

BEAVERCREEK CITY COUNCIL
Work Session, June 15, 2009 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Hadley, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Leonard, Vice Mayor Giambrone, Mayor Vann

ABSENT: Mrs. Howard, Mr. Petrak

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

Vice Mayor Giambrone MOVED to excuse Mr. Petrak and Mrs. Howard, seconded by Mr. Leonard it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hadley MOVED to approve the agenda it was seconded by Mr. Jarvis. The Motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Youth Development Advisory Committee

Mayor Vann stated that the committee has asked to make some changes to the Organizational Ordinance. 1) Allow an unlimited number of senior members to be appointed. 2) Allow individuals to be members if they work or live in Beaver creek. 3) Allow parents who live outside of the City to be members.

Mayor Vann thought that the City should allow the Youth Council to use the City facilities free of charge not only for their meetings but also for their special events. She also asked if a student intern could be hired to design and update the website. They are interested in sending youth and advisors to the Search Institute Annual Conference in Cincinnati in November of this year.

Hembree Runoff Issue

Mrs. Hembree on Woodlawn Drive has contacted Council members and is concerned about the amount of drainage that comes across her property. Mr. Beach explained that there are forty acres of land that has always drained toward and across this one acre parcel. With the construction of the Summit Ridge Condominiums in 1990 and Stonegate II subdivision in 2004, detention facilities were added upstream by developers to mitigate the increased intensity of runoff from those sites. Since 2005 she has insisted that drainage across her parcel is greater than before and requested that the City of Beaver creek relocate the swale so that she can develop her property, the City's response has been that drainage improvement of this type are performed by the developer/owner at the owner's expense. Drainage problems have been complicated by a property owner at the corner of Country View and Woodlawn that has blocked the natural swale.

Reorganization Plan

Mr. Beach explained the proposed Public Works Reorganization to Council and explained that they are trying to maximize operational efficiencies to address short term budgetary shortfalls and introduce a team concept. As the reorganization occurs, there is an evaluation of opportunities of consolidating positions and the sharing of equipment and personnel between divisions more easily. The General Fund shortages have already created a need to transfer positions between departments and to Enterprise Fund Categories.

The Reorganization will consolidate the Golf Course, Parks, Recreation and Culture and the Public Service Division and Engineering under the supervision of the Public Administrative Services Director. It will enable the ability to absorb future growth and added services in Senior Citizen Services, Recreation and Youth Services and allow for a Full Service City Concept.

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Zoning Code

Family

Mr. McHugh researched the legal standard generally applied in zoning code definitions of the word family. His suggested language is: Family: One or two persons or parents, with their direct lineal descendants and adopted or foster children together with no more than two adult persons not so related, or a group of unrelated person living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit performing the social function of child-rearing.

Political Signs

Mr. McHugh stated that the Ohio Supreme Court in the City of Painesville case found for the defendant's and found the City's political sign ordinance to be unconstitutional. He suggested that our sign code be updated in accordance with the outcome of this case. Based on this case he suggested the wording: Because of the nature of materials typically used to construct political signs, to avoid the unsightliness of deteriorating signs and all safety concerns which accompany such a condition, political signs must be removed or replaced when the sign is deteriorated or within sixty (60) days from the date the sign is posted, whichever comes first. The City may cause the removal of any deteriorated sign and charge the expenses for the removal to the owner of the property on which the sign is displayed.

Home Occupations

Mr. McHugh stated he had made some changes to the Home Occupations/Home Businesses based on Mr. McGraths suggestions to make the ordinance more enforceable.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. McHugh stated that the Richmar Letter should not be discussed at this time because he is in discussions with the primary signer and his attorney.

Assessment Ordinances

Letter Included from Mr. Kucera about the Bond Legislation that went before Council on June 8, 2009.

Petition for Vacation

Petition included from Scott Marsich for a vacation of public right-of way at Stardust Drive and Morning View Drive.

Mr. Leonard MOVED to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. seconded by Mr. Hadley the motion PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Julie Vann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk
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