

City of Groveport

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 9, 2021

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

I. Call to Order

By Mayor Lance Westcamp at 6:40 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

Former Groveport Police Chief Ralph Portier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Shawn M. Cleary, Edward Dildine, Jean Ann Hilbert, John Hougland, Becky Hutson, and Scott Lockett

V. Approval of Minutes - July 26, 2021

The July 16, 2021 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

[#201-2021](#)

City Council Meeting Minutes 7.26.2021

Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes 7.26.2021.pdf](#)

VI. Swearing-In of Sergeants

Law Director Kevin Shannon administered the oath of office for police patrol sergeant to Josh Guiler. Sergeant Guiler introduced his wife and daughter.

Law Director Kevin Shannon administered the oath of office for police patrol sergeant to Sam Yockey. Sergeant Yockey introduced his fiancé and other members of his family who were in attendance.

Law Director Kevin Shannon administered the oath of office for police patrol sergeant to John Westhoven. Sergeant Westhoven introduced his wife, children, parents and step-parents, other family members, and fellow officers from various agencies.

VII. Business of Guests

A. James Chilton - 4918 Founders Drive

James Chilton, 4918 Founders Drive, addressed Council about a shelter house and a swing set at Founders Park. The matter was proposed a few years ago, pre-COVID, and now the neighborhood wants Council to consider making that happen. Administrator BJ King will meet with Council Member Lockett and Parks & Facilities Management Director Tom Byrne on plans and gather some cost estimates. Mr. King likes the shelter houses in neighborhoods because it encourages community interaction with picnics and similar gatherings.

B. Tina West and Judy Brown, Tallman Street

Judy Brown and Tina West, Newport Village, brought a problematic property on Tallman Street to Council's attention. The house sits at the entrance to Newport Village and is the first seen on Tallman Street when turning off Rohr Road. The house needs repair, but the main concern is the grass; some yard areas have grass over 3 feet tall. The resident mows the front and side yards so no one will notice the backyard. The HOA is aware of the problem, but no one responds to Mrs. Brown's emails about resolving the issue. Administrator King will get with the City's Zoning Inspector to see if the property is on their radar. There is a City ordinance on tall grass. The vermin inhabiting the tall grass is causing a nuisance. The residence houses a mother, father, and four grown children. The daughter has two babies, a boyfriend, and three to four tenants are living in the basement. Eight to twelve vehicles parked on Tallman Street belong to the residents of that house. City Administration will follow up with the Building Department first thing tomorrow morning.

[Ord. 2021-037](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 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 (DAVID J. ROBINSON, AGENT FOR PETITIONERS)

Sponsors: Hutson

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to move Ordinance 2021-037 and read the legislation before all the other readings.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to move Ordinance 2021-037 and read the legislation before all the other readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

[Ord. 2021-037](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF 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 (DAVID J. ROBINSON, AGENT FOR PETITIONERS)

Sponsors: Hutson

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings because everything that comes after this legislation flows from the approval of the annexation. The Franklin County Commissioners approved this annexation, and the City has to wait 60 days to bring the item before Council.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-037. A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

A. 3rd Readings

[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](#)

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to amend Section 2 of this Ordinance to read as follows: That the zoning map shall be amended to reflect Section 1 provided that petitioner conforms with the following requirements, conditions and/or recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Commission and/or Council:

Approval of the Rezoning at 0 Hayes Road, Parcel #180-005409 and #180-005408 from Rural (R) to Planned Industrial Park (PIP) with the condition that approval is contingent on the annexation of the property to the City of Groveport is approved.

1. A tree survey shall be completed and submitted for review with the required landscape plan for the site.
2. All recommendations and requirements stated in the letter from Columbus Regional Airport Authority dated May 12, 2021 shall be implemented in the development of this site.
3. Approval is contingent on the annexation of the property being approved.
4. A Water Main shall be extended along the project site frontage contemporaneously with or prior to the construction of site improvements. The design and construction of the water main (i.e., size, depth, pipe and material, specifications and alignment) shall be per the requirements of the City of Groveport and City of Columbus (per service agreement with Columbus). A flushing device shall be provided by the developer if so required by City of Columbus, to be located in a setting that meets approval of the City of Groveport.
5. The developer shall implement traffic-related improvements so required by the office of the Franklin County Engineer and /or City of Groveport, including but not limited to possible lane widening on Hayes Road to local standards across the parcel frontage.
6. A Development Agreement be established and entered into between the City and Developer before site development begins, to memorialize requirements of the Developer for the public water main extension and for any roadway improvements as required as an outcome of the Traffic Impact Study review.
7. The sanitary pump station and force main from it shall be a private system. The design of the proposed sanitary sewer system for this development shall be subject to approval of City of Columbus and City of Groveport using agency design standards, including the Ohio EPA requirements. The Sanitary sewer pump station shall be located outside of public right-of-way.
8. Site development design shall conform to City of Groveport requirements, including but not limited to compliance with stormwater management policies and regulations and including compliance with standards for Stream Corridor Protection Zone (SCPZ). Any grading and site drives within the SCPZ shall require mitigation; drive width in the SCPZ shall not exceed 24-ft in width.

