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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, April 22, 2013

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

*Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert,
Donna Drury, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary & Jan Stoots*

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, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police

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 Portier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Council Member Cleary, Council Member Dildine, Council Member Drury, Council Member Hilbert, Council Member Rarey, and Council Member Stoots

V. Approval of Minutes- April 8, 2013

Approved as submitted.

[#024-2013](#)

Attachments: [4-8-13 Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Proclamation for Older Americans Month

Mayor Westcamp presented the Older American's Month Proclamation to President Linda Cairney and Vice President, Joan Williams, of the Senior Center Council & Board. President Cairney thanked Council and the Mayor for everything they do for the seniors. She pointed out that Groveport has always been supportive of the seniors and they all appreciate it.

[#025-2013](#)

Attachments: [Older Americans Month May 2013.pdf](#)

VII. Business of Guests**A. Marti Prince, Charlotte Barker & Mary Tedrow - Groveport Madison School Levy**

Charlotte Barker, Groveport Madison Board of Education Member, asked that Council endorse the operating levy individually and collectively on behalf of the City, which will be on the May 7, 2013 ballot. The Groveport Madison Schools levy on the May 7, 2013 ballot is an emergency operating levy that would generate the dollars necessary for our schools' day-to-day operating expenses, this includes items such as, but not limited to, textbooks, utilities, salaries, and classroom materials. She said a lot of people ask why do the same items listed for cuts resemble the list from August levy 2012 cuts. She explained that the last election was for a substitute emergency levy, which in essence was a renewal of an existing levy. She noted that particular levy generates \$7.7 million dollars for the district and the passage of that levy provided no new funding for the Groveport Madison Schools. Mrs. Barker said it merely allowed them to continue collecting the same amount they were collecting before. She indicated had that levy not passed, the schools would have lost \$7.7 million dollars per year. She said the levy in August last year was step one in getting the district back in sound fiscal condition, but they need a little more help to keep from cutting programs.

Marti Prince, Groveport Madison Treasurer, stressed how important the levy is to the students and their success. She said she is a resident of Groveport and her children were raised in the Groveport Madison School District and they are very successful adults. She requested Council's support, singularly and collectively, to support this levy. She said she would like to run an ad in The Columbus Southeast Messenger with the names of the endorser, which are right now over 400 supporters. Mrs. Prince said this levy would cost the owner of \$100,000 in property valuation about \$18.08 per month, generating \$5.5 million per year for five years. She said that calculates to a mere \$.60 a day. She pointed out that this is not a lot of money to find in one's budget to continue the success of our students.

Mrs. Prince explained the loss of the \$5.5 million in funding will have an immediate impact on educational programs and student

services. She pointed out that by law, school districts cannot operate with a deficit, and therefore more than \$4.5 million in organizational changes and reductions will be necessary, including: textbooks, technology, and classroom materials, library services, music, band, PE, and art, student busing for all high school students, reductions to athletics and extra-curricular programs, reductions in custodial/maintenance department and the school will be going back to the bare bones of what is required by the State of Ohio.

Council Member Rarey thanked Charlotte and Marti for coming before Council. He indicated that he is 100% in support of the schools. He commended them on their efforts to educate our children. Council Member Hilbert concurred with Council Member Rarey and requested a motion to support this levy.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Rarey, to support the Groveport Madison School operating levy on the May 7, 2013 ballot. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Council Member Shawn M. Cleary, Council Member Edward Dildine, Council Member Donna Drury, Council Member Jean Ann Hilbert, Council Member Ed Rarey, and Council Member Jan Stoots

Mayor Westcamp said his vote would be yes, too, if he had the option.

VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[ORD. 13-010](#)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AS TO APPROXIMATELY 2.53 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF THE FOLLOWING TRACTS OF LAND, PARCEL NUMBERS 185-000118, 185-000355, 185-000289, 185-000255, 185-000171, 185-000420, 185-000403 AND 185-000119, OWNED BY THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, PREVIOUSLY REZONED TO SELECT COMMERCIAL PLANNED DISTRICT (SCPD) IN ORDINANCE 11-016 (ADOPTED 5/23/11)

Sponsors: Jean Ann Hilbert

Law Director Shannon said staff is requesting Council to

consider amending the Ordinance to reflect the remarks from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-010. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to amend to add new Section 2 as follows:

Section 2: That in approving the stated Development Plan, Council agrees and/or consents to the following:

1) Waiver of traffic access and economic feasibility studies.

