

## WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

SEPTEMBER 25,

07

PRESENT: Mayor Gilman, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson and Jeff Sanner; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Service Director Rich Norton; Parks & Recreation Director Christian Mattingly; Human Resources Manager Sherry Callahan; Police Chief Rick Barnhart, Deputy Police Chief Doug Woodard, and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilman. Pastor Jim Shihady, Bethel Baptist Church, gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

### MINUTES

Mrs. Lotspaih motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner to approve the Regular meeting minutes of November 11, 2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman – yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### PRESENTATION TO RETIRED POLICE OFFICER BRENDA ANDREW

Chief Barnhart spoke about Officer Andrew and her service with the City of West Carrollton. He stated that she had 14 years of service with West Carrollton. He stated that she was always upbeat and was a great officer. He indicated that she would be greatly missed by Canterbury Court because she would stop by during power outages and bring water and things to them. He concluded by thanking her for her service.

Mayor Gilman thanked her for all her years of service and dedication.

Brenda Andrews stated that it had been an honor and a privilege to work for the city.

Mr. Sanner said that her retirement was bittersweet, since he knew she didn't want to retire yet, and he wished her the best of luck.

Mrs. Fryman stated that Officer Andrew was a little package of dynamite and that she would be missed. She wished her luck.

Mrs. Lotspaih stated that they appreciated her dedication and thanked her.

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Mr. Robinson stated that he only knew her by reputation; he congratulated her, wished her luck and God speed.

Mrs. Jones stated that the West Carrollton Police Department is the best, and she hated to see one of the best go.

Mr. Bowers thanked her for her years of service and wished her the best.

Mr. Williams thanked her for her years of service and wished her the best.

Mayor Gilman said that she hoped Ms. Andrew would enjoy her retirement and that they'll miss her.

DR. RUSTY CLIFFORD, SUPERINTENDENT  
UPDATE ON WEST CARROLLTON SCHOOLS

Dr. Clifford gave an update on the school district stating that they were off to a phenomenal start. He talked about the energy loan the high school received for the improvements to the building, and stated that the energy savings will pay the loan off in 10 years. He stated that the High School is rated as excellent by the State of Ohio, and they had 12 out of 12 indicators on the State Report Card. He said the school district as a whole continues to improve. He talked about the changes to the State Report Card, and about the Adequate Yearly Progress, which goes with the "No Student Left Behind" program. He stated that the scale being used to judge perfection is getting higher.

He also talked about the youth conference scheduled for October 16 and 17 and encouraged everyone to attend. He reminded the residents that there would not be a school levy on the ballot until the year 2010, and thanked the community for all their support.

Mr. Robinson asked if the State is ever going to stop changing the standards so that schools might have the possibility of meeting them.

Dr. Clifford said that next years report card would change and have a value added component, an indicator of whether the student has had a year's growth in reading and math.

Mr. Robinson stated that if educators didn't have to constantly fight for money and fight bureaucrats, just think what they could achieve.

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Mayor Gilman asked if the High School had been air conditioned, and Dr. Clifford stated that the majority of the building was already air conditioned, and some of the building is still not air conditioned. He stated that the staff and the students are very proud of their building now.

**COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE**

Mr. Kouseff

Entreated God to watch over the troops and bring them home safely. He stated that he wanted to voice his opinion of what needs to be included in education curriculum. He stated that there should be a teacher for book studies, but there should also be instruction in person finances, and instruction on parenting. He stated there are too many divorces, and felt that instruction in school on how to be a good parent and a good marriage partner would help stop the rate of divorce.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION #15-2007**

A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mr. Sanner motioned seconded by Mrs. Fryman to approve Resolution #15-2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman –yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes.

**REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

Mr. Williams congratulated Dr. Clifford on all the strides the school district is making.

He stated that last night he had met with the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan and that they are not only looking at infrastructure but also parks and land usage. He stated that there would also be a committee for school issues and suggested that Dr. Clifford could be appointed to that committee.

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### UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Mr. Bowers nominated Roberta Phillips to the Planning Commission for the longest term possible, seconded by Mrs. Fryman. A roll call vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman –yes, Mr. Sanner –yes, Mr. Bowers –yes, Mrs. Jones –yes, Mr. Robinson –yes, Mayor Gilman – yes, Linda Lotspaih –yes.

### COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

None

### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Sanner thanked Dr. Clifford for the umbrella and said it was good to have him here.