That is the statement of amendments.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-022. A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to amend.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

[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](#)

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to amend Section 1 of this Ordinance to read as follows:

That the final plat for Hayes Road, Parcel Numbers 180-005408 and 180-005409 a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, is hereby approved provided that all of the following conditions set forth by the Planning & Zoning Commission are satisfied:

1. The surveyor shall sign and seal the plat, per Section 1191.09(5)(B).
2. Approval is contingent on the annexation of the property to the City of Groveport.
3. Final Plat shall meet requirements of the Franklin County Engineer.
4. Final Plat shall meet requirements of the City of Groveport Chapter 1191.09.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-023. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to amend. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

[Ord. 2021-029](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ACCEPTING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION AND ESTABLISHING THE PAY GRADE

Sponsors: Dildine

Attachments: [Ord. 2021-029 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-029. A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[Ord. 2021-030](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY GRADE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CLASSIFICATION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES CLERK CLASSIFICATION IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Hilbert

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a

motion to move Ordinance 2021-030 to further down the agenda under Other Business.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to move Ordinance 2021-030 to further down the agenda under Other Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[Ord. 2021-031](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION & SENIOR SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, ACCEPTING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION AND ESTABLISHING THE PAY GRADE, AND REMOVING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FURTHERMORE, CREATING THE POSITION OF ENGINEERING COORDINATOR IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AND REMOVING THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Hutson

Attachments: [Ord. 2021-031 DOT+SS Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[Ord. 2021-031 EC Exhibit B.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-031. A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. 2nd Readings

[Ord. 2021-034](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CULTIVATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Dildine

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-034.

[Ord. 2021-036](#)

AN ORDINANCE REMOVING 43.909 ACRES FROM COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA NO. 3, AND ADDING THE SAME 43.909 ACRES OF NEWLY ANNEXED TERRITORY INTO THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [Ord. 2021-036 Exhibit A.pdf](#)
 [Ord. 2021-036 Exhibit B.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-036. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to suspend the rules as to the three readings. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

C. 1st Readings

[Ord. 2021-038](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-007 (ADOPTED 02/23/2015), PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE NINE - TAXATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT BY AMENDING *CHAPTER 181 - INCOME TAX, SECTION 181.15 - ALLOCATION OF FUNDS* AND FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-049 (ADOPTED 11/28/2016) AND ORDINANCE NO. 2020-037 (ADOPTED 11/9/2020) WHICH AMENDED THE SAME

Sponsors: Hilbert

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings. This legislation is an appropriations Ordinance reflecting the recommendations of the Finance Director Jason Carr at the previous meeting. It will go into effect evening.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-038. 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:

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

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

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

[Ord. 2021-039](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE PATROL OFFICERS AND DETECTIVES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CAPITAL CITY LODGE # 9, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Lockett

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date to pass this as an emergency this evening based upon the successful negotiation of the collective bargaining agreement with Capital City Lodge 9.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-039. A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Westcamp praised Administrator King, Finance Director Carr, and all the staff representing the City of Groveport and all of Chiet Adams' officers who represented the other side on a great job with the negotiations.

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

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

[Ord. 2021-040](#)

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY CA INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS, LLC (CA), THE CITY OF GROVEPORT ("CITY") AND THE GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT (DISTRICT) AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Hougland

Attachments: [Ord. 2021-040 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. Mr. Shannon acknowledged that Council had suspended the rules on all the other legislation related to this development. Still, City staff asked for emergency action on this item because the Groveport Madison School District is considering this agreement on Wednesday evening. Mr. Shannon understood that the District would not consider the matter until the City of Groveport completed action.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-040. A motion was made by Council Member Hougland, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

[Ord. 2021-041](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Cleary

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. This matter hit the City's lap last week. The Ohio Attorney General's Office has been negotiating a settlement with the big three distributors of opioids that precipitated the lawsuit by the State of Ohio, the counties, the townships, and the municipalities. The parties have reached an agreement, and the State requires ratification by August 13, 2021. City staff has reviewed this as recommended by the Ohio Municipal League legal counsel and represented by the Ohio Attorney General.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-041. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

IX. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp publicly thanked Chief Casey Adams for what Council and staff witnessed tonight and all the work it took getting the sergeants in place. The Department made offers to three new patrol officers to start in September.