2) Ninety-one (91) parking spaces shall be deemed sufficient for the site.

3) Council's approval of items 1 and 2 herein is conditional on developer's acknowledgement that any exhaust system, such as a kitchen exhaust shall be vented on through the roof of the proposed structure(s). The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

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, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

[RES. 13-003](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, IN THE ESTIMATED PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,077,977.00, TO BE ISSUED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND CONSTRUCTING SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO IN CONNECTION WITH THE GROVEPORT TOWN CENTER PROJECT, TO REIMBURSE THE CITY'S GENERAL, PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT, OR BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR MONEYS PREVIOUSLY ADVANCED FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Sponsors: Jean Ann Hilbert

Law Director Shannon indicated that the Resolution needs to be amended to reflect the amount of \$1,077,977.00, which was submitted by Finance Director Green. Mr. Green said the figure is the City's portion of the project that includes the parking lot, side walks, landscaping, etc. and the purchase of the real estate

that was previously discussed with Council.

Council Member Cleary said that is a lot of money to spend on this project and asked if there was any chance it would exceed that amount. Mr. Green responded that they are hoping that the cost estimation decreases as things progress. He said they are in the process of trimming some of the costs down. He said as discussed at tonight's public hearing, they are going to have some of our employees do some of the site work such as landscaping, demolition and anything else that can be handled in house by the City. He said they are going to wait on the development of the pocket park until next year and try to pursue some grants. He said they included the extension of the bicycle path from the end, so that people can connect to the path at Blacklick Park.

Administrator Hall explained instead of the normal 10% construction contingency, she said they put in 20%, so that dollar amount will be reduced as well. She noted there is also a little over \$100,000 worth of soil work that the City may not have to pay, but they are waiting on the tests of the condition of the soil.

Mr. Green said the original plan also called for a rain garden, but they elected not to do it due to the high cost and opted to go for a more conventional means of retention. He said they are doing everything possible to keep the costs down.

Council Member Cleary said he was glad to hear that costs are being trimmed down, but added that one million dollars is a lot of money for the City to spend.

Council Member Rarey concurred with Council Member Cleary stating that we should not be spending all this money when we have a lot of unknown financial expenses coming up with the water plant and other projects that need finished first. He pointed out there are building issues with the golf course and other facilities and we need to be careful about spending such a great amount of money. He said he would like to have a firmer number for the project. Administrator Hall responded that the figures are detailed and the only funds built in the estimation are for costs they may not incur during construction. Council Member Rarey said he does not want to see other sidewalk

construction be put on hold, because we are spending too much money now. Administrator Hall said the largest cost the City will undertake with the project will be either the elimination or a large reduction of the parking lot. She said they can also put off constructing the bike path to cut costs. She said there are parts that can be phased into the project later or potentially take out some items completely. She said that is obviously up to Council.

Council Member Hilbert said that she is not in favor of reducing the parking lot, because we have always needed parking downtown for Town Hall and other businesses. Mr. Green said the parking issue came up when Dr. Land purchased his land for his vet clinic.

Mr. Green also added that they will be putting tax payers in these buildings and although it may not generate a huge amount of tax, but pointed out there is some return on this investment. He believes this is a good deal for the City and a great investment for the community. He said they are doing their best to reduce costs to the City.

The Clerk of Council read by title Resolution 13-003. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to amend the legislation to reflect the figure of \$1,077,977.00 in the blanks of the title and the body of the legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 1 - Rarey

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert and Stoots

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

Abstain: 1 - Rarey

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert and Stoots

B. 2nd Readings

[ORD. 13-012](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE, TITLE 3, CHAPTER 935 - *STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY* FOR THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Jan Stoots

Attachments: [Stream Corridor Protection Zone ORD. 13-012.pdf](#)

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-012.