Mr. Bowers stated that Indian Creek Condominiums was having a benefit this weekend called “Heroes Welcoming Heroes” from noon to 6:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

Mrs. Jones congratulated Dr. Clifford on the School District’s progress, and stated that the High School is really beautiful now, and the students are definitely proud of the building.

Mr. Robinson thanked Dr. Clifford for the umbrella. He stated that at a previous meeting it had been mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> Seaplane base was here, between West Carrollton and Moraine. He stated a committee had been formed was in the process of being incorporated, and they are looking for residents to participate in this committee. The committee will be working on raising funds to raise a facility in honor of this base. He stated it would be one more thing to be proud of in West Carrollton. He stated that he wanted to get it in the public eye, and raise awareness of this historic landmark.

Mrs. Lotspaih thanked Dr. Clifford for the umbrella. She spoke about the upcoming Monster Mash, being held on October 25 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., and listed some of the activities and events being planned. She indicated that anyone bringing in a canned good for the food drive would receive up to 5 free tickets for canned goods, and the food collected would be given to the Food Pantry. She encouraged everyone to attend this fun event.

Mayor Gilman stated that the National Park Service would be holding an event on October 5 at Huffman Prairie Flying Field, celebrating the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of flight.

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She stated that Canterbury Court would be having a groundbreaking ceremony of their new section on October 1 at 1:00 p.m. They would also be having their annual garage sale on October 6 which is also Garage Sale Saturday for West Carrollton.

### RECESS

Mayor Gilman motioned, seconded by Mr. Sanner to recess a work session to discuss the items on the agenda, to be followed by an Executive Session as Per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 section G1. A unanimous roll call carried the motion.

### WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Gilman, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson, and Jeff Sanner; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Greg Gaines, Director of City Planning, and Police Chief Rick Barnhart.

### LITEHOUSE PROJECT

Representatives from the Litehouse Project included Margie Rivera and Ken Botts, Marketing Representatives and Barry Buckman, Architect. Also present was Greg Gaines, Director of City Planning. The representatives from the Litehouse Project discussed the design for the proposed Litehouse Project in West Carrollton and noted that they had a \$200,000 budget for marketing. They indicated it was their intent to use this house for a period of approximately two years to help market the sale of the Litehouse sales in the West Carrollton area. They indicated they were requesting that the city contribute \$15,000 toward this marketing effort. After discussing this matter, City Council requested that they provide a breakdown for this \$200,000 they have budgeted and also how the \$15,000 requested from the city would be used. City Council indicated that after they receive this additional information they would give further consideration to this request. Following this discussion representatives from the Litehouse Project and Greg Gaines left.

### COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Police Chief Rick Barnhart discussed the need to replace the City's communication center equipment at this time. He noted that Motorola has indicated that the equipment which we have is no longer manufactured and it will become increasing difficult to find replacement parts for the equipment. It was also noted that the replacement of this

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equipment had been budgeted in the amount of \$300,000 in the City's ½% Capitol Improvement Budget for 2010. The Chief noted that all the equipment and related expenses, including the backup dispatch center at Fire Station #2, could be replaced at this time for \$150,000.

After discussing this matter and considering the vital importance of the communications center, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with the necessary actions to replace the equipment in the communications center, including the equipment for the backup center at Fire Station #2. Following discussion of this matter, Chief Barnhart left.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City Manager Williams distributed to City Council information that was given out at the recent meeting with the new Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee held earlier in the week.

### HOUSE BILL #9

City Manager Williams briefed City Council on this matter and indicated that the City Council could designate a staff person to be their designee to be responsible for the proper implementation of House Bill #9 pertaining to public records. City Manager Williams suggested that Tom Reilly, Finance Director and City Clerk, be designated that person if Council saw fit to do so. Williams also noted that the City Council would need to adopt a policy to be in compliance with this new law and anticipated that this item would be on their agenda probably at the second meeting in October.

### COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mayor Gilman advised Council of a reception at Wright State University and also mentioned that she had received an e-mail from Township Trustee, Deborah Preston concerning having the ministers in the West Carrollton area work in conjunction with the ministerial associations in Miamisburg and Miami Township on various matters especially relating to strengthening marriages. Also, Mayor Gilman noted that Miami Township Trustee Deborah Preston discussed the possibility of the City of West Carrollton becoming involved with the South Suburban Task Force on Teenage Alcohol Use.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following discussions on these matters the City Council recessed into executive session.

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ADJOURNMENT

At the conclusion of the executive session Mayor Maxine Gilman moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner to adjourn. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CLERK OF COUNCIL