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Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 25, 2018

6:30 PM

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 Westcamp at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: Marsha Hall - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Kurt Blevins - Police Captain

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

Captain Blevins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to excuse Council Member Dildine from the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

V. Approval of Minutes - June 11, 2018

Approved as submitted.

[#149-2018](#) City Council Minutes 6.11.18

Attachments: [City Council Minutes 6.11.18.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**a. Chris Curtis - Compass Datacenters**

Chris Curtis with Compass Datacenters of 14180 Dallas Pkwy Suite 610, Dallas, Texas 75254, addressed Council supporting the application of the development plan for AEP's new datacenter facility. The company has already worked with AEP building a datacenter. AEP is one of the largest and best utilities in the country. They are looking to get this project done as quickly and efficiently as possible. The original development plan was submitted with a start date that comports with the normal process schedule. Mr. Curtis was present tonight to make sure

Council understood that their goal is to start much sooner if there is the ability to get through the process more quickly. The application mentioned an October start date but the company hopes for an August 23, 2018 commencement date. Mr. Curtis asked for Council's support to get through the process more quickly for the reason that this project is going to be a fundamental facility for AEP's entire power grid and time is very much of the essence.

Law Director, Kevin Shannon, informed Council that the Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission at the June 11, 2018 City Council meeting. The item is on Planning & Zoning's agenda for July 2, 2018. In certain circumstances, Council can consider suspending the rules as to the three readings and the effective date to pass the Ordinance as emergency legislation. As the process runs now, the item would go to Planning & Zoning on Monday, July 2nd, come back to City Council for a second reading on July 9th. Then, have its public hearing and go to City Council for its third and final reading on July 23rd. At which point, Council could consider passage as emergency language. The application is for a use variance, which is different than a re-zoning. The company is seeking a variance as to the uses in that area based upon what is currently going on in that area. The Ordinance is not only a request for a variance; Compass Datacenters has submitted their development plan as well which will be considered by Planning & Zoning and ultimately by City Council. Council Member, Jean Ann Hilbert informed everyone that she will not be available for the meetings on July 23rd. Council needs five affirmative votes to suspend the rules and pass an ordinance as emergency legislation. Mr. Shannon indicated to a representative of Compass Datacenters that Council Member Shawn Cleary could possibly recuse himself since he is an employee of AEP. It is Mr. Cleary's decision as to whether or not he feels as though that would be an appropriate situation. Therefore, if Mrs. Hilbert is unavailable and Mr. Cleary recuses himself, then the legislation would not have the five required affirmative votes to suspend the rules. One of two things could occur. The City has to go through the public hearing process and that happens at the ordinance's third reading. That gives the City time to give notice to the public of the public hearing. Mr. Shannon could assist Councilman Cleary with respect to the issue as to his ability to pass on the item, but Mr. Cleary may still feel he needs to recuse himself. There was a suggestion of holding a special meeting after the Committee of the Whole meeting on the third Monday of July. Staff will look at the calendar and try to plan out what the City can do legally.

Matthew Forshey with AEP, commented he has been working with Compass Datacenters for some time now. He understands a normal

construction project cycle can be twelve months or two years, which is why AEP chose Compass Datacenters because of their rapid deployment method. There have been a host things that prevented AEP from making a final decision on location until now, which has really put them up against the wire on this project. Every month that slides past August really makes an impact to the overall building schedule. The new facility will bring 17 full-time employees of AEP and 5 to 10 contractor jobs to Groveport.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[ORD. 18-029](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH ORCHARD GROVE APARTMENT COMPLEX LLC

