

VILLAGE OF POWELL COUNCIL

February 1, 2000

A regular meeting of the Village of Powell Council was held on February 1, 2000, and called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Mark Klein. Other Council members present were William Nolan, George Kaitsa, Art Schultz, Peggy Guzzo, and Dave Chambers. Richard Cline was absent. Also present were Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager; Dawn Nauman, Clerk of Council; Rob Rice, Village Engineer, David Betz, Director of Development, Cheryl Bucy, Finance Director; Doug Wenzel, Building Commissioner, residents and representatives of the press.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ORC SECTION 121.22 (G) (1) PERSONNEL MATTERS; BOARDS AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS.

MOTION: Mr. Kaitsa moved to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss personnel matters; board and commission interviews. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

MOTION: Mr. Kaitsa moved to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

MOTION: Mr. Kaitsa moved to reconvene in regular open session at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion.

VOTE: Y 6 N 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 1, 2000 were amended and approved.

FIRST READING: ORDINANCE 2000-03: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF A 5.121 ACRE TRACT, MORE OR LESS TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWELL.

Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager, said that this is the first reading of the Ordinance annexing the Morgan property located on the west side of Liberty Street between Powell Place and Middlebury Estates subdivisions.

David Betz, Director of Development, said that the owner of this property plans to develop seven single-family units on this site with a condominium association to provide common landscaping maintenance and common access drives. He said that the Planning and Zoning Commission is concerned about having the total amount of units on this property over what the Northwest Area Plan recommends. Staff is in the process of scheduling a courtesy meeting with the Liberty Township Zoning Board to review this proposal.

Ms. Guzzo asked, if the plan for developing this property is not approved, whether the applicant would still like to annex. Mr. Betz said he apparently does, and that currently, this property is surrounded on three sides by the Village. He said such an annexation would also bring into the Village the Liberty Street right of way. There being no further comment, this ordinance was taken to a third reading.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee: Mr. Chambers reviewed that the Committee met this evening before the Council meeting, and that one topic of discussion was establishing names for community parks. He asked if Council supports asking Parks and Rec. to make a recommendation for naming the parks.

Mr. Nolan asked if Council should name the parks. Ms. Guzzo and Mr. Kaitsa said they felt they should. Mr. Chambers said that if Council does not agree with the recommendations of the Parks and Rec. Board, they do not have to approve them. Mr. Schultz said he thought the idea was for Parks and Rec.

to come back with a process for naming the parks and multiple suggestions for names, then Council can make a final decision. Ms. Guzzo suggested asking for input from the community.

Mr. Schultz asked if there is a consensus that Council is in favor of naming the parks, and that this process will not result in nothing done. Mr. Kaitsa said he thinks the process to name the parks should be twofold. First, Parks and Rec. Board should make a recommendation on the process for naming the parks, then make suggestions for names. He said that the process of naming parks in other communities can be discussed. Mr. Chambers said that he doesn't want to make this issue so complicated that nothing ever happens.

Mr. Nolan said that he doesn't want Council to be in the position of rejecting the recommendation of Parks and Rec. to name the parks after certain people.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that this issue would be sent to Parks and Rec. who will make a suggestion on themes for naming the parks, and provide several suggested names. Mr. Chambers said the next Development Committee meeting will be held prior to the March 7 Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee: Mr. Kaitsa reported that the next meeting will be held on February 10.

Administration Committee: Mayor Klein reported that the next meeting will be held on February 15.

MUNICIPAL MANAGERS REPORT

There was no report.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Accounts Payable was received.

OTHER REPORTS

There were no other reports.

CLERK OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

There was no report.

ACTION ITEMS

99-19: Grace Drive property acquisition: David Betz, Director of Development, reported that they are working on final meetings with property owners in the process of acquiring property for this project. He said there are no major issues of concern at this point, and that he expects to report good news on further agreements at the next meeting.

99-18: Relocation of Downtown Electric Poles: Stephen A. Lutz, Village Manager, said that a summary regarding the status of this issue was enclosed in the packet. He said that a meeting was held with Staff, AEP and the property owner, and an oral agreement was reached to resolve the problem. He said a document has been provided to the property owner and is being reviewed by his attorney. That agreement would provide an easement across the property to relocate utility lines. There will be a summary of results and hopefully the signed agreement at the next Council meeting.

99-02: At Grade Railroad Crossing: Mr. Lutz reviewed that the railroad has said that in order to construct an additional at-grade railroad crossing, they would require that Murphy Parkway be connected to the north and south. He said the Development Committee has been working on this issue, and at the next meeting, they will start to take a look at the entire area to put together a plan. This item was moved to the April 4 Council Meeting.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Mr. Nolan asked if the newsletter is being made a lower priority. Mr. Lutz said that review of the newsletter was scheduled for the next meeting, but because it is the Comprehensive Annual Report, it has been moved back to the March 7 meeting, where a final draft will be available for review.

