CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 17, 2007 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Lester at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Larry Corbin *Maria Klemack-McGraw* *Rich Lester* *Richard Stage* *Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Stage moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous two meetings and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. President Lester, recognized the Mayor, who presented the Emergency Fund with a check for over \$3,000.00 for the Grove City Food Pantry. Ms. Brenda Horitz was present, who chaired this year's Home Tour as well as members from the Southwest Ministerial Assoc. & the Food Bank. She then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Jessica Veselica, new police officer and to Mr. Dave Roasa, Park Board Member. Finally, with members of Council , they recognized the Bishop Ready High School Football team with a Resolution on a very successful season. The team went 12 – 2, a school record, were CCL Champs & Div. V – Reg. 19 Champs, and was a semi-finalist in the State Tournament. Coach Larry Wolf commented that this team set a School Record for the most wins. He said the school did win the State Championship in 1988, but that was when they only had to play three games. This year, the team had to play three games just to get out of the region. They are an outstanding group of gentlemen.

3. President Lester read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-100-07 (Appropriate \$10,000.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

2. Ordinance C-101-07 (Appropriate \$85,144.16 from the Sanitary Sewer Fund for the Current Expense of Debt Service on Two Projects) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

3. Ordinance C-102-07 (Approve a Then & Now Certificate for the payment of $3,600.00 for the Annual Subscription to CDX Services) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

4. Ordinance C-103-07 (Appropriate $50,000.00 from the General Fund for Legal Services) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

5. Ordinance C-107-07 (Approve a Then & Now Certificate for the payment of $32,694.81 for The Grove Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Dr. Whitney, Dir. of Finance, explained that the Finance Dept. failed to open a purchase order prior to receiving an invoice. He said an emergency exists in that it needs paid by the end of the year.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Stage moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mr. Stage moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

6. Ordinance C-108-07 (Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the twelve months ending December 31, 2008) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage commented that the Charter given specific direction to this Appropriation Ordinance. It cannot be vetoed by the Mayor. It only requires one reading and is effective immediately. He commented that this budget is conservative on the projection of revenues. He explained that there are two sources of revenue from the State and they are declining by $320,000.00 (total) thanks to the State Legislature. Council expressed their thanks for the hard work that went into putting this together.

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

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-109-07 (Repeal and Replace Chapter 709 of the Codified Ordinances titled Cable Service and Competitive Video Service and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mayor Grossman explained that is to bring the City into compliance with Senate Bill 117 and allows the City to continue to receive the allowable fees for Cable and Video Services, in the amount of $280,000.00.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by President Lester.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved that it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Corbin, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-94-07 (Rezone 2.181 acres located at 3755 Broadway from IND-2 to R-2) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by President Lester.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Ordinance C-106-07 (Approve a Special Use Permit for U-Haul Truck Rental Service for Ted's Service Center located at 4353 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Corbin noted that there are two stipulations for this Permit.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

3. Ordinance C-110-07 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Group Home for Hoover Haus located at 3675 Hoover Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on January 22, 2008.

4. Resolution CR-67-07 (Appeal the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals granting a Variance for a Sign for United Dairy Farmers located at 3555 Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. John Johnston, architect for UDF, said he was here to defend the variance received by the BZA. He explained that the gas price is an LED screen that is constant. It does not move, blink, etc. It automatically adjusts to the light so the numbers won't glare. He said since 2002, they haven't used any other type of sign in their stores. The price is changed inside the store, so employees do not have to endure the weather, avoid traffic, trample the landscaping, etc. He believes it is an important aspect to their customers. He then showed Council the unit that will be part of their sign. He demonstrated how the sign gets brighter when the sun is out and dimmer when it gets darker.

Mr. Stage asked if the LED sign was discussed at the time of the Development Plan. Mr. Johnston stated that when he submitted the drawings to the Building Division, he noted on the plan that their sign had an LED component. When he applied for the sign permit, it was turned down because it did not meet Code, and they were aware of this. They then applied for the variance.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	No
Mr. Berry	No
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	No

5. Resolution CR-68-07 (Approve the Capital Improvement Program in Concept Only for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2008) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

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

1. Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., announced that she has been working on a project with Mr. Berry to bring a Legacy Walk to Fryer Park. She explained that it is only in the preliminary stages, but the idea is to have a grouping of trees along the newly placed trail at Fryer that would have plaques installed at the trees to recognize our elected officials and significant events in the city's history.

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

1. The Mayor submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and President Lester moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Stage.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

In closing, the Mayor reported on new businesses opening in the City. She announced that the Grove City Road Reconstruction Project received funding and Jackson Township received funding for the White Road/McDowell Road intersection. The City will be donating light poles, mast arms, traffic signal and control boxes to the Jackson Township project. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The Members of Council recognized Mayor Grossman with a Resolution for her years of service and presented her with Certificate indicating that a Buckeye Tree will be planted and dedicated in her honor at the Arboretum.

2. Members of Staff expressed their thanks and good wishes to Mayor Grossman, President Lester and Mr. Stage.

3. Council Members Berry, Corbin, and Klemack-McGraw, and Ms. Kelly recognized President Lester and Mr. Stage for their service on Council. They were presented with a Resolution and a small gift of appreciation.

4. President Lester read a statement and said tonight was filled with mixed emotions. He thanked his family, Ms. Kelly, the Administrative Staff and God for all their support during his tenure. Mr. Stage also expressed his appreciation.

5. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Richard D. Lester
President