

**TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 2011**

The Trotwood City Council met in a Council Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio. Mayor Cameron invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members present: Councilmember Bettye L. Gales, Council Member Rap Hankins, Council Member Nicole Johnson, Council Member Mary A. McDonald, Council Member Barbara J. Staggs, Vice-Mayor Ronald Vaughn, and Mayor Joyce Sutton Cameron.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager Michael J. Lucking, Acting Law Director Dalma Grandjean, Finance Director Patricia Shively, Fire & Rescue Chief Rick Wagner, Police Chief Quincy Pope, Human Resources Manager Barbara Brooks, Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty, Recreation Program Specialist Terry Lodge, and Clerk of Council Lois M. Singleton.

VISITORS:

George Riber, Diana Whitt (Trotwood-Madison City Schools Treasurer), John Smith (Trotwood Madison City Schools Operations Manager), Bruce Kettelle, Gina Foster, Homer Williams (VFW Wesley Willis Memorial Post 4270), Peter Cummings, Bonnie Cummings, James D. Williams, Dave Norvell, Virginia & Loren Gross, Janice Chinn, Jay Young (DP&L Rep), Tom Grady, William Richardson, and Sam Collier, Sr.

TROTWOOD MADISON CITY SCHOOLS PRESENTATION – SCHOOL LEVY – (10 MINS.): Treasurer Diana Whitt and Operations Manager John Smith came out to present their 7.5 mills levy information for the May 3, 2011 Primary Election Ballot, Issue #11. Enrollment is down in Trotwood Madison City School District with the loss of jobs and homes. The economic downturn has adversely impacted the City of Trotwood and Trotwood-Madison City Schools. There are a total of 155 classrooms with 120 classrooms in use. The District has not asked for any new money in 15 years. Two Elementary Schools will be closed in the 2011-2012 School year. Teachers and other employees will be laid off. The T-M City Schools unions have agreed to no step increases for employees for a two year period. The old School Board Offices at 444 S. Broadway are closed and scheduled for demolition. Those offices are moving to the old Middle School Building on Snyder Road. Treasurer Whitt explained how the Operating Levy monies would be used. Vice-Mayor Vaughn asked about the reduction in operating costs being tied up with the S.B.5 over the next 18 months. Would Mayor and Council consider support of the Trotwood Madison City Schools levy? Law Director Steve McHugh said Mayor and Council cannot consider a vote on a question in a Workshop Meeting. City Manager Lucking said the earliest Council could consider such a motion would be on the May 2, 2011 Council Meeting agenda. Mayor Cameron thanked Treasurer Whitt and Operations Director John Smith for coming out this evening.

1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW – FINANCE DIRECTOR PATRICIA SHIVELY – (10 MINS.): Finance Director Shively said the City is doing well, and is where we should be with the financial forecast, 20.9%. We are actually under forecast for 2011. Concerns are gasoline consumption, services and supplies- timing of payments, and Fire & EMS maintenance costs are over inflated. BANS rolled over early. Budget total is \$6,896,391.00. Mrs. McDonald said this is helpful information, and we need more. Mrs.

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Gales asked about Other costs – they are refunds and judgments. Mr. Vaughn asked what we expect to be the weakest quarter in 2009/2010. Mrs. McDonald asked about laying out the report more like what is done at the TM City Schools. Finance Director Shively will look at the different reports. How do you come up with the information in your report? Finance Director Shively explained the process.

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM – RECREATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST TERRY LODGE: Recreation Program Specialist Terry Lodge said the program is ready to implement. Mr. Lodge explained the application process. Those volunteers will adopt a City Park, Follow City Safety regulations, Clean up Park at least three (3) times each year, and Dedicate two (2) years to the program. The City will assist with Safety Meetings, Provide brooms, dustpans, and rakes, Pick up collected litter at specific pre-arranged locations in the Park, and Post Adopt-A-Park signs recognizing the volunteer group at the entrance of the adopted Park. Mr. Lodge has an applicant ready to adopt a park. Mrs. Gales asked how many parks are available. There are 5 parks and 1 historical area. That information is contained in the application. Mrs. Mary Van Leeuwen, Trotwood Madison High School is making application to adopt North Broadway Park. There have been others making inquiries.

BROADWAY S.A.Y. SOCCER COMPLEX – UPDATE – PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR CARL DAUGHERTY (10 MINS.): Planning and Zoning Administrator Carl Daugherty said this is the former Broadmoor Elementary School site. Play has begun on the fields. There is off street parking at the demolished Service Station site. There will be a pedestrian footpath coming in the future. The partners are T-M Board of Education, Trotwood S.A.Y. Soccer, MVCTC, and City of Trotwood. Construction of the foundation will occur in the spring, and the above grade improvements will occur in the fall. The benefits will give Trotwood S.A.Y. Soccer their own facility, promote the program, and enhance their facilities. The lease agreement will be between Trotwood Madison City Schools and Trotwood S.A.Y. Soccer.

Vice-Mayor Vaughn asked about the Trailer Park. City Manager Michael J. Lucking said the Clean Ohio Fund is the vehicle to fund the cleanup of the Trailer Park. What happens with the State Budget will determine if there is grant money for the fund. There is not a secondary plan.

Mayor Cameron said the property owner is working with the City. Vice-Mayor Vaughn said we should move forward legally. Trailer Parks are not real property, and not regulated by the Property Maintenance Code. They are regulated by the Montgomery County Health Dept. Mrs. McDonald has seen cars parked at the Library and that could become an issue for the patrons of the Library. Mrs. McDonald asked would the City undertake the maintenance costs if other funding was not available. The City would not.

CITY COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY DISCUSSION – MAYOR JOYCE S. CAMERON: Changes have been made to the Travel Policy in accordance with the understanding from the last Council Workshop. Vice-Mayor Vaughn suggested other areas to be discussed. Acting Law Director Dalma Grandjean and Clerk of Council Lois Singleton will take notes on the recommended changes. A version of the Travel Policy with recommended changes to Elected Officials and other changes will be incorporated into the final version and Council will consider the changes in the next Council Workshop Meeting. The final will be placed on the June 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Agenda for approval with any additional changes or deletions.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mrs. Gales moved to adjourn the Council Meeting at 8:45 p.m., and seconded by Mrs. Staggs. Roll call resulted in 7 yes votes, and the Motion was approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Lois M. Singleton  
Clerk of Council, MMC

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Joyce Sutton Cameron  
Mayor