

PRESENT: Mayor Maxine Gilman; Council Members Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Jeff Sanner and Harold Robinson; City Manager G. Tracy Williams; Law Director Patrick G. Carney; Director of Economic Development Kathy Perkins; Fire Chief Jack Keister; and Assistant Clerk of Council Alicia Waymire.

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

MINUTES

Mr. Bowers motioned, seconded by Mrs. Jones to approve the Regular meeting minutes of July 25, 2006. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Sanner Byes, Mr. Bowers Byes, Mrs. Jones Byes, Mr. Robinson Byes, Mayor Gilman Byes, Mrs. Lotspaih Byes, Mrs. Fryman - yes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

KURT RINEHART
MANAGER OF ENGINEERING AND
TECHNICAL SERVICES,
MIAMI CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Mr. Rinehart gave an update on the Holes Creek project. He indicated that they are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to get funding back, and that so far they haven't had any success. They are trying to get funding for next year, and there is currently no word on that status yet. Mr. Robinson inquired how it was possible for the Army Corps of Engineers to take over \$4 million and spend it somewhere else and not replace it yet? He inquired as to whether or not there was any recourse. Mr. Rinehart responded that although Congress approved the funding, once the money is in the Corps budget, they can move it to other projects. He concluded that they would keep working on this and try to get funding again.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Mr. Williams indicated that Greg Gaines was appointed as the new Director of City Planning, and would be starting on August 28, 2006. The top priority for Mr. Gaines will be to create a comprehensive plan for the city.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Mr. Robinson stated that he and Mr. Bowers had recently attended a seminar offered by the Ohio Municipal League regarding economic development and city planning. He indicated that this was an excellent conference. Mr. Robinson indicated that he was very impressed with Greg Gaines' responses on the importance of comprehensive plans, and indicated that although this is something that doesn't happen over night, we can't wait four years to put this together. With new staff, and new council, he feels like there should at least be a temporary plan for new vision for the new people. He suggested that this could be something they work on at the Council retreat.

Mr. Sanner suggested that Mr. Williams give Mr. Robinson the past vision statements from the past retreats.

Mrs. Lotspaih reminded the residents that the Relay for Life would be taking place on August 11 & 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th and concluding at noon on the 12th. She encouraged everyone to participate in this event.

Mrs. Fryman thanked everyone who attended the Lindbergh Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out.

Mayor Gilman reminded the residents that the Relay for Life would start with the opening ceremony and speaker, Doris Arnett-Whitaker, at 6:00 p.m. on August 11. She indicated that the luminary ceremony would be at 9:00 p.m. She thanked everyone for attending the National Night Out, and stated that it had been a good turnout with good participation by the residents. She concluded by reminding the residents that the Relay For Life committee meeting would be Thursday, August 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Down The Pike.

RECESS

A motion was made by Mayor Gilman, seconded by Mr. Sanner, to recess to an executive session to discuss a personnel matter per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 Section G1, to be followed by a work session to discuss the items on the agenda. A unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Council adjourned.

WORK SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present: Mayor Maxine Gilman, Council Members Jim Bowers, Angie Fryman, Jody Jones, Linda Lotspaih, Harold Robinson and Jeff Sanner. Also in attendance for the executive session were City Manager G. Tracy Williams and Attorney Janet Cooper.

Following the executive session, Janet Cooper left the meeting.

The City Council reconvened into the Work Session.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Finance Director Tom Reilly was present to discuss the annual audit. It was noted that once again the city has received an excellent audit report. A news release will be issued concerning the city=s responsible handling of public funds. It was also requested that staff look into purchasing a check writer.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATUS

Finance Director Tom Reilly reviewed the second quarter financial statement with City Council, and reviewed anticipated revenue projections for the remainder of 2006.

Following this discussion, Tom Reilly left the meeting.

FARMERSVILLE-WEST CARROLLTON ROAD

Rich Norton, Service Director, discussed the proposed engineering study for Farmersville-West Carrollton Road that would analyze various alternatives for eliminating the flooding that occurs on the west approach to the Farmersville-West Carrollton Road bridge over the Great Miami River. Following discussion on various aspects of the study, City Council authorized staff to proceed to have this study completed.

Following discussion on this matter, Rich Norton left the meeting.

UPGRADING COMPUTERS

City Manager Williams discussed with Council the recommendation from the computer study committee. It was the consensus that the city should proceed to acquire the needed computers from Dell as Dell offered the best price and met the city=s requirements.

CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

City Manager Williams noted that Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, who will facilitate the City Council retreat, will be contacting members of City Council to discuss the agenda for that meeting. It was also noted that the City Council would like to have the department directors attend the City Council retreat on September 15th.

WOODY=S MARKET

Discussion was held concerning the city=s efforts to clear the Woody=s Market site for redevelopment.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Linda Lotspaih talked about the recent First Suburbs meeting. Mrs. Lotspaih also noted that she had the opportunity to talk with Congressman Mike Turner at the Dayton Air Show concerning matters pertaining to West Carrollton.

Councilmember Angie Fryman inquired about an item in the monthly report from Director of Economic Development, Kathy Perkins, concerning potential development along Springboro Pike.

Deputy Mayor Jeff Sanner inquired about the status of two properties previously mentioned that needed attention by the city=s inspectors. City Manager Williams noted that orders had been issued on the one property with regard to the uncompleted driveway, and that he would pursue further the matter concerning the junk car noted previously.

Councilmember Harold Robinson expressed concern that possibly the city=s property maintenance inspectors were not talking to residents regarding violations that they spot. Mr. Robinson indicated that the inspectors need to make a greater effort to contact and personally talk with property owners before issuing citation letters for violations that are found. This would allow them to better understand the situation and work more closely with residents to resolve any concerns. It was also noted that such an approach would create better public relations for the city and help reduce any ill feelings about our inspection efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmember Lotspaih, seconded by Councilmember Bowers to adjourn. All present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK OF COUNCIL