Kids Fest was a great day, the Mayor was a little concerned with the

crowd, but everyone was busy most of the day.

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator BJ King referred to the tree inventory reports he previously sent to the Mayor and Council. Mr. King is satisfied with the information; he was unsure if the format would be easy to follow, but the reports list the location and the needs of a specific tree. The City received a notice of when to expect the first allocation of 1/2 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds of \$294,402. City Administration anticipates the subsequent distribution will come in 2022. The City can use the money on infrastructure improvements; water, sewer, etc.

Groveport's first City Clean-Up Day, in conjunction with the National Clean-Up Day, is Saturday, September 18, from 9 am to noon.

Mr. King congratulated the three newly sworn-in sergeants, all three good individuals.

[#207-2021](#)

Admin report to Council

Attachments: [Admin report to Council August 9 2021.pdf](#)

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Casey Adams reported there is a lot of excitement in the Police Department with the promotions and new hires. The Department has been down two or three officers since February/ March of this year.

Chief Adams thanked Council and Administration for the union contract. Having been on the other side of the table in contract negotiations, the Chief could appreciate the officers' excitement once the talks were over. He thanked Finance Director Jason Carr, Administrator BJ King and Personnel Director Sue Wadley for their participation. This contract enables the City to retain and recruit officers. The new sergeants bring a total of 27 years of full-time experience with Groveport and another 20 years from outside agencies with John Westhoven and Josh Guiler. Groveport's current officers, and new officers, will be able to draw from all that experience. The three prospective candidates to start in September bring 21 years of experience to the Groveport police force.

Groveport Madison School District starts classes on August 16th. Chief Adams had lunch at the Groveport Senior Center. Members were excited to be back and have some normalcy too. Mr. Lockett attended the Chief's HOA meeting held every Wednesday. The residents like to see the Mayor and Council Members and have them field their questions at the meetings. Mr. Lockett added that they had questions

that pertained to Groveport as a whole, not just their end of town.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

Council previously adopted Ordinance Number 2021-020 Amending Chapter 153, which pertains to restitution for damage to public property. Finance Director Jason Carr gave an update on the process of getting claims submitted in a timely manner. Since the passage of the Ordinance, there were six claims the City collected; the largest was \$9,300 and the smallest \$258.13. The City currently has \$2,955 in collections and collected a total of \$12,275.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Law Director Shannon had nothing further to report.

F. Development Director - Jeff Green

Economic Development Director Jeff Green met with Dr. Alec Land about the hot rod shop property and a local business interested in possibly sharing space where the hot rod shop now stands. Dr. Land is still interested in building up, with the only issue being parking.

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

Council Member Cleary commented on how he enjoyed the Kids Fest event.

H. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Clerk of Council Ross had nothing further to report.

I. Standing Committees

Cemetery Committee

Council Member Cleary reported that the Cemetery Committee meeting would be in September due to conflicts with his work schedule. The Committee has to follow up with letters to owners of plots about complying with the rules and regulations at the cemetery.

Apple Butter Day Committee

Council Member Dildine reported that at an Apple Butter Day Committee meeting today, everything was in line and ready to go. The Apple Butter Day Committee is looking for someone in the community

to serve on the Committee. The event is planned at full capacity until the City gets word differently.

X. Other Business

A. Executive Session

Law Director Kevin Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to discuss (1) To consider the employment of a public employee and G (7) economic development matters. To include all members of Council, the Mayor, himself, the Administrator, Finance Director and the Economic Development Director for the economic matter which will be discussed first.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to discuss (1) To consider the employment of a public employee and G (7) economic development matters at 7:47 p.m. To include all members of Council, the Mayor, the Law Director, the Administrator, the Finance Director and the Economic Development Director for the economic matter. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to come out of Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. with no action taken. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[Ord. 2021-030](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY GRADE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CLASSIFICATION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES CLERK CLASSIFICATION IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Hilbert

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 2021-030. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Law Director Kevin Shannon advised the Mayor, Council, and staff that

the Ohio Ethics Commission prohibits them from receiving a gift from anyone who may have business before City Council at any given time, including any resident or citizen. The issue here is whether or not a book would constitute anything of value. The Governor's office gives some guidance but indicating that anything valued at \$20 or less is insignificant and would not fall into play with respect to receiving something of value. The book indicates a \$28 value on the back. Mr. Shannon's opinion is that Council can thank the resident and relay that City officials are not permitted to accept the gift. If Council wished, they could have the resident provide information on the books' cost and what they spent. Nevertheless, he thinks the best practice is for City officials or employees not to accept gifts.

XI. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, CMC
Clerk of Council

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