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Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 22, 2024

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Lance Westcamp called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Michael Loges - Development Director, Mindy Kay - 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

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

V. Approval of Minutes

The July 8, 2024 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

[#147-2024](#) July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2024.07.08 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**VII. Ordinances and Resolutions****A. 3rd Readings****B. 2nd Readings**

[Ord. 2024-031](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 143, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO

Sponsors: Lockett

Attachments: [Ord. 2024-031 Exhibit A revised.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon asked Mr. Lockett for a motion to amend Exhibit A based on the comments made by Council at last week's Committee of the Whole meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to amend the ordinance to include changes made to its exhibit. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. 1st Readings

[Res. 2024-005](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Sponsors: Rupp

Attachments: [Res. 2024-005 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Mr. Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date.

A motion was made by Council Member Rupp, 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 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert and Cleary

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

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

[#148-2024](#)

Resolution 2024-005 Tax Budget Memo

Attachments: [Resolution 2024-005 Tax Budget Memo.pdf](#)

[Ord. 2024-032](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS, USE AND USE REGULATIONS IN PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GROVEPORT, OHIO.

Sponsors: Westcamp

Attachments: [Ord. 2024-032 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission

[Ord. 2024-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY

FOR AND ACCEPT GRANTS FROM STATE AND FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, VIDEO EQUIPMENT, TRAILER MONITORING EQUIPMENT, GENERATOR, SOLAR PANELS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING (STATE VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT # 2024-ST-VCR-V353) AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Sponsors: Dildine

Attachments: [Ord. 2024-033 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Mr. Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to amend the Ordinance to include emergency language.

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to amend to include emergency language. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator King spoke about the newly finished outdoor break area at the Municipal Building and how the new turf eliminates drainage issues we had with the mulch that was previously there. He then reminded Council and staff about the employee's summer picnic on Friday and expressed his desire to go into executive session toward the end of tonight's Council meeting.

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams stated that two residents had to be displaced due to smoke issues after a house fire. He said they were lucky to get out safely and without injury.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon**F. Development Director - Michael Loges****G. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp**

Mr. Cleary made Council and staff aware of the alumni game at the high school on August 17th. He then spoke about construction in several neighborhoods and suggested posting pictures and updates on social media to show the residents how we are improving the City. He then inquired how much revenue the City has lost from having to drain the pool and refill it after "potty accidents". Administrator King said we will average out. Mr. Cleary said obviously we cannot charge them when it happens but it's a shame to have to close the pool on a 90-degree day. Mrs. Hilbert suggested the swim lessons be moved to the indoor pool because of this issue. Mayor Westcamp stated his main concern is for the part-time employees who have to be sent home and miss out on pay when this happens. He said we need to find them something to do so they can still get paid. Mrs. Hilbert agreed and said if not, they'll look for employment elsewhere next year. Mayor Westcamp added that he likes Mr. Cleary's idea of posting construction and improvement projects on social media to keep residents informed. Mr. King agreed and Mr. Dildine suggested doing a weekly update.

Mr. Dildine raised concern about a large tree that was downed in a recent storm right at the entrance to Newport Village. He said he'd like staff to reach out to the HOA to see what their plans are to get rid of it. Mr. King said he would follow up on it.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay**I. Standing Committees****IX. Other Business**

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 to the employment of a public official, the purchase of property, and to discuss imminent litigation. To include all members of Council, the Mayor, himself, and the Administrator.

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member

Cleary, to go into Executive Session at 6:47pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

X. Adjournment

Council Member made a motion, seconded by Council Member to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Mindy Kay
Clerk of Council

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

Yes: 7 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Rupp, Hilbert, Cleary and Westcamp