

BEAVERCREEK CITY COUNCIL/TOWNSHIP
Work Session, March 30, 2009 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mr. Hadley, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Petrak, Vice Mayor Giambrone, Mayor Vann
ABSENT: Mrs. Howard,

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Cornell, Clerk Bucheit, Mr. Thonnerieux, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Kucera, Mr. Beach, Captain Evers

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Carol Graff, Bob Stone, Bob Glaser, Tim Parks, Chief Thomas, Victoria Long, Bob Darden

Mayor Vann and Carol Graff called the meeting to order followed by roll call.

PARTNERSHIPS

Wind Storm Ike – Tim Parks

Mr. Parks stated that the Township and City had worked together on the cleanup and removal of brush, Rotary Park was used as the site where citizens could drop off the brush they had collected. The Township agreed to help by providing a backhoe and operator to help collect the brush and the billing was a pass through to FEMA since it was declared a disaster. The Township and City Road Departments will continue to work together in the future.

Parks – Tim Parks

Mr. Parks stated that the Township and City Parks crews work together at Rotary on a regular basis and just recently to construct bleachers and a joint effort to light all the baseball fields. They also worked together to get the Girl Scout Memorial in the Township Park ready for the memorial event. Bob Darden from the Parks District stated that the three departments had worked together to put in the outfield fence at the youth softball fields.

In Touch – Bill Kucera

Mr. Kucera stated that the In Touch has been around since the 80's and that this year it has been scaled back to three a year and is sent to both Beavercreek and Township residents. He stated that he had applied for an award with the City/County Marketing Association and would be able to check out the winners for comparison purposes.

Fiber Optics – Bill Kucera

Mr. Kucera stated that a fiber optic system designed to monitor traffic signals and help with traffic flow has been increased to 60 strands for communications purposes and high speed cable access for the City offices with the possibility of adding the schools, Fire Station 1 and 2, the Township and maybe later into Xenia. He said it was part of a grant that was approved by MVRPC through ODOT and was scheduled in two phases, the first phase would run the line from the Government Center to Orchard and Dayton-Xenia and on Fairfield from Lantz to Jonathan. Phase II would continue from Lantz Road on Fairfield to I675 and on New Germany to Royal Gateway and to Lillian Lane.

Fire – Chief Thomas

Chief Thomas stated that with the 911 directive they have worked towards interoperability with the City and County on central records system, joint dispatch, NIMS training and incident management training for pan flu epidemic training with a unified command and support for each other. He said that he has worked with Planning and Engineering on new developments to approve fire related codes.

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Police – Captain Evers

Captain Evers stated that Police and Fire have had a unique partnership with the joint dispatch for first responders for over 28 years. He stated they have worked together on planned and unplanned events including the wind event, NIMS training and establishing operational goals to benefit residents. He and Chief Turner wanted to thank Chief Thomas for all his help through the years and wished him well on his Retirement.

Grants – Dave Beach

Mr. Beach also thanked Chief Thomas for all his work and cooperation through the years. He stated that the City has 22 active grant projects over the next 5 years and in 2009 there is 12 million in construction. Mr. Beach would like to file for grants in the future that would benefit both the City and Township such as an interim plan for US 35 as these types of projects rank higher when multiple jurisdictions are involved.

PARKS – Mike Thonnerieux – Present and Future

Mr. Thonnerieux stated that presently the City and Township have partnerships in the Lofino Center, Rotary Park, Parks Master Plan and other special events. The Parks Master Plan will help define roles, create organizational and multi jurisdictional efficiencies, planning for joint vision, goals, potential solutions for unmet needs in Beavercreek and determine the direction for the future. Given demographics, economic similarities and philosophies of the Township and City, joint efforts to serving our community's needs is the most logical solution. He was interested in letting Greene County Commissioners know of City/Township interest in the Russ property that was given to Greene County Parks District.

CITY SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Cornell reviewed the results of the Fallon Survey and what the residents want in relation to the Township and also the possibility of an earnings tax to replace property taxes, consolidation of City and Township services and possible merger.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

City – Jeff McGrath

Mr. McGrath reviewed the current development trends including the downturn in residential activity and the significant development of commercial, office and research within the City. He stated the types of development that we have seen in 2008 will continue in 2009 and include projects like the proposed new Kettering Hospital which will most benefit the community in terms of job creation and tax revenue with minimal impact on school and city services. He also pointed out that there has been a lot of redevelopment occurring recently in the City on Colonel Glenn Highway with the addition of Sonic, at Fairfield and Kemp, the addition of Walgreens and the new Krogers' Marketplace coming it at Dayton Xenia and Fairfield.

Township – Victoria Long

Ms. Long stated that the Township is planning to upgrade their Land Use Plan to be comprehensive as defined by the Ohio Revised Code. There has been seven residential developments approved since the 2002 update, two are under construction, two are in the process of adding infrastructure and three remain unsubdivided. She said they are expecting major changes with the improvement of U.S. 35 and the addition of utilities to the Greene County Airport and other transportation improvements along Dayton-Xenia, Factory, Valley and Trebein. Beavercreek Schools is adding an elementary and middle school in the Township and they hope to start construction by late fall. In conjunction with the Land Use Plan they are working on Well Field Protection, River Corridor Protection, the Airport overlay and the Highway District regulations.

Roundtable Discussion

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Vice Mayor Giambrone stated that the City is interested in working together with the Township on the Land Use Plan since we are on similar wave lengths and that it is important to the citizens to work in unison. Mr. Stone and Mr. Glaser also seemed to think that there was some benefit to having the City's assistance.

Carol Graff stated that Chief Thomas was retiring on April 15, 2009 and they would have an informal reception here at Station #61 from 3 to 6pm and invited City officials to attend.

Mr. Jarvis MOVED to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. seconded by Mr. Hadley, the motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Julie Vann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

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