

TIPP CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

MARCH 15, 2010

Executive Session

Motion was made by President Hale, seconded by John Kessler, and unanimously approved to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. to include City Manager Jon Crusey, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Law Director Joseph Moore, and Legal Counsel Kevin Lantz. The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. on a motion by President Hale, seconded by Mr. Kessler and unanimously approved.

Study Session

City Manager Jon Crusey opened the Study Session at 7:14 p.m. on this date.

Council members in attendance included Mayor Dee Gillis, John E. Kessler, Katie Black, Joe Gibson, George Lovett, Bryan Budding, and President Patrick Hale.

Others in attendance: Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Law Director Joseph Moore, City Engineer Scott Vagedes, Parks Superintendent Jim Asher, Finance Director Richard Drennen, Reporters Nancy Bowman and Mike McDermott, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

Retirement of Street Superintendent

City Manager Crusey informed Council that Street Superintendent Bob Steggemann announced his retirement effective May 31, 2010. In light of this retirement, Mr. Crusey reviewed the reorganization that was proposed during the 2010 budget review which would combine the Street and Parks Superintendent positions and would offer a \$69,855 annual savings. Mr. Crusey recommended this combination, creating a new Service Superintendent position and moving it to the next highest pay grade. Mr. Crusey also reminded Council that the current vacancy in the Parks Department was previously approved to be filled.

President Hale asked Mr. Asher, Parks Superintendent, for his input. Mr. Asher stated that he was willing to take on the extra duties and believes that it can be done with cooperation from both departments. Mr. Crusey noted that the two departments could be merged as the Service Department instead of two separate departments.

Mr. Kessler asked if the \$69,855 was actual savings. Mr. Crusey noted that Mr. Asher would not receive an immediate increase in pay, but would be eligible for merit increases in the future. This years' savings would be 7/12ths of \$69,855 since the change would not take effect until June 1.

Mr. Budding asked if Mr. Asher and the affected employees were comfortable with this change. Mr. Asher replied that everyone seems willing to make it work. Mr. Crusey stated that Mr. Steggemann will not be leaving for a few months and Mr. Asher will have time to learn the job.

Mr. Kessler asked if this new position would have to be posted externally. Mr. Crusey replied that it would not.

City Engineer/Service Director Vagedes stated that thanks to Jim's

knowledge and abilities, the City has the opportunity to make this combination work and save some money.

City Council agreed with Mr. Crusey's recommended changes.

City Logo

Mr. Crusey reminded Council that a discussion took place at the last meeting regarding changing the current logo to match the new logo being placed on the new water tower. Council had hoped to discuss this further at the Retreat, but did not have time. Mr. Crusey asked Council if they would like to move forward with the new logo replacing the "Our Image Is Growing" logo with the logo being placed on the new water tower. Mr. Crusey added that the City has received a lot of positive comments regarding the new logo. Ms. Black stated that she has also received positive comments on the new logo and has received questions regarding the meaning of the old logo. President Hale stated that he does not have a problem with moving towards the new logo, but would want items to be replaced with the new logo as necessary. Mr. Kessler asked if the old logo would stay in place if negative comments were received. Mr. Crusey stated that if he doesn't receive negative feedback, he will bring a resolution back to Council at the next meeting. Ms. Black suggested that Mr. Crusey also note the possible change on Facebook.



Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Patrick Hale, President

Attest: _____
Cathy A. Ross, Clerk of Council

TIPP CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

MARCH 15, 2010

Council Meeting

President Patrick Hale called to order the regular meeting of the Tipp City Council at 7:35 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: President Patrick Hale, Katie Black, Bryan Budding, Joseph Gibson, Mayor Dolores Gillis, George H. Lovett, and John E. Kessler.

Others in attendance: Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, Finance Director Richard Drennen, City Engineer Scott Vagedes, Chief of Police Tom Davidson, City Attorney Joseph P. Moore, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross.

Guests signing the register included: Steven Chaney, Kathy Sherman, Scott Brownlee, Rev. Gary Boggs, Matt Owen, Reporters Marilyn McConahay, Mike McDermott, and Nancy Bowman.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Gary Boggs from the First Baptist Church delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kessler made a motion, seconded by Mayor Gillis to approve the agenda. Motion was approved with a 7-0 vote.

