



Coffee with Council – Public Outreach Meetings

February 28, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Location: P a n e r a – Clark Hall

Topics of Discussion

Senior Center

- Resident just received Gateway; pleased to see spring break is moving from the Senior Center to Clark Hall; have a problem with perception; regarding rental facilities, on page 4 it's 8 to 11 p.m.; golf course says available, but senior center perception is that with those hours, the Senior Center will close.

Parking

- Resident expressed concern about a truck out of compliance at 260 Amfield; truck sells euros; neighbors don't like it; owner threw tarp over it; he doesn't understand; he does have concrete; it's an eye sore.
 - Council said they spoke with Brian Reynolds about campers; suggested public awareness campaign; getting Police Division and Public Information Manager involved so people know that it's improper to block sidewalks, park commercial vehicles and other routine code violations.

Angling with an Officer

- Resident referenced a new Angling with an Officer program in Gateway; thought it was very good that Police Division will fish with kids and adults; at Woodside Green; to learn the basics of fishing; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 2; nice way for citizens to interact with officers.

Cell Tower

- Resident announced that the cell tower was pulled at the New Life Church; nothing is proposed at this time; there are discussions about looking at the cell tower code; our code was written for federal regulations; residents listed a report on other codes in the community; they are willing to volunteer their time to help with this process; taking best zoning practices to Gahanna.

Staffing Changes

- Resident expressed concern with staffing changes being proposed; think it is needed, but has a problem with taking money from Council for it; let Administration use it; Council will now need to take a supplemental; find money within Administration.
 - Council responded by stating Council and Administration are working together; some of that money was allocated to accomplish this task; this was Council driven; freeing up time to work on Council initiatives; could have hired our own person in Council; earmarked for temporary; work their tail off and becomes vital part have ability to say goodbye; hadn't streamlined hadn't work to get the lean process; expanding Jennifer's role; definite performance for Government module that will be successful; probably a

wise use of money; contract model is one concept and the other organically grown model to start to grow internally; one is added role for Jennifer for day to day manager function and other is a person who will be able to capture data for market, efficiencies and streamline processes; debate on whether it's something that need to be performed; or have broader scope; one council has issues; skill set and background is not the skill set to accomplish what is needed; the reason he objected is it crystal clear this is not the skill set; concerned about where the money is coming from; position could be very temporary.

Governance Commission

- Council announced the Governance Commission will be setting up interviews; not something that can happen quickly; close to getting the Commission set up; it's only one section, but it will be hard to finish by July; time limit is six months; city manager form of government question will need to be on ballot in August; they will make a recommendation; Governance Commission has a very broad capability; they could come back with what we have or come back with language to go to ballot; one Council Member stated they think it will be difficult to receive a recommendation in July and get ballot information by July; the wording is much too complex; even if the Commission met and Council voted on it; doesn't believe it is enough time; would be oversimplified and will not be ready.

Communications

- Council brought up the Hamilton Road widening; Johnstown Road is not going; announced businesses:
 - Fresh Thyme Market coming
 - Rocky Fork expansion
- Council gave additional update on Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN) lease; GRIN is not using Hamilton House; not sure where they are; Council isn't convinced that property won't work; money could be raised; maybe Habitat for Humanity; there is vacant commercial property on Johnstown (Dr. Bing's place); maybe that might be an opportunity; place by Creekside; house that had businesses; the general store location; that might be an option; looking at every store front along the way; doll house on High Street is for sale; one of the old houses like Herb Center might be an option.

Water Billing

- Resident had questions on water bills; there is a charge for storm run-off fee; where does that money go and is it held for certain projects.
 - Council explained those are proprietary funds that can only be used for stormwater for management and treatment; it is mandated that it is used for specific purpose; the water comes from Columbus and inundates the water basin; portion of the piggy back tax credit is earmarked for stormwater.
- Resident continued he lives in Hunter's Ridge; EPA insisted on it; then it changed and believes they don't really need to do anything; City made a big to-do about someone's pool; if there is no need, should not have to pay it; unless it is used for something more beneficial; looks like they are looking for ways to spend it; looked at the numbers; fund has \$2 million in it; if we have more money than we need, there should be some expectation and concept of where it will be spent in the future.
 - Council responded with the Engineering Department manages this area; had major stormwater issues over the years that have been ongoing and they have been

addressed; there are a lot of EPA regulations; that is the challenge of managing proprietary funds.

- Resident believes this charge doesn't benefit him; lived here for 44 years and does not see a need for it; Fleet Run Park made a big mound of dirt and there was no free standing water; it doesn't accomplish much.