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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 29, 2016

5:30 PM

****Special Council Meeting****

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

I. Call to Order

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Westcamp at 5:35 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

Council Member Scott Lockett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Excused: 1 - Edward Dildine

Present: 5 - Shawn M. Cleary, Jean Ann Hilbert, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, and Ed Rarey

Council Member Hutson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cleary to excuse Council Member Dildine from tonight's meeting. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Law Director Kevin Shannon stated for the record this was a special meeting called due to a lack of a quorum on Monday, June 27, 2016. The City did follow the City Charter with respect to posting the special meeting and calling it. The City called the meeting with a twenty-four hour notice but could have actually called a special meeting with a twelve hour notice. Mr. Shannon wanted it stated for the record that the City met with all the requirements with the twenty-four hour notice and we are in a lawful meeting.

V. Approval of Minutes - June 13, 2016

Approved as submitted.

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Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes 6-13-16.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests

None.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions**A. 3rd Readings****[ORD. 16-029](#)**

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND DEDICATING AS A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, THE SANITARY SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTED ON THE GROVEPORT-MADISON HIGH SCHOOL SITE LOCATED AT 4475 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD

Sponsors: Dildine

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-029. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

B. 2nd Readings**[ORD. 16-031](#)**

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. 16-031 Amend 143 Employees Generally Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-031.

C. 1st Readings**[ORD. 16-034](#)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AS TO APPROXIMATELY 1.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 2690 LONDON GROVEPORT ROAD, PARCEL NUMBER 185-001558 OWNED BY LARRY WRAY FROM RURAL (UNZONED) TO COMMUNITY SERVICE (CS), APPLICANT JOHN VIDMAR

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [2690 London Groveport Rd -Rezoning - application Exhibit A.pdf](#)
[2690 London Groveport -Rezoning - plans. Exhibit B.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-034. This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission

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ORD. 16-034 Staff Report 2016-03 Rezoning

Attachments: [ORD. 16-034 Staff Report 2016-03 Rezoning.pdf](#)

[ORD. 16-035](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH GAP INC PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 718.15 AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 13 OF THE OHIO CONSTITUTION, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Dildine

Law Director Shannon requested Council to consider making a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. As Council is aware this is a job creation and retention situation for the City and, as such, it is within the public interest that this Ordinance be considered emergency legislation tonight.

Clerk of Council Ross read by title Ordinance No. 16-035. A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

[ORD. 16-035](#)

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

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Lance Westcamp reported he has been advised by Finance Director Jeff Green that it is time for the tax revenue sharing with the school district. The Mayor told Mr. Green to invite Mr. Hoover to come

to the July 11th City Council meeting so the City can present it to them. Mayor Westcamp reported everything was ready for the 4th of July. The 4th of July Committee has done an excellent job and the Mayor thinks it will be a great event this year. He thanked Council for supporting the event.

B. Administrator - Marsha Hall

Administrator Marsha Hall reminded the Mayor and Council Members to be on Hendron Road where they usually gather for the float at 10:30 a.m. The shuttle bus will be stopping runs at 10:15 a.m.

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Adm Report to Council - June 27

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C. Chief of Police - Ralph Portier

Not present.

D. Director of Finance - Jeff Green

Director of Finance Jeff Green reported the Paddock Pub will be open on the 4th of July. They will be serving grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for patrons wanting to bring lawn chairs and sit on the golf course to watch the fireworks. It will be something different. The Pub will open special just for the 4th of July event.

Mr. Green also reported he heard from Mr. Wade with GAP Inc. who was present on Monday night. Mr. Wade expressed his appreciation to Council for everything they have done. The company is excited to stay here and expand in Groveport.

Mr. Green reported on the meeting with about 75 people from the Rickenbacker area talking about workforce issues. We are at 3.5% to 4% unemployment causing issues and with Amazon coming in taking another 1000 workers. There is a lot of concern in the region about filling all these jobs. The session yesterday involved a lot of the resources available from Job & Family Services, agencies, and organizations who serve the immigrant populations in various parts of the region. It was a very productive meeting. Everyone is starting to work towards solutions. Companies are getting more resources made available to them to help with the issues with their employees; transportation, childcare, etc. Council Member Lockett asked if there was any discussion regarding involvement of the local school districts. Mr. Green commented it wasn't really brought up but there were some school districts represented at the meeting. Columbus City Schools was represented, as well as, the vocational school. The vocational school is already formulating some ideas. They are to look into the old

Sun TV building where Pinnacle Data Services used to be located as a possible annex building. The school hopes to offer training on forklift operations and other types of warehouse operations. COTA is still working on Route 89 with something possibly coming in 2017. COTA would have to increase their route before the City could do any increases in transportation services.

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Law Director Shannon advised Council a company in our industrial park had expressed concerns to Chief Building Official Stephen Moore about signage. They are wanting to get the word out, information wise, as to jobs being available and trying to be consistent with the City's sign code. Mr. Moore had received some recommendations from the company, then met with Administrator Hall and himself. The City staff wanted to limit this signage to the industrial parks areas and didn't want it to look like Wally World where there are signs everywhere. The company had a wish list regarding signage. After staff went through the list, they felt the City could make some changes. Those changes need to be codified. However, the City wanted to help the company immediately and there is a way the City can do that. Several years ago Groveport passed legislation that gave Council the ability to pass an area variance. An area variance can be made with respect to the City's sign code just like it can with any of the City's building requirements. If a member of Council would make a motion tonight to move to grant a temporary area variance pursuant to the Groveport Codified Ordinances as to the sign code in the City's industrial district from August 1, 2016 through January 15, 2017 and further authorize the Administrator and/or her designee to perform any acts necessary to carryout said motion, this motion would enable the Administrator to direct the Chief Building Official to say the City will go ahead and allow this type of signage as it relates to advertising jobs. The motion gives the City the authority to work immediately. Eventually staff will bring to Council the changes to the sign code that will allow this type of signage. Administrator Hall went over the company's sign list to inform Council of the signage the City agrees to allow with the area variance. The Toys R Us building wanted one yard sign and City staff said no yard sign; two building signs and staff agreed to two building signs as this building sits on a corner; three fence signs and City staff said no fence signs; four feather signs and City staff said no feather signs; and wood tri-fold signs but staff would limit the number of those types of signs. The company wanted a total of 15 signs and City staff felt six signs were more appropriate for that size of building. The City is getting ready to redo its sign ordinance anyway since a Supreme Court decision that dealt with certain signage matters requires

everyone in the country to rewrite their sign code. That will take some time and this area variance will allow this signage for this hiring season.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert and seconded by Council Member Hutson. Council Member Hilbert wanted to clarify the signs going on the building were to be temporary. The building signs will be temporary banners, all the signs are to be temporary. Mr. Shannon added this motion gives Ms. Hall and Mr. Moore the flexibility to look at each building, what might be permissible, and what might be objectionable based upon the size, location, etc of the building. Since this is only a temporary period, Mr. Shannon feels comfortable with Council granting this motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Hutson, to grant a temporary area variance pursuant to the Groveport Codified Ordinances as to the sign code in the City's industrial district from August 1, 2016 through January 15, 2017 and further authorize the Administrator and/or her designee to perform any acts necessary to carryout said motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Excused: 1 - Dildine

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

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

None.

G. Clerk of Council - Ruthanne Sargus Ross

None.

H. Standing Committees

None.

IX. Other Business

None.

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hutson to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, 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.