

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2010

Special Finance Committee Meeting

The special finance committee meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry, at approximately 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Greg Grinch Maria Klemack Ted Berry Steve Bennett Melissa Albright

The Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, Chairman of Finance.

1. Mr. Bennett announced that they were going to start with the Police Division tonight because the Chief and Captain have a meeting with CALEA at 7:00 p.m.

The Chief said his budget is mostly flat except for the Jail, which they can't control. The communications line item is up due to a Study needed to determine the best way to upgrade the Communications System. In a few years, we will be forced into the digital forum and our equipment will be obsolete. The Mayor commented that there is some money at the County level that they intend to go after for some of these improvements. The Chief said there is also funding for additional storage space, if needed. Discussion took place over permanent storage for them.

2. Mr. Bennett recognized the Mayor, who explained that this is the second year that they are requesting the same for the General Fund. He said the overall appropriation is less, due to the I-71/S.R. 665 project being out. He said the Town Center Loan Program does not show in the budget. Of the \$1,000,000.00 there was \$850,000.00 approx. left. The insurance is up by \$117,300.00. There are not any new employees requested. He said they strive to have enough cushion in the Tax Revenues to cover our General Fund Budget. They believe the Income Tax projections for next year will be higher, but they took a conservative approach. He noted that they also like to have a reserve of at least six months to run the city. He noted that this ordinance establishes maximum spending authority. He reviewed the projections and budget summary.
3. Council reviewed the Council budget and Mr. Berry moved to use the figures submitted by Council to the Administration for the Clerk's salary and longevity; and insurance rates per Mr. Turner; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

4. Council and Administration reviewed Detailed Expenditures for the various Departments under the General Fund. The City Administrator, Finance Director and other Department Directors answered questions from Council.

Under General Government, Mr. Bennett noted that since the Town Center Loan Program isn't in this budget and he asked that \$1,000,000.00 to be added for such purpose.

Mayor Stage clarified that this motion doesn't change the Program, it only adds \$1,000,000.00 to the overall appropriation ordinance. Mr. Bennett said that was correct.

Ms. Albright said she feels there should be some changes in the Program and would rather appropriate this after the Program is reviewed.

Mayor Stage noted that a comment was made in the 11/15 meeting that the monies for this Program are non-income tax dollars. He noted that there is no documentation that denotes this. Discussion took place over this and Mr. Smith and Mr. Turner clarified that, per the law and State Auditor's office, we are within our rights to use these funds without setting up a special fund. The Mayor said he thought we might want to reference this somewhere.

Mr. Bennett moved that \$1,000,000.00 of non-tax revenues be added under General Government for the Town Center Loan Program; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	No
Mr. Grinch	No

Under Commissions, Mr. Berry noted that MORPC had requested monies for an International Eco Summit. Mayor Stage said he would bring this back separately, but asked Council if they were in agreement with a \$25,000.00 donation. Council agreed.

Under Development, Ms. Albright asked if the 441 line item should be \$0. Mr. Turner said no, we need the \$1,000.00 in that fund.

Mr. Bennett moved to add \$1,000 to Fund 441; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

Ms Albright asked if the T.C. Grant Program has enough money. Mr. Chuck Boso passed out an update to what was awarded this year. He said he felt the \$50,000.00 was fine for now.

Mr. Berry asked about the line item for a Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Chuck Boso said they want to continue with the Parks Master Plan and add on with Development. Mr. Berry noted that we did a City-wide comprehensive plan several years ago. He asked that Council be approached before any work or contracts for this take place. Mr. Boso said he would.

Under Big Splash, Ms. Albright asked if under 430, the amount is correct. Ms. Conrad said that it is a typo and should be \$1,600.00.

Mr. Bennett moved to change the amount under Big Splash, fund 430, to be \$1,600.00; seconded by Ms. Albright.

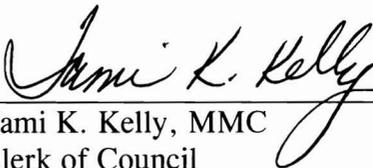
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mayor Stage asked to go back to Community Environment. Mr. Smith said the Monies from this Fund can be used for the MORPC summit. Mr. Berry moved to increase Fund 410 under Community Environment by \$25,000.00; second by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

5. Mayor Stage recapped the requests for information from Council as being; a list of leased properties, Department Head Salary history; Grant and Funding consultants.
6. There being no additional questions or comments, President Berry adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:31 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
President