

WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

MAY 8,

07

PRESENT: Mayor Gilman, Councilmembers Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Harold Robinson; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Lori Kirkwood; Police Chief Rick Barnhart, Deputy Police Chief Doug Woodard and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

EXCUSED: Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner and Councilmember Linda Lotspaih.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilman. Tracy Williams, City Manager gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve the Regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson – yes, Mayor Gilman – yes, Mrs. Fryman – yes, Mr. Bowers – yes, Mrs. Jones –yes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2007

A resolution recognizing the West Carrollton High School Class of 2007 Valedictorians and Salutatorian. Mayor Gilman motioned seconded by Councilmember Bowers to approve Resolution No. 11-2007. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson – yes, Mayor Gilman – yes, Mrs. Fryman – yes, Mr. Bowers – yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

Mayor Gilman called all the students in attendance to the front and presented them with copies of the resolution, congratulating them on their hard work and achievement.

Valedictorian

**Daniel Brown
Sarah Poast
Christina Spencer
Aaron Zhu**

Valedictorian

**Lauren Crouch
Elizabeth Schweitzer
Benjamin Yeager**

Salutatorian

Caitlin Thomas

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PROCLAMATION
“NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

Mayor Gilman read the proclamation in observance of May 13 – 19, 2007, declaring this week as National Police Week. She presented the proclamation to Chief Barnhart and Deputy Chief Doug Woodard.

PROCLAMATION
“PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK”

Mayor Gilman read the proclamation in observance of May 20-26, 2007, declaring this week as Public Service Recognition Week. She presented the proclamation to City Manager Tracy Williams.

PROCLAMATION
“OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”
“SENIOR CITIZENS DAY”

Mayor Gilman read the proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Month, and May 15 as Senior Citizens Day. She stated that she would be presenting a copy of the proclamation to the Senior Citizens Club and to Canterbury Court.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM C.F. HOLLIDAY ELEMENTARY PTO
FOR ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Mrs. Jones motioned seconded by Mrs. Fryman to authorize the city manager to donate ten (10) One Day Pool Passes to Wilson Park Pool. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Robinson – yes, Mayor Gilman – yes, Mrs. Fryman – yes, Mr. Bowers – yes, Mrs. Jones – yes.

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REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Williams stated that bids had been opened for the demolition of the boat house and that the bid had been awarded to Star Excavating. He indicated that the demolition was scheduled to begin May 17 and should take no more than two weeks. He indicated that they had received the parade permit for the Memorial Day Parade which is scheduled for Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. He reminded the residents that the parade would begin at the West Carrollton Middle School and encouraged everyone to attend the parade.

Mr. Williams talked about the recent Home Improvement Fair that had taken place on Saturday, and thanked staff for all their hard work. He stated that several vendors have already indicated that they would like to come back next year. He thanked County Corp for their help, and stated that they had given tours of some of the open houses that they had rehabbed and indicated that it was exciting to see the transition of that neighborhood. He stated that it was great to see what improvements can be done to older homes. He reminded everyone that Community Pride Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, check in is at 9:00, the volunteers work until 11:30 and then a picnic lunch is provided for them back at the Civic Center. He encouraged everyone to come out and volunteer for this community event.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY AUDIENCE

Rebecca Lucas

Stated that she wanted to talk about the RTA bus route 18. She thanked Council for listening to the residents concerns, and she thanked RTA for listening to the residents concerns. She stated that she understood that RTA has determined that the route has to stay the way it is or they have to eliminate the routes on Central Avenue and Elm Street. She indicated that she wanted to ask Council to leave the bus route the way it is. She indicated that she felt that the city is viable and this is a regional transit and with the current economy the way it is, this is a valuable and necessary service and she feels that the city needs to support a viable transit service. She stated that she felt that transportation access has helped contribute to successful growth in the city. She indicated that the community is aging and at some point the elderly will have to stop driving and they will require access to transportation. She indicated that with gas prices continually rising, more people may have to start riding the bus. She indicated that Elm Street is a major collector in the city. She stated that every time she and her husband pass bus stops, they always see people at the bus stop waiting for the bus. She indicated that she and her husband want people to have access to jobs, homes, the pool, a way in and out of the city. She indicated that she feels this is of high importance

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to the continued growth of the city. She stated that Olde Downtown is the center of town, and to have the bus route changed would leave this area without access to transportation. She concluded by stating that she felt that cutting out Central Avenue and Elm Street in the route would be a great disservice to the community.

