Council Candidate Q&A Transparency Posting

Posting No. 7

To ensure transparency and provide equal access to information for all candidates, the City is posting the following question received from a candidate, along with the City's response. This information is shared exactly as provided so that all candidates have the same access to City resources and clarification.

QUESTION SUBMITTED:

Question regarding deer management in Dublin was received.

CITY RESPONSE:

Conversations on this topic began in February 2022 and will continue. A study was conducted in 2023 to estimate the current deer population and understand management options. The Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) carefully reviewed the deer management options and recommended that City Council amend the City's Code to prohibit the outdoor feeding of wild animals. In late 2023, the City enacted legislation banning the feeding of wild animals on both public and private property. This Outdoor Feed Ordinance is a critical first step in managing the deer population, as advised by our partners at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Feeding deer encourages them to congregate and return to specific areas, which can increase human-deer interactions and disrupt natural behaviors. In neighborhoods where we have worked to eliminate feeding, we have heard positive feedback that the deer visits have reduced.

Dublin is working to determine the appropriate next steps in our Deer Management Program. We are working closely with ODNR and other regional partners to establish a course of action, recognizing that deer population concerns extend beyond Dublin. Addressing these issues effectively requires a coordinated regional approach.

Attached are the Council packet from April 2025 following CSAC review, as well as April 2024 when the Feed Ordinance went to Council.

NOTE:

The City of Dublin provides factual responses to questions from all candidates. Responses are limited to information that is publicly available and do not include campaign advice, strategy, or opinions. All candidate questions and City responses will be posted on the website for reference throughout the election period.

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