

MINUTES
WORK SESSION
WESTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
October 23, 2007, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers

Council met in Work Session on October 23, 2007 with Council Members, Craig Treneff, Kathy Cocuzzi, Anne Gonzales, Diane Fosselman, Damon Wetterauer, Jr., Michael Heyeck, William Highfield, City Manager G. David Lindimore, Finance Director John Winkel, Staff, Director of Law Bruce E. Bailey and Clerk of Council Mary Johnston present.

1. **2008 – 2012 BUDGET HEARINGS**

- ❖ **Parks and Recreation Department.** Finance Director John Winkel and Parks and Recreation Director Jody Stowers reviewed the Parks and Recreation Department Budget. Mr. Winkel reviewed the Operating Fund portion of the budget and Ms. Stowers discussed the major initiatives of the department including sports field/turf management plan, opportunity to seek grants to fund major projects, Planet Westerville replacement, Urban Forestry including Bradford Pear trees, FitQuest, Community Center activity schedules and Highlands Pool. Mrs. Gonzales expressed her appreciation the service the Parks and Recreation Department provides and stated Highlands Pool is an important issue but she expressed concerns with band aiding the facility. Council requested Ms. Stowers to forward a copy of the Highlands Pool Assessment report provided in 2005. Mr. Winkel discussed the fund balance and expressed concerns with the negative balance in future years. Chairman Wetterauer stated Council should determine the pool's relevance before spending on improvements. Mrs. Cocuzzi requested that the Huber Village playground be made accessible. Mr. Wetterauer expressed his concerns with the sports field schedules and to look at alternatives to alleviate scheduling conflicts. Mr. Wetterauer stated the city should consider resident's needs before outside groups. Mr. Winkel and Ms. Stowers reviewed the budget variances with Council. Council will need to consider the future of the Senior Center and how to meet the needs of residents in the future. Mayor Fosselman stated sports field conditions are a major concern and should be addressed. Mayor Fosselman commended the Parks and Recreation Department for establishing partnerships with local business to help fund operations and activities.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mary J. Johnston, MMC
Clerk of Council

Damon Wetterauer, Jr.
Chair of Council