Mr. Hutchinson

Stated that no one really knows where the center of town is, and agreed that Elm Street is a collector but it is not a truck route, and that trolleys, electrical and manual, are not allowed on Elm Street. He stated that the bus is a form of a trolley. He indicated that ½ of 1% is paid by everyone to RTA. He doesn't like breathing the diesel fumes, and indicated that he felt that the bridge at Gibbons would eventually break down due to the weight of the bus going across it. He stated that the noise of the bus is bothersome and he can't open his windows to enjoy fresh air without hearing the bus going up and down Elm Street. He stated that the bus always speeds down the hill on Elm Street and this is dangerous for the residents and children in the area. He concluded by stating that he did not want the bus to continue to travel on Elm Street.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Robinson congratulated staff on a successful Home Improvement Fair, and extended special thanks to Linda Cole for all her hard work in organizing the event. He stated that it had been a very positive event. He inquired if there would be an update at the next meeting about West Carrollton-Farmersville Road. Mr. Williams indicated there would be an update at that time. Mr. Robinson stated that he wanted to try and recognize Woody Bowman, and now that they are ready to begin construction, he asked the other Councilmembers to think of ways that they may be able to recognize him in the construction of the new building.

Mr. Bowers congratulated the students and stated it was an honor to reach the top of the class. He stated that he knows how hard they work and the effort that they put into their work. He also congratulated staff on a successful Home Improvement Fair.

Mrs. Jones congratulated the students and indicated that she knew they'd be very successful and that she was proud of them.

Mayor Gilman congratulated the staff on a successful Home Improvement Fair and she only heard positive comments about the event. She reminded the residents that Garage Sale Saturday would be May 12. She also spoke about Community Pride Day and urged everyone to participate. She stated that Rob Hensley and Nate Biggs were participating in the Police Unity Tour, and that they were still accepting donations. She indicated that anyone wishing to make a donation could make a check out to the National Police Unity Tour and drop it off at the Civic Center. She reminded everyone that the Relay For Life would be June 29 and 30, 2007 and that they are still accepting

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teams. She stated that anyone wishing to participate should contact Karla Gilman at 866-0350. She suggested that Council have a special meeting about the RTA issue and asked Council if they wanted to wait until everyone was present. Mr. Bowers indicated that it would probably be best to wait until everyone is present. Mayor Gilman stated that this is something that Council needs to decide for the benefit of the whole community.

RECESS

Mayor Gilman motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to recess to a work session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call carried the motion.

WORK SESSION

NLC CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS

City Council requested additional information and assistance in getting the necessary registration for the NLC Conference in New Orleans. City Manager Williams advised Council he would ask Carie Gray to assist them in making the necessary arrangements for the conference.

PARADES

City Manager Williams noted that the VFW will be holding their annual Memorial Day Parade on Sunday May 27th at 1:00 p.m. and that the Fire Department would have a truck there for the City Councilmembers to ride in at approximately 12:45 a.m. Also, the City Manager asked whether City Council planned to participate in the 2007 Heritage Festival in the City of Moraine. He said the City would provide a fire truck for them to ride on if they wish to participate in the Heritage Festival Parade.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Harold Robinson inquired as to whether or not the new Neighborhood Inspector would receive training regarding his contact with the public. City Manager Williams advised Council that he had already spoken with the inspector concerning this matter and that he was in training to fulfill his responsibilities as the new Neighborhood Inspector. City Manager Williams noted that every effort will be made to use sensitivity in dealing with the public; however, as usual Council might expect people to complain about the City's enforcement efforts.

Councilmember Angie Fryman inquired about the status of the Boathouse demolition and also noted that possibly Home Depot would like to become involved in doing a community improvement project in the city. Councilmember Fryman suggested that

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possibly they could get involved in our annual Community Pride Day and she also thought that possibly the Home Depot could assist with a project at the West Carrollton Historical Society home. City Manager Williams indicated he would convey this information to Christian Mattingly.

Mayor Gilman noted that the bricks to honor the individuals selected this year for the Plaza of Fame had not arrived yet and that the annual ceremony recognizing individuals for the Plaza of Fame would be scheduled after the bricks are completed.

The Mayor welcomed Katrina Onyett, the new reporter for the Dayton Daily News, to her first meeting and noted that the City looked forward to working with her in providing news coverage in the Dayton Daily News.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Maxine Gilman and seconded by Councilmember Jody Jones and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL