# CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

# COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2018 Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Robinette at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

*Roby Schottke* *Christine Houk* *Steve Robinette* *Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Schottke to excuse Mr. Davis; seconded by Ms. Houk.

| | |
|---|---|
| Mr. Schottke | Yes |
| Ms. Houk | Yes |
| Mr. Robinette | Yes |
| Mr. Davis | Yes |
| Mr. Berry | Yes |

**Mr. Robinette, in the absence of Mr. Davis, Chairman of Finance, moved into discussion under said Committee.**

1. Mr. Robinette asked to begin with Service and Capital Improvements. Ms. Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, reviewed the Capital Improvements and explained each. She noted that there are TIF monies allocated for a few of the Capital Projects.

Mr. Schottke asked if these could be prioritized within the Budget and separated into categories based on need; want; and those that could be supplemented later in the year. Ms. Fitzpatrick said they do prioritize the Capital Improvements and place only those they need or want to get completed in the coming year in the Budget. Mayor Stage confirmed that all Capital Improvements are prioritized and queued up as monies or grants become available. Mr. Schottke said he is just concerned that we have enough in reserve and aren't overspending.

Ms. Houk said the only red flag for her is the building for the Service Complex. Ms. Fitzpatrick said whatever is built will have function for a City department. She said the Service Dept. will always have a presence at Ventura Ave. even if most of the complex moves. Ms. Houk asked about the Senior Center parking lot and when its condition will be discussed. Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., said that is on the list for 2020 or 2021.

Mr. Berry commented about needing a larger facility for the Senior Center; the Service Complex; Police Storage; and a Recreation Center. He asked how we move forward and get these completed in the coming years. Mayor Stage said the pecking order would be: having control over Brookpark Middle School for a Recreation Center; the Senior Center could expand a bit; the Service Complex will remain where it is for now. The estimate to move it was at least $9 million. Council discussed next steps to turn Brookpark into a Community Center. Ms. Houk suggested creating a Financial Review Task Force in order to organize and take the next steps on our projects.

Mr. Robinette asked what the difference in the Street Program is between this and last year. Ms. Fitzpatrick said the Study last year showed that if we don't start maintaining more of our roads now we will be facing major problems in the future. The life of pavement is 20 years, maximum. This is the first increase in many years. Mr. Robinette asked about the Pinnacle Park in the Capital Improvements. Ms. Conrad explained that they did a concept plan and drawing on that a couple of years ago. She said the goal of the project is a passive park system with walking paths, fishing, and possible lacrosse fields.

She said they have also looked a placing a Service Complex in this area and how it would integrate with the park. Mr. Robinette asked for a copy of the Plan for Pinnacle Park. She then explained the improvements needed for The Big Splash pool and possible shelter additions to Fryer Park.

Mr. Berry said many of our parks are in need of more trees. He asked how much it would cost for the addition of 50 trees to Breck, Fryer, and Henceroth Park. Ms. Conrad said there is money in the budget for some additional trees. Ms. Fitzpatrick said she would get Mr. Berry a cost for the addition of 150 trees to parks.

2, Council moved to the Development Department. Ms. Houk asked about the new position. Mr. Rauch explained the need for this position and the duties that may be assigned. Mr. Robinette asked about a Concierge Program. Mr. Rauch said he has had meetings to begin the stepping stones of a Program. Mr. Robinette asked if this new person will allow for more items to be completed. Mr. Rauch said he wants the Zoning Code done in 2019. He said getting things done will depend on how soon the new position gets hired and when Ms. Shields returns from maternity leave.

3. Mr. Schottke shared an outline of the operating expenses. He said he is just concerned that we have enough carry-over in the future. He said we need to keep the operating reserve with three (3) months of operating expenses. He said he just wants to send a message that we need to be watchful of our spending. Mayor Stage said he understands, and that is one reason a 10 year proforma is completed.

4. Mr. Robinette asked about the Buckeye Parkway maintenance and irrigation work on page 46. He asked if some of the Pinnacle TIF monies could be used. Mr. Boso said he would have to check to see if that is an eligible area. Mr. Turner said that the area is eligible, but every dollar we use is a dollar the schools do not get.

5. Mayor Stage asked Council to turn to page 62; and look at our Fiber Optic Network and the Support Services Revenue. He pointed out how well it is doing,

6, Ms. Houk asked for clarification over the income tax. Mr. Turner answered those questions and provided further clarification. Ms. Houk then asked about Hotel Taxes. She would like to have a conversation with our community partners so they understand how those dollars can be used. She suggested some type of application so others could request dollars from this revenue stream.

7. Mr. Tim Keck, resident, asked about the intersection of North Meadows Drive. Ms. Fitzpatrick said they have that on the radar and are looking at it from an engineering perspective.

8. After closing comments, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Steven R. Robinette
President