Adoption of Minutes Study Session

Mayor Gillis made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 Study Session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kessler and unanimously approved.

Council Meeting

Mr. Budding made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 Council Meeting, seconded by President Hale. Mr. Gibson amended the minutes noting that he recused himself from discussion and the vote on the Public Hearing for the GardensAlive! BZA appeal. Mr. Gibson also noted that on page 43, the words "side code" should be changed to "sign code". Mr. Kessler noted that on page 44, the information regarding closing the meeting was repeated twice. President Hale then made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Mr. Gibson and unanimously approved.

Council Retreat

Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2010 Council Retreat, seconded by Mr. Budding and unanimously approved.

Presentations, Proclamations, and Awards

Mayor Gillis read a Proclamation for American Red Cross Month which was received by Kathy Sherman, representative from the American Red Cross.

Ordinances (Second Reading)

There were none.

Resolutions (one reading required) MVRPC Going Places

A resolution endorsing the existing condition assessment phase of Going Places – An integrated Land Use Vision for the Miami Valley Region.

Clerk of Council Summary: City Council reviewed this Plan at its March

1st Study Session.

City Manager's Comments: The adoption of this resolution acknowledges the City of Tipp City's endorsement of the existing condition assessment phase of Going Places, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission's Integrated Land Use Vision for the Miami Valley Region. On March 1, Martin Kim, MVRPC's Director of Regional Planning, presented to City Council during a workshop session the results of the existing conditions assessment. Council directed staff to prepare the necessary legislation to endorse said assessment.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Gillis sponsored this resolution and moved for its adoption. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kessler and passed with a 7-0 vote. Resolution 14-10 was declared passed and President Hale affixed his signature in witness thereto.

**Ordinances
(First Reading)**

There were none.

**Motions
Sign Permit**

Mr. Matt Owen, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, informed Council that the F6 permit was for wine that is served, not sold, and that one glass of wine would be included with the purchase of a ticket to the event. The areas to be closed are the same areas closed for Harvestfest. Mr. Owen also noted that this would be the 3rd annual event for Tipp City, which originated in Harrison's Restaurant. The event is now under the umbrella of the Downtown Tipp City Partnership and all proceeds benefit the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation.

Ms. Black made a motion authorizing the Police Chief to sign the temporary alcohol permit application for the What a Girl Wants Fashion Show and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the DTCP outlining the conditions of the street closure, including insurance, hold harmless/indemnification language, hours of operation, etc. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lovett and approved 7-0.

TIRC Recommendations

President Hale made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council to continue the incentive package for Transfreight LLC/Brett Properties for 2010. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lovett and unanimously approved. President Hale noted that this is the last year for this incentive package.

Miscellaneous

Citizen Comments

Reverend Gary Boggs requested a Proclamation declaring May 6, 2010 as a National Day of Prayer in Tipp City and requested that the Mayor attend the service to read the proclamation.

**Councilmember
Comments**

Mr. Gibson reminded citizens that if they are interested in obtaining a copy of the sign code, he has copies available. He noted that this item was discussed at the Council Retreat and will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Gibson requested that citizens provide input to himself or any other Council member. He noted that the sign code is also on the City's website and

TippNews.com. Mr. Gibson reminded citizens that this meeting will be rebroadcast on Channel 5 – KIT-TV.

Ms. Black noted that the Downtown Tipp City Partnership will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at the Tipp Monroe Community Services building, 2nd floor and the public is invited to attend.

Mayor Gillis informed everyone that she recently presented two proclamations; one to Dave and Sue Cook on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and one to Robert and Violet Holman who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. She reminded residents that Breakfast with the Mayor will be held this Thursday at the Library at 8 a.m.

President Hale announced that a free copy of Tipp’s new newspaper, *Tippecanoe Gazette*, will be distributed for the next two weeks. He also noted that the City is considering the implementation of a new logo, which has already been created to go on the new water tower. Any comments should be directed to the City Manager or any member of Council.

City Manager Comments

City Manager Crusey stated that the April 5th pre-meeting study session will include discussion on the sign code. He also requested that Council review the draft of the goals created at the Council Retreat and noted that further discussion will take place at the April 5th meeting regarding who is responsible for each goal, timing, and costs.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Black, seconded by Mr. Gibson, and unanimously approved.

Patrick Hale, President

Attest: _____
Cathy Ross, Clerk of Council

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