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**PUBLIC GROUNDS, BUILDINGS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2016**

Present: Committee Members Kenneth Brady, chairman; Lynda Appel and Michael O'Donnell.

Also Present: Mayor Dennis Clough, Council President Michael Killeen, Councilmembers Nick Nunnari, Dennis Sullivan and Mark Getsay; Municipal Prosecutor Sean Kelleher, Police Chief Kevin Bielozer, Fire Chief Jim Hughes, Director of Engineering Robert Kelly, Field Engineer Jim Smolik, and Steve and Stephanie Schill of Schill Architecture Inc.

The meeting convened at 7:29 p.m.

I. Discuss Westlake Welcome Center within Crocker Park.

Mayor Clough gave the background of the project and how the building could be used as a welcome center and staffed by an existing employee from city hall. Director of Engineering Bob Kelly and Architect Steve Schill presented details of the center. Mayor Clough then asked Police Chief Bielozer and Fire Chief Hughes to explain how they could use the facility. The Mayor budgeted the cost of the facility at \$500,000.

There was much discussion regarding the cost, location, use, additional staffing, hours of operation and the present use of the existing welcome center at Crocker Park. No decision was made regarding the project, but Director Kelly suggested that the city provide utilities to the location, now during construction at a much cheaper cost, for a possible future use. Director Kelly estimated the cost at approximately \$25,000.

Councilmember O'Donnell moved and Councilmember Appel seconded that the committee recommend that Council approve providing utilities now, at that location, for a possible future use.

The motion passed 3-0.

II. Discuss Westlake signage on I-90 Crocker Road overpass.

Mayor Clough and Director Kelly gave an update on the proposed signage at the Crocker Road interchange. They stated that in discussions with a representative of the State of Ohio that the State's policy is that no signage is permitted in the grass area around the interchange. The only place the State would allow a sign is on the fencing of the

overpass. Some landscaping without irrigation might be permitted. The cost of two signs at the Crocker Road overpass is \$36,492.00 as stated in Ordinance No. 2016-34.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Brady
Chairman