C. 1st Readings

[ORD. 13-013](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GROVEPORT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (HEREINAFTER "GROVEPORT CIC") TO LEASE CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT MAIN AND FRONT STREET IN THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO TO BALTIMORE LAND MANAGEMENT, LLC, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 1724.10 (B) AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Jean Ann Hilbert

Law Director Shannon asked that Council consider passing this Ordinance as emergency legislation. Administrator Hall indicated this Ordinance was discussed at the Committee of the Whole as it relates to the Town Center Project schedule.

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-013. A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Dildine, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

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

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

[ORD. 13-014](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 12-051 (ADOPTED 11/13/2012), THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013 AND FURTHER AMENDING ORDINANCE 13-007 (ADOPTED 3/25/13), WHICH AMENDED THE SAME

Sponsors: Ed Dildine

Attachments: [ORD. 014 Amend Appropriations.pdf](#)

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-014. Council Member Dildine referred this Ordinance to the Committee of the Whole.

[ORD. 13-015](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT BIDS AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GROVEPORT TOWN CENTER PROJECT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Drury

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-015. Council Member Drury referred this Ordinance to the Committee of the Whole.

[ORD. 13-016](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HD SUPPLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER METERS/BILLING SOFTWARE SYSTEM, ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Stoots

Law Director Shannon asked Council to consider passing this legislation as an emergency. He said they are not asking to suspend the effective date, just the three reading requirement. He said with passage it will go into effect in thirty days for the reasons indicated by Administrator Hall in previous meetings.

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-016. A motion was made by Council Member Stoots, 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, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots

Council Member Cleary asked if we were covered by the Groveport City Charter to waive competitive bidding. Law Director Shannon responded yes, noting in the Ordinance it states this company is a single source provider.

A motion was made by Council Member Dildine, seconded by Council Member Drury, to adopt. The motion carried by

the following vote:**Yes:** 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Rarey and Stoots[ORD. 13-017](#)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EXTENSION TO COLUMBUS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AS TO THE TIME LIMIT OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED ON ROHR ROAD, (PARCEL NUMBERS 185-002914, 185-002915, 185-002917, 185-002916, 185-002780, 185-002918, 185-002921, 185-002922, 185-002920 AND 185-002919)

Sponsors: Cleary

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-017. Council Member Cleary referred this Ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

[ORD. 13-018](#)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN EXTENSION TO SCHOTTENSTEIN TRUSTEES GP ET AL AS TO THE TIME LIMIT OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 353.422 ± ACRES AT ROHR ROAD AND PONTIUS ROAD IN THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Dildine

The Clerk of Council read by title Ordinance 13-018. Council Member Cleary referred this Ordinance to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

IX. Reports[#026-2013](#)

Attachments: [CR 4-22-2013.pdf](#)

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp reported that they had a 4th of July Committee Meeting the other night and the members will be informing everyone of all the details at a later date. He reminded everyone that the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. and he would like to get that information to all the residents. He commended Council Member Stoots for her hard work on the Kid's Parade. He said they have one more meeting and they will bring back all the detailed information after that time. Council Member Stoots said she has

a tentative schedule and will share the information at the next meeting.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

No report

C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

No report

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Mr. Green said he sent emails to Council regarding the Front and Main Street contamination and the recommendations of CTL Engineering. They have asked for expedited service from BUSTR and he expects to have a letter within the next two weeks stating no further action, so the City will no longer be required to pay for any remediation.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

No report

F. Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert, Donna Drury, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary & Jan Stoots

Council Member Drury invited everyone to the Arbor Day service on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Heritage Park. She said they will plant three apple trees and the 2nd grade from Groveport Elementary will be participating in the ceremony.

G. Clerk of Council - Kimberly McWilliams

Clerk McWilliams reminded Mayor Westcamp, Council Member Hilbert and Council Member Cleary that their Financial Disclosure Statements are due on Wednesday, May 15th. She noted all other Members are due, providing they choose to run for office this year, on October 7th. She indicated that date is thirty days before the election.

H. Standing Committees

No report

X. Other Business

None

XI. Adjournment

Council Member Drury made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Kimberly McWilliams, Clerk of Council

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