandate telecommunication companies must extend services to unserved areas within a municipality's jurisdiction. This could make it difficult for municipalities to incentivize the closing of the existing and detrimental digital divide.

Executive Session

Please consider going into executive session regarding potential land acquisition.

Mayor's Business Breakfast

A reminder that the Mayor's Business Breakfast will take place on October 24 at 7:30am at the Links banquet room. The results of the CIC's recent retail market analysis, City branding, and recruitment strategies will be presented.

We're also planning a public presentation on the evening of October 23 at the banquet room.

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Meetings; Events

Meetings/Events Attended

10/10 Meeting re. Senior Center parking
10/10 Staff meeting
10/11 S. Hamilton/Firehouse project bid opening
10/11 RITA conference call
10/11 Community Choir Gala

Upcoming Meetings/Events

10/17 OPBA Lt. union negotiations
10/18 RITA conference call
10/23 CIC meeting
10/23 CIC Public Presentation
10/24 Mayor's Business Breakfast
10/24 Staff meeting
10/25 RITA conference call