

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 15, 2006

Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Lester, at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 4035 Broadway. Roll was called and the following members were present:

Maria Klemack Rich Lester "Ike" Stage Ted Berry

President Lester moved to excuse Mr. Corbin; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Stage, Chairman of Finance.

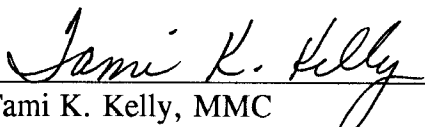
1. Mr. Stage opened the floor for discussion of the 2007 Annual Appropriation Ordinance.

Council and Administration continued the review of the Detailed Expenditures for the various Departments under the General Fund. Each Director represented their department's budget and answered any questions from Council.

2. As each Department was discussed, Mr. Stage suggested the removal of certain items: the renovation of the Huntington Building; Park Land Acquisition expenditures; the 2007 Marketing Plan; the new Phone System; the leasing of Police Parking; and the Ventura Blvd. Sanitary Sewer. He suggested that these items be brought to Council in the coming year when they have more definitive amounts.
3. Mr. Stage said he sent an e-mail to Council Members asking if they had any questions or concerns over the Budget. He said he received a suggestion that employee compensation be held to 3% above the 2006 appropriation amount. The Administration commented that this was impossible to accomplish, due to the Union's taking up 80% of that amount. Those contracted figures cannot be changed. Discussion took place over what that actual "operating amount" is. Mr. Behlen explained that certain accounts have been moved into compensation for accounting purposes, however they have never been considered part of the operating amount before. He also explained that where there was no Step or Fixed percentage of increase by contract, a 3% increase was given to all other employees.
4. Council discussed the need to meet at 5:00 on Monday, 12/18 as previously set. It was decided to meet at 6:00 p.m.

There being no additional questions or comments, President Lester adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 4:12 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Richard D. Lester
President