CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall – 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke *Mark Sigrist* *Ted Berry* *Randy Holt* *Christine Houk*

1. Mr. Schottke moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

2. The Chair read the agenda items and all items were approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognized Mr. Schottke, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-54-22 (Approve the Rezoning of 32.25± acres located North of Orders Road and West of Southern Grove Drive from SF-1 to PUD-R with Zoning Text) was given its second reading and public hearing and at the written request of the petitioner's agent, Mr. Schottke moved it be postponed to Oct. 3, 2022; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

2. Ordinance C-55-22 (Approve the Use for a Tattoo Parlor located at 4238 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Annie Kitty, petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Schottke moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Sigrist.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes

3. Ordinance C-58-22 (Repeal Ord. C-12-21 – approving a Special Use Permit for an Automotive Dealership for Gibby's Auto Exchange located at 3422 Mill St.) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that a condition was imposed on the Special Use Permit for this business. The requirement to have no outdoor storage has been violated multiple times and have had multiple issues that they have tried to work with the owner on. They continue to be in violation and fail to comply. It is believed that this operator has found a new location. However, by repealing this Special Use Permit, it will stop any new operator from locating at this address.

There being no further questions or comments, Mr. Schottke moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Ordinance C-62-22 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Dog Grooming business for Desi's Dog House located at 2239 Stringtown Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 10/3/22.

5. Ordinance C-63-22 (Approve the Rezoning of 144.27+ acres located north of State Route 665 and east of State Route 104 from SF-1 to PUD-R with Text) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/7/22.

6. Resolution CR-55-22 (Approve the Development Plan for Hickory Creek located north of Orders Rd. and west of Southern Grove Dr.) was given its reading and at the request of the petitioner's agent, Mr. Schottke moved it be postponed to 10/03/22; seconded by Mr. Holt.

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes

7. Resolution CR-56-22 (Approve the Development Plan for Communities at Plum Run located north of State Route 665 and east of State Route 104) was given its reading and public hearing and at the written request from the petitioner's agent, Mr. Schottke moved it be postponed to 11/7/22; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Houk, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-64-22 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation to utilize the Bridge Inspection Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 10/3/22.

The Chair recognized Mr. Holt, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-59-22 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into Contracts with Quadient for Postage Machines) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Holt explained that these contracts are for the postage machines at City Hall and the Safety Building.

   There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Holt moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

2. Ordinance C-60-22 (Amend Section 121.01 of the Codified Ordinances titled Council Salary) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Aaron Schlabach, resident, expressed opposition to this ordinance. He said it adds a 45% increase to Council's pay. He said he believes pay for any elected official should be determined by those who hire them. He feels this should be put on the ballot for the public to determine an appropriate salary.

   Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, clarified that Council cannot give themselves a raise. Any increase would not take effect for any sitting Member. It will take two voting cycles for all members of Council to receive an increase.

   Mr. Schottke asked what the Charter stipulates on Council salary. Mr. Smith read Section 2.04 of the City Charter and explained that this ordinance is in keeping with all the procedures set by Charter. Mr. Schottke said the voters of the City have voted on and approved this method of changing this salary.

   Ms. Houk shared the difficult position this is to be in. However, she feels that, at this time, Council is being competitively compensated compared to other municipalities in the area – even though it is difficult to compare duties among other Council's. She said it will take more analysis to get her to agree that they are not being fairly compensated.

   There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Holt moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	No
Ms. Houk	No
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	No

3. Ordinance C-61-22 (Amend Section 161.11 of the Codified Ordinances titled Tuition Reimbursement Program) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage commented that it became evident during COVID that we must pay more attention to our part-time people. One of the things that we could do very quickly was to include them in the tuition reimbursement program.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., stated that we have anywhere between 100 – 120 part-time/seasonal personnel. From a fiscal standpoint, the City pays $27,000.00/year for family medical coverage to full-time employees. The part-time staff provides a service at a reasonable cost that is helpful to the municipality.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Holt moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Resolution CR-57-22 (Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by The Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner explained that this is Council's opportunity to authorize the calculations by the Fr. Co. Auditor. He said when we did the Tax Budget, we told the Auditor how many mills we were going to levy. Our Charter allow us to levy up to seven mills. We currently levy 3.5 mills. This has been the same for sixteen years and for the last 34 years, we have had no increase in millage. This millage will produce $4.3 million and the County just needs approval to levy the millage for next year.

Mayor Stage noted that this act also reprices the total portfolio of real estate every year. Even though we have not increased the rate, it does increase the amount received. This is one of the advantages of having this done each year.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Holt moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes

The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

1. Ms. Sandy Francis, White Rd., shared the heart of God and a true story about a little boy who liked girl things, to dance, etc. He asked his Mom what "gay" meant and they were fearful that he would become gay because of what he like to play with and his mannerisms. After praying to God, he shared a vision of what the little boy was meant to be. She said God created us and he didn't make a mistake. She said there are many beautiful people in Grove City walking around waiting to settle into their true identity.

The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage reported on an incredible Arts in the Alley event and parade. He pointed to the Mayor's Easel Award Winner this year, made by David Lane. It also won the People's Choice. He also reported on the 170th anniversary of the City and the successful events surrounding it. He said the swearing in of the Chief went very well. He expressed condolences to the family of Roger Burket, our buddy, who passed away.

   Mr. Sigrist explained that Mr. Burket's chair was placed up front with a small shrine and expressed appreciation for how much he cared for the Staff and the City.

2. Mr. Schottke asked Mr. Rauch about the 2050 Plan and the Zoning Code. Mr. Rauch provided an update on both issues.

3. After closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members, President Berry moved to go into Executive Session under ORC Section 121.22g3 for the purpose of conferencing with the City Attorney involving disputes of pending or imminent court action; seconded by Mr. Sigrist.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

4. Mr. Berry moved to come out of Executive Session and return to Regular Session; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

5. A motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

September 19, 2022

Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Ms. Kelly reviewed a Liquor Permit with Council for Siam Hibachi. This is a transfer and the Safety Division had no objections. Council agreed not to request a hearing.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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