

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS
COUNCIL MEETING/WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 9, 2018 | 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor David Moore, Councilmembers Glenn Drees, Jeff Halter, Melanie Hermes, Jack Lee, Natasha Metz and Maria Waltherr. Also present were Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Acting Clerk of Council David Lumsden.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION/PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Following a prayer led by Ms. Waltherr, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pickleball in the Village of Greenhills

Ms. Waltherr introduced Mr. Bill Ries, an Ambassador for the USA Pickleball Association. Mr. Ries stated he has written a book about the game and has worked around the area to establish the sport. He said he visited and evaluated the existing tennis courts behind the Greenhills Swimming Pool and determined it to be suitable space for 6 pickleball courts. He stated the existing paving would be sufficient for the courts and the Village would only need to repaint and purchase nets. Grant funding may be available through the USA Pickleball Association.

Mr. Ries provided a list of communities, recreation complexes and other facilities with pickleball courts. He anticipates the sport will rise to the Olympic level in the next decade and he encouraged a local player to take the lead on establishing the game in the Village. He listed several local communities that have active pickleball leagues and players, including Newtown, Ft. Mitchell and Ft. Thomas.

Following Mr. Ries' presentation, Council further discussed recreation options for the referenced area. Mr. Halter said he wanted to ensure this would be the most engaging use of the space and suggested measuring interest among residents. Ms. Metz stated she was undertaking an updated recreation survey for residents and will add this option to her questions.

Report on Winton Woods City School new school construction

Ms. Kovach presented updates on the new school construction in the Village. Planning Commission will be holding another meeting in the coming weeks to continue the required site plan review. Additionally, Ms. Kovach presented a concept plan for a roundabout proposed for the intersection of Farragut and Hadley, incorporating the school drive. Winton Woods City Schools had previously indicated they were not planning the installation of a roundabout at the site, despite it being the most effective means to reduce traffic. The Village engineer estimates a cost of \$475,000 for construction as proposed. Ms. Kovach indicated this would alleviate traffic issues in this area and indicated she is working on funding options for this project.

Ms. Kovach also said Winton Woods City Schools will be holding a groundbreaking on Wednesday, October 17th at 11:30 a.m. at the site on Farragut.

Following Ms. Kovach's report, Ms. Hermes asked which entities can require Winton Woods City Schools to install improvements based on the results of impact studies. Ms. Kovach stated both Hamilton County and the Greenhills Planning Commission would enforce these requirements.

Greenhills Shopping Center signage

Ms. Kovach stated there has been little progress toward an agreement on the placement of a sign for the Greenhills Shopping Center. Ms. Kovach suggested the Village install a sign on the property parallel to Eswin and Winton that would also have a digital display element, allowing for advertising of community information and events, as well as leasable static sign space for Shopping Center businesses. Mr. Halter suggested constructing an entirely digital sign to ensure flexibility in content and design. He also added the display unit of the sign should be as nice as possible to ensure proper function. Ms. Hermes supported the digital sign, stating it would allow for a wide variety of content. Ms. Kovach stated she would obtain more information and inform Council of updates.

Additional items

Mr. Halter displayed images of the sample gateway sign in its location along Winton Road near Sharon Road. He said he would work on producing a more accurate mockup for demonstration of size, location, color and content.

Mr. Drees stated that he is working on planning for Light Up Greenhills, which will be held on December 7th. He also stated he is working to schedule a Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Lee said the Laws & Rules Committee is scheduled to meet on October 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Hermes said she will schedule a Safety Committee meeting in the coming weeks.

Ms. Waltherr thanked everyone who assisted with Harvest Fest on October 6th. She has scheduled a wrap-up meeting of the Harvest Fest planning committee for October 12th at 9 a.m.

Ms. Metz said a Services and Streets Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 17th at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

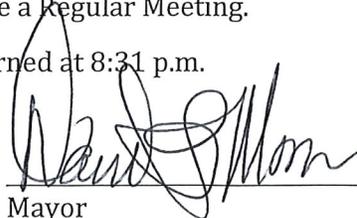
Ms. Hermes moved to adjourn into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of a public official. Mr. Drees seconded. Council adjourned into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment and compensation of a public official at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., Ms. Hermes moved to exit Executive Session. Mr. Drees seconded.

Mayor Moore said the regularly scheduled Regular Council Meeting on December 25th will be cancelled and the December 11th Work Session will be a Regular Meeting.

With no further business pending, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk of Council