

WESTFIELD CITY COUNCIL, April 14, 2008

The Westfield City Council met in regular session Monday, April 14, 2008 at the Westfield City Hall. Members present were Bob Smith, Bob Horkay, John Dippel, Ken Kingshill, Melody Sweat, Tom Smith and Rob Stokes. Also present were Mayor Andy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer, Bruce Hauk, Clerk Treasurer Cindy Gossard and Legal Counsel, Brian Zaiger. Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Smith made a motion to approve March 10, 2008 minutes as amended. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

President Kingshill spoke regarding Rules of Conduct expected while attending Westfield City Council Meetings.

Guests:

Sharon Williams spoke regarding Westfield Dog Ordinance and who is the responsible entity for loose dogs.

Sharon Williams also spoke regarding the flooding with all the annexation.

Claims:

Melody Sweat made a motion to approve claims as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

Tree City Award Presentation:

Pam Louks of D.N.R. presented to Mayor Cook the Tree City Award as Westfield becomes the 3rd Tree City in Hamilton County.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Resolution 08-10 Establishing the Procedure for Rezone Petitions

Greg Anderson presented this item stating this Resolution is meant to codify the process of all rezones coming to the City Council prior to being presented to the APC.

Bob Horkay made a motion to approve Resolution 08-10 as amended with the deletion of Section 3. Rob Stokes seconded. Vote: Yes-6; No-0; Abstain-1 (J. Dippel). Motion carried.

Fee Waiver Request for Farmer's Market

Greg Anderson presented this item explaining the Downtown Neighborhood Association in a joint effort with the City is putting together a Farmer's Market and are seeking a waiver of the application and review fees of about \$65.00.

Tom Smith made a motion to approve the Farmer's Market Fee Waiver as presented. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

**Introduction of the Uptown Partners, LLC
Rezoning the "Villas at Timber Ridge"**

Greg Anderson presented this item stating this is 40 acres proposed as Attached Single Family Residential and action to be taken tonight would be Council approval to be forwarded to the APC for Public hearing.

Jon Dobosiewicz gave a brief description of the rezone request.

Council consensus to move this item on to the Plan Commission.

161st Street and Springmill Road Special Study – Report

Mayor Cook gave a brief history of 161st Street and Springmill Road and explained the intent of this special study.

Greg Anderson introduced this item summing up its development by the Westfield Planning Staff. Greg explained the methodology of the study and how the analysis was completed.

Greg also explained that 75% of the 311 participants (in-person and on-line) rendered a decision that was found to be inappropriate and the Comprehensive Plan remain unchanged for this intersection.

There was some discussion.

President Kingshill opened this item up to the Public.

Steve Hoover thanked staff for all their hard work and the results were reflective of what the community wants and were pleasing to him.

Fred Boyer is disappointed with the results of the study and feels he and his family have had an injustice done to them.

Diana Zeff stated she fought against this rezone and would like the City Council to really study this item before making a decision.

Ken Lipitz thanked the Community Development Department for their hard work and asked the Council, Mayor and Deputy Mayor to take into account both sides of the issues of this study.

**Resolution 08-11 Additional Appropriations – Parks; Greenspace
Beautification; Economic Development; Community
Development Project; Law Enforcement**

Bruce Hauk presented this item explaining the need for these additional appropriations to be made.

Public Hearing opened 8:20

None

Public Hearing closed at 8:21

Bob Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 08-11 as presented. Bob Horkay seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Bond Ordinance 08-08
First Reading**

Mayor Cook gave a brief explanation of Ordinance 08-08.

**Introduction of Appropriation Ordinance 08-09
First Reading**

Mayor Cook presented Ordinance 08-09 with a brief explanation.

City Council Comments:

Melody Sweat commended Joe Plankis on his brochure regarding the Economic Development Department.

Melody Sweat also asked for a Proclamation for Natural Trails Day Saturday June 7, 2008.

Melody Sweat also questioned the process in which the City Council need go through to bring forward any issues the Council feel need to be addressed.

Mayor Comments:

1. Successful first WeCan Meeting over 20 neighborhoods turned out and the issues that will be brought up for discussion at the next meeting.
2. Joe Plankis is in Japan working and hopefully a new business coming to Hamilton County.
3. Community Development will be stepping up our Code Enforcement efforts.
4. Roads and Streets are being surveyed in our jurisdiction with emphasis Regarding preventive maintenance and general maintenance.

Adjourn:

Bob Smith made a motion to adjourn. John Dippel seconded. Vote: Yes-7; No-0. Motion carried.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer

Council President