

VILLAGE OF GREENHILLS

COUNCIL WORK SESSION SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 MINUTES

A work session of the Council of the Village of Greenhills, Ohio was called to order on September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Fred Murrell. Present were: Messrs. Adams, Drees, Halter, Hermes, Wolterman and Mrs. Waltherr. Also present were: Municipal Manager Evonne Kovach and Clerk of Council Kathy Lives.

Streets and Services - Adams

Proposed Winton Woods School District Tax Levy

- The Winton Woods School District is seeking feedback from the community on a proposed property tax levy for construction of two new schools.
- The School District would issue bonds in the approximate amount of \$64 million with a contribution of about \$30 million from the Ohio School Facilities Fund. The term of the bonds is unknown at this time.
- The two new facilities: one, kindergarten through sixth grade would be located in the Village of Greenhills; the other, seventh through twelfth grade would be located at or near the current Winton Woods High School. The remaining school buildings would be disposed of in some way.
- The anticipated cost to homeowners is approximately \$240 per year in property taxes.
- Sixty percent of the current property taxes go directly to the Winton Woods School District.
- The total amount of students from Greenhills enrolled in the Winton Woods School District is 287 from 197 out of roughly 1,600 households.
- The cost of the tax levy is a lot to ask of Village residents—88% of whom do not have children using the schools.
- Question raised about a tax break could be realized for residents is the Winton Woods School District central office was moved to Greenhills and a reduction given in the earnings tax.
- There is something to be said about having state-of-the-art visibility of the schools; however, buildings do not make a good student. Schools are in need of text books and technology which is more feasible to attain.
- Council has an obligation to understand the facts about the proposed levy. A Winton Woods School District representative will be invited to attend a future work session for informational purposes. Mayor Murrell will make the arrangements.

Community Development - Halter

Proposed Zoning Code Amendments

An informational discussion for comments and questions was held on the following topics:

- Development on the west side of Winton Road.
- Multi-family housing in the Village Center.
- Fences and the need to keep privacy fences at six feet in height.
- Shopping center as a non-conforming use.

- Need to limit urban farming to properties that are at least one acre in size.
- Restricting the number of pets at one property.
- Use of golf course and other public lands. Use of golf course land protected by the Charter.
- Council and the public encouraged to remember that not everyone will agree on the entire content of the amended Zoning Code; yet, everyone should see more good, and thus, the amendments should move forward.
- A Zoning Code hearing can be sought for special exceptions and variances.
- Another public hearing on the Zoning Code amendments is scheduled for September 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers.

Such other matters as may properly come before Council

- Work on the Winton Road Project has begun; Eswin Street resurfacing will begin next week.
- The Village of Greenhills tax budget has been approved by Hamilton County; this document will appear on a future Council meeting agenda.
- Andover, Cromwell and other roads affected by the Cincinnati Water Works project will be repaved soon.
- Representatives from the National Park Service will visit the Village of Greenhills on September 25-27, 2012.
- The re-painted lettering on the sign in front of the Municipal Building is visually appealing.
- Hamilton County communities recycled 22,212.59 tons in the first half of 2012; the Village of Greenhills increased its amount by 41%.
- Ms. Liz Blume, Executive Director Community Building Institute has the update to the HCDC County Economic Development Strategy and the results of the series of interviews that have been conducted. Ms. Waltherr will contact Ms. Blume for further information and a possible presentation to Council.
- The Mayor and Council have been invited to participate in the Winton Woods High School District homecoming parade on September 21, 2012; Mr. Drees will coordinate this participation.

Ms. Waltherr requested placement on a future Council meeting agenda a presentation from the students from the Winton Woods Global Academy. Mayor Murrell will coordinate this request with the school district.

With no further business forthcoming, the work session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Glenn Drees, VICE MAYOR /s/

Kathryn L. Lives, CLERK OF COUNCIL /s/