

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

JUNE 12,

07

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Linda Lotspaih and Harold Robinson; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Director of City Planning Greg Gaines, Service Director Rich Norton, Director of Economic Development Kathy Perkins, Fire Chief Jack Keister, Police Chief Rick Barnhart, Deputy Police Chief Doug Woodard and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

EXCUSED: Mayor Gilman, Councilmember Jody Jones

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Sanner. Pastor Harry Stewart, West Carrollton Church of the Nazarene, gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

MINUTES

Mrs. Lotspaih motioned, seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve the Regular meeting minutes of May 22, 2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Lotspaih – yes, Mrs. Fryman – yes, Mr. Sanner – yes, Mr. Bowers – yes, Mr. Robinson – yes.

Mr. Robinson motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the Special meeting minutes of June 4, 2007 with the Miami Township Trustees. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Lotspaih – yes, Mrs. Fryman – yes, Mr. Sanner – yes, Mr. Bowers – yes, Mr. Robinson – yes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

WEST CARROLLTON RELAY FOR LIFE JUNE 29TH AND 30TH

Deputy Mayor Sanner read the Proclamation about the Relay For Life, to be held on June 29th and 30th.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Kouseff

Asked God to watch over the troops and bring them home safely. He indicated that he'd been attending various City Council meetings for seven years. He stated that he'd been born in Beirut Lebanon and moved to the United States on May 1, 1966. In 1971 he

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became a citizen, and ever since then he's been proud to be an American Citizen. He urged everyone to be proud they are Americans.

Peg Rinaldi

Gave an update on the 4th of July Festival, stating that their goal had been to be bigger than last year, and they are. She listed some of the activities, stated that this year they were having a car show and an apple pie contest. She indicated that the Vet recognition ceremony would be taking place at 1:00 p.m., and stated that the VFW always does a wonderful job of selecting the recipients. She encouraged the residents to attend this fun event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #13-2007

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to permit the resurfacing of the I-75 corridor within the City of West Carrollton Corporation Limits for projects Mot-IR75-0.00 and Mot-IR75-6.45. Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve Resolution #13-2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Lotspaih – yes, Mrs. Fryman – yes, Mr. Sanner – yes, Mr. Bowers – yes, Mr. Robinson – yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Williams stated that ODOT was working with engineers from Columbus to complete the study for the I-75 interchange project. He indicated there would be a public information involvement meeting on June 27 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and he invited everyone to attend this informative meeting so they can ask questions and see the plans.

He stated that CDBG has completed their review of submitted projects, and West Carrollton will receive \$92,500 to continue to replace old water lines in the old downtown area. He indicated that he anticipated this project to be underway at this time next year.

He reminded residents that Farmersville-West Carrollton Road will be closed while they replace the railroad track beginning June 22 at 9:00 a.m. and will be closed for approximately a week. He stated that the rubber mats will be put back, and more information on the road closure will be in the media.

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He stated that the Police Department renovation is moving along, and the target completion date is the end of the month.

He stated that Lake Forest Park and Donnington Park playground equipment was installed today. He thanked Christian Mattingly and the Parks and Recreation staff for working so diligently to complete the installation quickly.

He indicated that the Bit and Bridle Lane water line is in and later this week they will be grinding and repaving the streets. He indicated that this would be completed in a couple of weeks.

He concluded by stating that the Annual West Carrollton Soccer Blast had been held last weekend, and that there had been about 75 teams participating in this tournament. He thanked the organizers of the event and Parks and Recreation staff for ensuring this event went smoothly.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

Will Clark

Congratulated Christian Mattingly and Brian Richardson for a successful Family Movie Night in the Park. He stated that this is a wonderful activity and indicated the next movie nights will be July 6 and August 3. He encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy the next Family Movie Night.

Mr. Kousseff

Wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mrs. Lotspaih stated that her daughter had attended the Family Movie Night, and had indicated that it had been a lot of fun. She stated that the City Beautiful Commission was sponsoring the Most Patriotic House Contest for the 4th of July. She indicated that nominations should be called in to the city offices, and awards would be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place at the festival. She also stated that the annual Flower Judging would be going on now, and yard signs would be given to the winners in July. Anyone wishing to make a nomination should contact the city offices. She reminded the residents that the Relay for Life was scheduled for June 29, and the city has a team. She encouraged everyone to attend, to donate, and to participate in whatever capacity they can. She stated that the YMCA had made their goal for the Strong Kids Campaign. She stated

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they would be having their 3rd Annual Strong Kids Golf Outing with a shotgun start. She encouraged everyone to participate.

Mrs. Fryman thanked Miami Township for hosting the special meeting.

