CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke *Christine Houk* *Steve Robinette* *Jeff Davis* *Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Davis moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

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

3. President Robinette recognized Mr. Richard Booksheld, representative from the Franklin County Board of Elections, who demonstrated how the new machines will work and the new features. This is a hybrid system – with two steps. One machine will create a paper ballot card and the voter will take that ballot to another machine to process the vote. There is no internet connection to the system and security was the highest priority when selecting this new system.

President Robinette recognized Mayor Stage who administered the Oath of Office to: David Strominger and Perri Caldwell, both dispatchers and Jimmy Hoppel, Development Planner.

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

1. Ordinance C-37-19 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Dog Grooming for Dogs Rule Dog Day Care located at 4095 Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Before the reading, Mr. Robinette requested to be recused from discussion and vote of this ordinance, due to a conflict. Mr. Davis moved to recuse Mr. Robinette; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

Ms. Carla Eddy, owner, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Berry pointed out that there are no dogs bought or sold at this location.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

2. Ordinance C-38-19 (Approve a Special Use Permit for an Automotive Service Station for Priority Truck Services, LLC located at 4353 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Glen Gee, owner, was present to answer questions and agreed to the stipulation set by Planning Commission. He said they only do service on Fleet vehicles and have space to store inside.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

3. Ordinance C-40-19 (Approve the Rezoning of 1260, 1270, & 1280 Stringtown Road from SF-1 (single-family residential) to C-2 (retail commercial) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be October 7, 2019.

4. Resolution CR-34-19 (Approve Amendments to the Development Plan for Silco Fire & Security located at 2345 Southwest Blvd., as approved by Res. CR-21-19) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Tony Cerney, architect representing petitioner, was present and agreed to the three stipulations. He explained that they changed the entrance and moved the parking to the side and front, rather than to the rear. He said the new addition is a training center and these changes make it more clear where to go. He said they added mounding in the front to shield the parking area and kept the mounding in the back to shield the apartments.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

5. Resolution CR-35-19 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for Bluegrass Park located West of Hoover Road and North of Quail Creek Blvd.) was given its reading and at the request of the Petitioner's Agent, Mr. Schottke moved it be postponed to 9/3/19; seconded by Mr. Robinette.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Davis, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-39-19 (Amend Various Sections of Chapter 1138 titled Historical Preservation Area and Sign Code) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Davis explained that this makes technical changes that will make us eligible to receive grant monies, as they may come available. He said it is governed by the Ohio Department of the Interior. It does not change anything in the sign portion of this Chapter.

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

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

2. Resolution CR-36-19 (Approve the Updated Franklin County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Davis explained that this is an update that the City needs to adopt in order to receive grant monies through this entity.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-37-19 (Replace Exhibit "A" of Resolution CR-69-19 to Accept the Recommendations of the Higher Education Investment Program Committee) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Due to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee being unavailable tonight, Mr. Berry moved it be postponed to 9/3; seconded by Mr. Robinette.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-41-19 (Appropriate an advance of $180,683.70 from the General Fund to the Street Maintenance Fund for the Current Expense of Improvements to Sonora Drive and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mayor Stage explained that the new Gas Tax took place in July, 2019. It is projected that we will receive $150,000.00 at the end of the year that the City was not expecting. He said they looked at projects and identified that this street could get repaired with this additional money. The Contractor has frozen their pricing to accommodate this additional street improvement. This is in partnership with Jackson Township, as this street is also in the Township. He said the emergency request is to be able to sign the contract and take advantage of this year's pricing.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

Ms. Houk moved this ordinance be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Ordinance C-42-19 (Authorize the Extension of the Master Supply Agreement for the purchase of competitive retail Electric Service from Direct Energy Business that commenced as of the June, 2017 billing cycle and with such extension to be for a twenty-five month period through the June, 2022 billing cycle) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 9/3/19.

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

1. Mr. Charles DeMario, Independent Energy Consultants, offered his companies services to start a governmental aggregate program for gas and/or electric. He said this would be a program, voted on by the residents, to create a bulk gas/electric program for all residents. His company bids out the cost to be passed on to the residents, if approved by Council. Residents can opt out and not be past of the bulk pricing.

2. Mr. Richard Wertz, Orders Rd. resident, shared a flyer that was at the Bourbon Tasting that shows one tasting, one ticket. He said only 10% of those available took one ticket. He feels this is false advertising. Mr. Robinette said this is not a city event and will pass this along to Town center, Inc.

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

1. Mayor Stage reported that the DORA seems to be working well; Eco-fest was wonderful; the VCB is looking for nominations for the Trail Blazer Award. It can be found on their websites. He said

they have a Draft agreement with SWCS concerning Brookpark and are working to finalize it. He said they are working on a beautification program with property owners on Broadway. Mr. Berry asked if the same could be done on Demorest Rd. Mayor Stage said they have Demorest on the radar to be widened and could be looked at during that project.

2. Mr. Rauch provided a brief update on the I-71 overpass concept. He shared some maps of the area North of 665 and west of Hoover. This overpass would come from Bluegrass Dr. & head west, go over I-71 and connect to Quail Creek Blvd. This opens an area for development and provides additional east-west connectivity. Mr. Keller, EMH&T, said they looked at the feasibility of this connection, which started in 2014. He said it would reduce traffic on Orders Rd and others in the areas. The cost for construction for the first phase is estimated to be $30 million. He said the next step would be to get ODOT buy-in, which takes about six months. Then they will start looking at grants to help fund the project. Council discussed this proposal in length.

3. Mr. Berry presented Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., a check for $1,020.00 from the proceeds of the Cornhole Tournament to be used at Breck Park for the shelter.

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

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

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Chair

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COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

August 19, 2019

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Mr. Schottke shared a draft concept for the Mt. Carmel baby buntings he brought up many months ago. He asked each Member to give him feedback on the concept so he could share that with the Mt. Carmel Committee.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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