

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
September 6, 2016

President Hedger opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests – None

Legislative and Finance Committee

August 2016 Income Tax Report

Mr. Berens reported that the August 2016 income tax report is in the mailboxes will be presented for approval at the September 12 city council meeting. Mr. Tolliver noted that we are still up \$70,000 over where we were last year at this time.

August 2016 JEDZ Report

Mr. Berens reported that the July JEDZ report is ready and will be presented for approval at the September 12 city council meeting. The August 2016 JEDZ report will be ready and presented for approval at a later city council meeting.

August 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Berens reported that the July 2016 Auditor's and Treasurer's report is ready and will be presented for approval at the September 12 city council meeting. The August 2016 JEDZ report will be ready and presented for approval at a later city council meeting.

Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendment

Mr. Tolliver announced that Jessica Walker asked us to consider a code change to allow more parking for the Fit Body Boot Camp Fitness Center which would free up street parking for residents of Schenck Avenue. The fitness center is adding 16 more spaces and then 14 additional spaces when the old business next to them vacates the building. The Blue Ash Road Project will allow a better parking situation on nearby Blue Ash Road. Mr. Tolliver does not see a need to change the text amendment unless the Blue Ash Road Project does not alleviate the issues. All of council agreed and Mr. Tolliver made a recommendation to have a vote to agree with the Planning and Zoning Committee to deny the amendment at the next meeting.

Voluntary Employee Benefits – True Connect

Mr. Berens directed council to a document called True Connect; a free voluntary benefit for employees as an alternative to payday lenders. Employees in need due to extreme circumstances can apply for a loan for up to \$3000.00 maximum to be paid back over one year's time (Taken through payroll deduction over 26 pay periods). It cannot exceed 8% of the employee's paycheck. There is also free counseling available and no credit check will be done.

ULAP Agreement

Mr. Berens stated that an agreement is in the mailboxes between Deer Park and the owner of Insurus to help with the demolition of 8204, 8206 and 8208 Blue Ash Road. A grant of \$35,000 was received which will go towards the \$54,980.00 cost. The property owner will pay the difference. There is no cost to the city at all.

Duke Energy Natural Gas Central Corridor Extension Project

President Hedger and Ms. Newsom went to the Duke Energy pipeline meeting. The City of Cincinnati has hired a scientist to help. Duke Energy has other routes they could use instead of the ones that are proposed. Once the application is filed we can file an intervention and we have 30 days to file from when Duke files.

World Trade Center Memorial Committee

Mr. Berens announced that the 15 foot rail of subway from underneath The World Trade Center is now in Deer Park, after being brought here by Lt. Miller and Officer Jordan, and is being stored in the service department. A Committee is needed to decide how to honorably display it and will include the fire department, police department, schools, community members and city council members. Grants are available to help with the cost of the display.

Safety Committee

August 2016 Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Monthly Report

Mr. Berens stated that the August 2016 Fire District Report is in the mailboxes and will be given at next week's city council meeting on September 12.

August 2016 Deer Park Police Department Monthly Report

Mr. Berens stated that the August 2016 Police Report is not yet ready however will be ready and given at next week's city council meeting on September 12.

Deer Park Block Watch

Mr. Berens announced that the next Block Watch meeting is scheduled for September 20 at 7 pm at the Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire Department. Guest Ryan McEwan, Emergency Manager of Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, will speak on general preparedness. Officer Dave Battin will also be speaking on what to do if you find yourself in an active crime/shooting. A list of the Board of Directors of the Block Watch is in the mailboxes.

Public Works Committee

Tree Right of Way Project

Mr. Berens stated that he and Mr. Tassell met with members of the Cincinnati Zoo last week. Mr. Tassell stated that a Zoo member will help us catalog the trees. A grant of up to \$50,000 is available and we are looking into this. The schools are also interested in participating in this project.

Hamilton County Storm Water Grants Update

Mr. Berens announced that we received 3 grants. One for MacNicholas to re route the storm sewer, one for Chamberlin Park to address the drainage issue and one for the Blue Ash Road engineering project.

OKI/ODNR Trails Grant Update

Mr. Berens stated that he, Mr. Tassell and Allen and Tim met last week regarding grants to making walkways safer into and around Chamberlin Park. We were denied that portion however we went back and reapplied and we were approved today however the amount and details are not available yet. Improvements would include the entrance into the park from St. John's Terrace and the south entrance by railroad tracks/steps. Improvements are also planned on Orchard Lane up to the Sycamore Township line.

Sewer Backup Info from MSD

Mr. Tassell announced that anyone affected by the flooding rains from recent storms can appeal on the MSD website for help with clean up as there is a program available that MSD is required to take care of.

Other Boards or Committees with a Report -None

Schedule

City Council Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00pm

Park Board Meeting, Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 7:00pm

City Council Meeting, Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00pm

Announcements – None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Christine Hedger
President of Council

Joan Perin
Clerk of Council