Sponsors: Cleary

Law Director Shannon advised Council of the presence of Penny Ritz, representing the Orchard Grove Apartment Complex. Ms. Ritz, Property Manager of the Orchard Grove Apartments, has been working with the owner in California. Mr. Shannon met with Ms. Ritz today and they were able to finalize the terms as it relates to the licensing agreement. There were some concerns raised by Council and City staff, specifically City Engineer Steve Farst's concerns about placement of the sign in relation to the water line. The water line is four feet down, the agreement covers that there won't be any issues with the City having access to the water line in the event it becomes necessary. Moreover, they contacted their sign contractor who is willing to put the sign in special sleeves, making the sign easily and quickly removed, if necessary. The City just needs to present Orchard Grove Apartment Complex LLC the licensing agreement for their review and signature. But given that, Mr. Shannon feels very comfortable if Council would consider passing this legislation tonight. There is no need for amendments and the ordinance will go into effect in thirty days, giving plenty of time to have the agreement signed by the owner in California.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 18-029. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

[ORD. 18-030](#)

AN ORDINANCE REMOVING ONE OF THE PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST POSITIONS AND CREATING THE POSITION OF RECEPTIONIST/CLERK IN THE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, ACCEPTING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION AND PAY GRADE THEREFORE

Sponsors: Lockett

Attachments: [ORD. 18-030 Receptionist Clerk ADM.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 18-030. A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

[RES. 18-002](#)

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE GATEWAY CORRIDOR PLAN

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [RES. 18-002 Gateway Corridor Plan attachment.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Resolution No. 18-002. A motion was made by Council Member Hutson, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

B. 2nd Readings[ORD. 18-031](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONVEY A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO BOB WARD FAMILY LP

Sponsors: Hutson

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 18-031.

C. 1st Readings[ORD. 18-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING AS A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT THE INFRASTRUCTURE/IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPUS BUSINESS CENTER AT RICKENBACKER-RICK VIII

Sponsors: Grashel

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 18-033. This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

VIII. Reports**A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Lance Westcamp commented on the blue shirts Council received to wear on the 4th of July. Council will be meeting at the Recreation Center this year, instead of the golf course, at 10:30 a.m. Those in the parade can park on Glendening Drive and ride the bus over to the Rec Center; buses stop at 10:30 a.m. The Mayor was informed that it is forecast to be 90° on July 4th and no rain is predicted.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall reported that there has always been music at the site of the fireworks, but this year, anyone within a 2 mile radius of the Groveport 4th of July Celebration can turn to 88.3 FM to hear patriotic music coordinated with the fireworks on July 4th.

Ms. Hall also reported that the cell tower Verizon requested in 2016 that was approved to be located on the water treatment plant site had been put on hold by Verizon. Verizon contacted Groveport letting Administration know that they want to move forward with the tower, however, they need a site more to the east. They have requested that the City consider a site over by the Public Works facility. There are a couple of sites that would work, but Verizon has to work out arrangements with AEP making sure there is no interference with AEP's lines.

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Adm Report to Council - June 25

Attachments: [Adm Report to Council - June 25.pdf](#)

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Chief Portier was not present. Captain Blevins had nothing to report. Mayor Westcamp interjected that he, along with Marsha Hall, Kevin Shannon and Jeff Green, had lunch today with Chief Portier. The Chief plans to be in Groveport on the 4th of July.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Nothing further to report.

[#151-2018](#) Finance Report

Attachments: [Finance Report.pdf](#)

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Nothing further to report.

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

Council Member Jean Ann Hilbert reminded everyone of the opioid conference set for Tuesday at Madison Christian Church. The presentation "Operation Street Smart" will start at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Becky Hutson has been gathering information on the CoGo Bike Share program. The program is a bicycle rental program in Columbus. CoGo is Columbus' bike share system with 46 stations and 365 bikes across the city. It's a fun, affordable and convenient way to get around town. The program offers annual memberships and 1-day or 3-day passes. You find a bike, use your card to unlock it and ride. At the end of your ride you return the bike to any one of Columbus' 46 docking stations. Mrs. Hutson isn't sure if Groveport is close enough to connect with the program but thinks it's close. You would have to have more than one docking station for pickups and drop offs. She thinks this would be a great program for Groveport to consider for this community.

The City will be taking possession of the property at 490 Main Street sooner than originally planned. The topic of how the property can be utilized will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

Nothing to report.

H. Standing Committees

None.

IX. Other Business

None.

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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