Mr. Bowers stated that Hank Bernard, the assistant basketball coach for West Carrollton High School, would be running the cornhole tournament. He indicated that this is just another demonstration of how the school helps support the community and its events. He stated that the cheerleaders would be having a 50/50, and the proceeds from the car show would go to the explorers program. He stated that this weekend the 4th of July Festival Committee would be passing out fliers and they needed volunteers to help them. He indicated that the library would be having another Harry Potter Party here at the Civic Center on July 20, and there would be food, games, Howlers, Dementors and much more. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Robinson stated that he wanted to put an idea out there for Council and Mr. Williams to think about, he wanted them to think about the issue of non-owner occupied homes in West Carrollton. He stated that the last census showed 48% of homes were apartments or multi-family dwellings, and another 5% as home rentals. He stated that over 50% of the homes in West Carrollton were rentals. He indicated that he had sought the advice of Mr. Farquhar about the possibility of creating zoning restrictions against building more apartments or rental homes in the city. He stated that he had been told that Mr. Farquhar didn't think it was illegal, but it would need to be looked into. He stated that he would like Council to think about an ordinance to prevent anymore multi-family housing in the area.

Deputy Mayor Sanner thanked the Township for hosting the special meeting, he stated that he'd seen the soccer blast and there were a lot of kids there. He indicated that he'd heard there was a water shortage in Greene County, and asked if West Carrollton had anything to worry about. Mr. Williams indicated that we don't have to worry about a shortage, we have plenty of water. Mr. Norton stated that usually we are at 11 point drawdown, and right now we are at 15 point. He stated that we normally pump 1.1 million gallons of water a day, and right now we are at 1.4 million. We should only be concerned if we reach 1.8 million gallons.

RECESS

Deputy Mayor Sanner motioned, seconded by Mrs. Lotspaih to recess to a work session to discuss the items on the agenda, to be followed by an executive session according to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section G1 and G3. A unanimous roll call carried the motion.

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WORK SESSION

COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE

Renee' Snodgrass and Greg Gaines discussed their recommendations for increases to various fees and charges associated with their areas of responsibility in the Planning and Building Department. After careful review of this information, including a survey of fees charged by other communities, the City Council authorized staff to prepare the necessary legislation to implement these fee increases. Following this discussion Renee' Snodgrass left.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

City staff discussed the standards used for the developments that are and will be occurring in the Alexandersville Square area. This is the area in the vicinity of Alex-Bell Road and Dixie Drive. It was noted that the City Council changed the original zoning regulations to control the development in this area several months ago and that the standards currently in place are more flexible than previously adopted. Following discussion on this matter Council indicated they had no further questions and better understood staff's efforts in the Planning Department to ensure that new developments in this area are done in accordance with the regulations previously adopted by Council.

COUNTY CORP HOME IMPROVEMENTS

City Manager Williams reviewed the work that is being done by County Corp in the vicinity of West Pease Avenue and noted that County Corp proposed acquiring two of the properties which the City recently purchased so that these funds might be used by the City or the acquisition of another home and related demolition associated with redevelopment of this site. After discussing this matter Council concurred that the City should transfer ownership of these two properties, two vacant lots which the City recently purchased, to County Corp so that these funds could be used in conjunction with the purchase and demolition of a deteriorated home on West Pease Avenue.

RTA

City Manager Williams noted that a meeting was held with the RTA Executive Director last week concerning Route 18. He expressed appreciation to Councilmembers Bowers and Robinson for attending this meeting. He noted that their waiting for a response from RTA concerning this matter.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner and seconded by Councilmember Harold Robinson to recess to an Executive Session. At the conclusion of the Executive Session a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner and Councilmember Harold Robinson to reconvene back into Work Session.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Robinson shared information he recently obtained concerning establishing an employee wellness program. City Manager Williams had noted that he had recently talked with Human Resource Manager, Sherry Callahan, concerning this matter and also with Parks and Recreation Director, Christian Mattingly, about putting more programs into place in the community through the Parks and Recreation Department to promote fitness within the community. Mr. Robinson also suggested that the City should consider doing a salary survey for City positions to make sure that our salary structure is competitive with other communities. Mr. Robinson also inquired about the status of reservations for the National League of Cities conference in New Orleans. City Manager Williams noted that Finance Director, Tom Reilly, was in the process of obtaining a credit card to assist with this process. Mr. Robinson requested that the wording on proclamations be modified so that the proclamation is issued by the West Carrollton Mayor and City Council and not just the Mayor.

Councilmember Angie Fryman indicated that she was working on drafting a policy pertaining to Council travel and that she anticipated having a draft set of policy guidelines for Council to review at the next meeting. She also mentioned the recent meeting with the Miami Township Trustees and indicated that both jurisdictions should continue to look for opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation.

Councilmember Linda Lotspaih noted that Amy Welker, the Director of the Health Department for the City of Piqua, recently made a presentation at the First Suburbs Consortium concerning efforts in Piqua to maintain their housing stock. City Manager Williams noted that he invited Ms. Welker to make a presentation to the City Staff concerning the work being done in Piqua. Councilmember Lotspaih also inquired about the possible need for a guardrail on the north side of Maplehill just east of Ivy Hill Circle. City Manager Williams said he would have the Street Department look into this matter.

Councilmember Robinson inquired about whether or not the City had seen a decrease in crime statistics in the older part of the City as a result of the work which County Corp is doing in that area. City Manager Williams said he would talk to the Police Chief concerning this question.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Jim Bowers and seconded by Councilmember Angie Fryman and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL