

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 19, 2021

Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Aaron Schlabach Christine Houk Randy Holt Ted Berry

1. Mr. Schlabach moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and special Service Committee meeting approve as written; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-36-21 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Dog Grooming shop for Fairy Tails Pets located at 3903 Broadway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 08/02/21.
2. Ordinance C-37-21 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Novocain Lounge located at 3425 Grant Avenue) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 08/02/21.
3. Ordinance C-38-21 (Accept the Plat of Farmstead, Phase 3 located west of State Route 104 and north & south of Hawthorne Parkway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 08/02/21.
4. Ordinance C-39-21 (Accept the Plat of Farmstead, Phase 4 located west of State Route 104 and north & south of Hawthorne Parkway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 08/02/21.
5. Ordinance C-40-21 (Accept the Plat of Trail View Run, Phase 3a located south of Borror Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 08/02/21.
6. Resolution CR-38-21 (Waive certain provisions of Section 1135.14(a)(5) of the Codified Ordinances titled Submission Procedures for the Hidden Meadows development located East of Broadway and North of Orders Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., stated that since the approval of the development plan, staff has been talking with the developer with respect to issues primarily with the waterline extension from Demorest Road.

Mr. Scott McClintock, representing Wilcox Development, stated that the main issue that occurred was dealing between the City of Grove City and the City of Columbus. He stated that due to COVID-19 people were not in the office to address all the issues.

Mr. Berry asked for a brief overview of the project, which Mr. McClintock provided.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-41-21 (Amend the Effective Date of Ordinance C-21-21) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be 08/02/21.

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

1. Ms. Christie Laffin, business owner, voiced concerns over miscommunication on social media and the closure of Broadway is essentially killing businesses. She explained that there is currently a boycott on all Town Center businesses this year during the Alumni Softball Tournament because Alumni cannot be held in the Town Center. Ms. Laffin stated that the flow of customers matters. She said events need to come back to Broadway, such as the Farmer's Market, Arts in the Alley, Alumni, etc. She stated that people cannot support or fight when they do not know how or why decisions are made. She asked for more communication.

Ms. Laffin also read a letter on behalf of Ms. Jolene Engelman, owner of Country Hearth Primitives who could not attend the meeting. Ms. Engelman stated that she had to deal with utility work on Broadway, construction of the new library, numerous road closures for events without any advanced notice, and the current Columbus Street extension project. She explained how these things have affected her business. She also communicated that she does not understand why the City has moved the big events off of Broadway. They help her business.

Ms. Houk addressed Ms. Laffin's concerns and agreed that social media is a big factor in misinformation. Ms. Houk encouraged Ms. Laffin & everyone to go to the source to get better information to try and combat this problem. She asked Ms. Laffin if they have discussed their concerns with staff. Ms. Laffin said they have not yet. Ms. Houk then explained that the City did a grant program of Hometown Dollars to assist Town Center businesses during COVID-19.

The Mayor stated that there would be a Town Center Inc. meeting on the 29th of July at 6:00 pm. Location and attendees to be announced, as it is being put together by Mr. Andy Furr.

2. Mr. Erik Alder wanted to address the land development being done on State Route 665 between U.S. Route 23 and State Route 104. His concerns are: inadequate drainage from storm runoff causing flooding, traffic, large warehouse trucks, road maintenance, accidents, etc. Mr. Alder stated that he can see some positives to the development of homes in the area, but he does not believe that this will be the best decision for the community.

Ms. Houk directed Mr. Alder to Mr. Rauch to connect with so that he can stay informed. She stated the Huggett/Pulte project still needs a rezoning of that parcel as well as the approval of their final development plan.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Alder to submit a copy of his letter to Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council.

3. Mr. Scott Compston voiced concern over social media misinformation which he believes is due to the City's website being hard to navigate. He stated that a social media representative for the City of Grove City would be very beneficial in guiding people down the right path. He also said that a lot of people are upset by the demolition of staple pieces of Grove City.

Ms. Houk stated that on the development page of the City's website you can follow a project from administrative review, planning commission, city council, approved plans, and plans that are under construction. She said that the City is also working on a development website of its own for future use, which may be another way to point people in the direction of correct information.

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

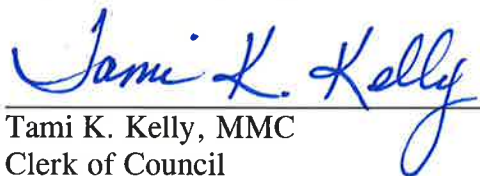
1. Mayor Stage submitted the Monthly Mayor's Court Report and Mr. Schottke moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Schlabach.

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

Mayor Stage reported on the success of the Tacos and Tequila event. He announced that the drawing for Alumni weekend will take place Thursday night at Murfin Field; Friday night's event will also be held at Murfin Field because of the strict COVID guidelines that were still in place when planning the event. He said it will be back in downtown Grove City next year, 2022. He noted that there will also be an Athletic Hall of Fame induction on Thursday at Murfin Field; a Rotary event will be held at City Hall on Friday night. Finally, there was a tribute wake for Jack Widner this week, who passed last year during COVID restrictions.

2. Mr. Berry reminded everyone of the primary election on August 3rd and to get out and vote.
3. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourn at 7:47 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Christine Houk
Chair

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

July 19, 2021

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Ms. Kelly shared the liquor permit for Mobil Gas, which Council had no objection to. Ms. Kelly said she would mark it accordingly and submit to Liquor Control.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Christine Houk
Chair