

City of Deer Park
City Council Committee Meeting
Municipal Building
January 2, 2018

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

Mr. Gavin Requests Official Information from Mr. Helmes

Mr. Gavin requested to have the floor and stated that many people came up to him after the swearing in ceremony yesterday to say they thought things were going to change. He agrees and requested that Mr. Helmes do some research to find out the official information per the ORC and Deer Park Codified Ordinances regarding the selection of committees.

Mr. Gavin noted that there is one caveat in the Municipal League which states that the majority of the time committees are assigned by members of council and sometimes by the President of Council. The council members discuss amongst themselves who should be on each committee and weigh the strong and weak points of each other to see where they can best bring their talents. If we don't cross our T's and dot our I's we could have litigation or lawsuits from contractors, home owners or businesses Mr. Gavin said.

Mr. Gavin recapped that being involved is very important to him and his constituents, who expect him to be part of the discussions to help move Deer Park forward and that he will participate. The legislative side should not interfere with the administration side and the administration side should not interfere with the legislative side as it could be problematic. Mr. Helmes asked for Mr. Gavin to put his request in writing.

Mr. Tassell added that as a body we are responsible to ask elected officials and administration for policies and instructions. We must be in sync and work together as one body to keep consistent motion to pass legislation.

Legislative and Finance Committee

Discover Deer Park Presentation

Mr. Jetter presented "Discover Deer Park" with a slideshow showing how Deer Park is Historic, Friendly and Amazing. Mr. Jetter shared the new mission statement and referred to the future Blue Ash Road project calling it the "amazing gateway to the city". The slideshow featured information about our economic growth, second strategic planning, community centric and communication median. It also went over our vision with community minded businesses, community values, our beloved Chamberlin Park, booming home sales and property values but most importantly keeping families in Deer Park and moving forward to reshape the future. Mayor Donnellon commented that this presentation was outstanding.

CIC/Port Authority Delinquent Property Acquisitions

Mr. Jetter stated that he would like council to look at the map placed in the mailboxes which shows houses in Deer Park that are delinquent on taxes. Mr. Jetter spoke about the county hardship programs that are out there to help residents and mentioned that if a house in disarray, as in the case with a deceased owner, then it might be better to come down and wants to secure funding for acquiring property tax delinquencies.

Delinquent Income Tax Arrearage

Mr. Jetter stated that he is upset about the amount of delinquent income tax arrearage and would like to reduce accounts receivable to 2 percent using civil means instead of criminal citation. This will keep us from having to cut down on city services. Mr. Jetter has spoken with Mr. Helmes and will be meeting with the tax commissioner soon. Mr. Jetter wants to work out a plan on how we might be able to place a lien on property or garnish wages and reiterated on how important income recovery is for the city.

Economic Development Update

Mr. Jetter will be meeting with the building owner of the property next to UDF. They are looking at tearing it down and putting in a small strip center with small businesses there. Mr. Jetter is also meeting on Thursday with Dan Dennis who has a faith based organization and is looking to buy building in Deer Park. There are possibilities of borrowing money to buy bowling alley and tearing it down and creating our own development. This building is depreciating and is not earning taxes.

February Committee Meeting Frost Brown and Todd on Tax Increment Financing Ordinance

Mr. Jetter stated that this meeting will benefit this city at no cost. Frost Brown and Todd, a Columbus law group, will be here in February to present information to council on tax increment financing ordinance.

Safety Committee

Handicapped Parking

Mr. Jetter thanked Mr. Janus for bringing the handicapped parking issue to our attention. We were not in compliance in front of our building and we have now created a no parking zone. We try to accommodate as much as we can and are putting a ramp in front of the building however cannot do this until the springtime due to the weather.

Building Security/Access Control Recommend Cincinnati Alarm

No panic device, no camera, no way to buzz anyone in
There were several cases of irate tax payers in office with the ladies when Mr. Jetter was in the back of the office. He could be out of the building.
Cost assessment with Cincinnati Alarm and is for council's consideration.

Public Works Committee

Cincinnati Water Works Lead Pipe Meeting

Mr. Jetter announced that the Cincinnati Water Works Lead Pipe Meeting is Monday January 22, 2018 from 12:30 -1:30 pm. Mr. Jetter will send more information to council as it comes available. This is regarding the situation that Silverton brought to our attention where if a water main is replaced on a street then residents are responsible to share the cost.

Request to Advertise for Bid 2018 Road Program (see memo)

Mr. Jetter says we have money in our road account and has talked to Mr. Applegate about this project which will cost between \$175,000 to \$180,000 Mr. Jetter mentioned that the streets we want to fix are listed in the packet at your seats. The Onyx program was successful and will help us to rejuvenate pavement on Redmont and help residents on Clifford. Milling and grinding will preserve the streets a lot longer.

Schedule

January 8, 2018 BZA Case #4003 O’Leary 6:00 pm
January 8, 2018 Council Meeting 7:00 pm
January 22, 2018 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Calendar

City Offices closed on January 15, 2018 Martin Luther King Day
LEPC Planning Meeting January 10th, 2018 at 615 Elsinore Place Suite 500 at 9:00 am

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Joan E. Perin
Clerk of Council