

BEAVERCREEK CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD
Work Session, October 12, 2010 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council Member Giambrone, Council Member Petrak, Council Member Vann, Council Member Wallace, Vice Mayor Jarvis, Mayor Hadley

ABSENT: Council Member Howard

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Cornell, Clerk Lampton, Chief Turner, Mr. McGrath, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Beach, Mr. Burkett

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Steve Maag, Nick Verhoff, Peg Arnold, Rob Dotson, Kim Grant,

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

Council Member Petrak MOVED to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wallace and PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Construction Update

Nick Verhoff, Superintendent, Beavercreek City Schools, stated they had the ground breaking ceremony for the new buildings. The ground is being prepped for construction which is scheduled for spring 2011.

Building renovations were very ambitious over the summer 2010. Fairbrook, Parkwood, and Main Elementary Schools received a complete replacement of the heating systems adding a new air conditioning system all with digital energy controls. Boilers were replaced where needed. Most of the old ceilings and lighting were replaced. Main Elementary's windows were replaced on the original structure. There will be an Open House Ceremony in late November when Main Auditorium's renovations are complete. Valley, Parkwood, and Ankeney Elementary Schools received a complete replacement of the parking lots. Ferguson and the high school also had some resurfacing done. The new restrooms and concession stand at the stadium is complete. Security camera systems have been installed at three elementary schools. Asbestos abatement has been completed at Valley and Shaw Elementary. Shaw Elementary also received a sidewalk that is parallel with Gerspacher Road.

In 2011 Valley and Shaw Elementary Schools will have a complete replacement of their heating system with the addition of air conditioning. New security systems will be installed and the gymnasiums and cafeterias will be updated. All elementary kitchens will be updated with new exhaust systems and needed food service equipment and all elementary stages will be made ADA assessable. Main Elementary will also be renovating the parking access.

In 2012-13 Ferguson will have HVAC renovations and related work performed and Main Elementary will have a gymnasium addition.

2010 Citizen Satisfaction Survey (City Update)

Mr. Cornell reviewed the Fallon Survey that was completed June 2010. He highlighted areas in each category as it relates to the City and the School District. For complete results of the survey please refer to the City of Beavercreek's website at www.ci.beavercreek.oh.us and click on more news.

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November 2010 School Levy

Mr. Verhoff gave a brief overview of Issue 1, a five year, 11 mill renewal operating levy that will be on the November ballot. This renewal represents 27% of the school's operating revenue and will result in no increase in taxes. The levy is a combination of two levies that were previously passed in 2001 and 2003 and were renewed in 2005 and 2006. The funds generated from this levy are for operational costs only, meaning the funds go towards textbooks, technology, and teachers. Beaver creek's expenditure per pupil has consistently been lower than state and similar schools' averages for the last decade while continuing to provide a high quality education. Beaver creek ranks 18 out of 21 school districts that are in a similar district category in expenditure per pupil which is 18% less than the average expenditure per pupil.

911 Memorial Project Update

Mayor Hadley discussed how the World Trade Center piece was chosen and the steps that had to be taken in acquiring the piece. There is a committee that is working on the details for the memorial and is collecting donations for the memorial. There are currently two proposed locations for the memorial; one is next to fire station #62 on Dayton-Xenia Road and the other potential is a possible donated site on Pentagon Blvd. The piece has been on display at multiple locations throughout the city with the first being the Popcorn Festival. The next opportunity to see the piece will be at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo at the Nutter Center on October 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Verhoff mentioned that the school has acquired a small piece of the tower and is working with the director of curriculum to tie this in with the curriculum based on the different age groups. This piece will be displayed at the different schools throughout the remainder of the school year.

School District Strategic Plan

Mr. Verhoff stated they went through an intensive three day strategic planning session in May 2010 with a 45 member committee composed of 25 district employees and 20 community members. The resulting vision statement is "Inspiring today, preparing for tomorrow." The mission statement is "To create a student-centered educational community through innovation and collaboration, inspiring and preparing all to lead and serve." From there they set five goal statements and set objectives and compiled an action plan for each of the goals. This strategic plan is going to be the guide and focus for the next three to five years.

Roundtable Discussion

Dave Beach, Public Administrative Services Director, stated that the City applied for seven grants for road improvements throughout the city. Most of the improvements have been grant based and focus has been on the major streets. With those in place the focus is being redirected to the secondary streets. One of two applications for the federal grant money that is of interest to the schools is the improvement of the intersection of Grange Hall Road and Shakertown Road by adding turn lanes in all directions. School buses have a difficult time negotiating turns at that intersection. The second application is for improvements to Kemp Road in front of Shaw Elementary, adding a turn lane.

Jeff McGrath, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed the northwest corner of Ankeney Middle School that is owned by the Marianists of Ohio. Verizon

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Wireless proposed a 10,000 square foot lease area for a cell phone tower two years ago. This was an objectionable proposal from the school's perspective because they use this property on many occasions. The City had tried to work with Verizon to relocate the tower to the other side of the highway where there is tree cover and be less of an impact to the condominiums and apartments at Willow Run. Verizon has now filed suit against the City of Beavercreek because the City has an old abandoned right of way in the proposed site which was the basis used to turn down the proposal initially. Mr. McGrath gave the school board a packet of information regarding the issue and stated that he would help them any way they needed with the issue of the property in question.

Vice Mayor Jarvis complimented Mr. Verhoff for having a student from each school participate in the ground breaking ceremony for the new school.

Council Member Wallace asked for a list of phone numbers and email addresses of each of the school board members. She also asked why we only had four home football games this year because this is lost revenue for the school.

Mr. Verhoff stated that it had to do with the two non-conference game schedule and it was something they do not control.

Council Member Wallace stated a safety concern outside Fairbrook Elementary and the backup that is caused on North Fairfield Road when parents are picking up their children. She also mentioned the possibility of the collaboration with the Chamber Ambassadors and the School Ambassadors with regards to the strategic planning.

Mrs. Arnold commented that from the time the schools were built, Beavercreek has grown exponentially and at that time students rode the bus. Today, many parents insist on dropping off and picking up their children which is creating safety and traffic issues. The new schools will have plenty of drive to accommodate this issue.

Mr. Verhoff mentioned with the opening of the new middle school that approximately 950 students and 100 employees will be moved off the high school campus thus decreasing some of the congestion on Dayton-Xenia. Mr. Verhoff also mentioned that they are looking to relocate the bus garage. They currently store 96 buses there but with the new schools the number of buses will be increasing and the current location is too small to accommodate the fleet.

Council Member Petrak MOVED to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. seconded by Council Member Giambrone. Motion was PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Scott Hadley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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