CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 18, 2011 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 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:

Greg Grinch   Maria Klemack-McGraw   Ted Berry   Steve Bennett   Melissa Albright

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

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

2. The Chair read the agenda items and moved to add Ord. C-39-11 under Finance, and Res. CR-28-11 under Service; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

All other items were approved by unanimous consent.

3. President Berry recognized Mayor Stage who presented Ray Kline with a Joint Proclamation from Council and himself for Ray's 20 years of service as Curator of The Art Concern and his dedication to bringing art to the Grove City community.

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

1. Ordinance C-39-11 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Jobs Growth Incentive Agreement with ExpressPoint and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Justin Bickle, representing ExpressPoint, explained that this company is moving from Minneapolis, MN in order to better serve their customers. They have already been approved for State incentives. They have committed to creating 30 new jobs initially. The average hourly wage is $17.50/hr., resulting in a total annual payroll of $1.1 million. He said they are considering a facility on North Meadows Drive and occupy roughly 78,000 square feet. He said the reason for the quick action is due to the top two desired facility's in Columbus falling through. Their third desired facility was the one in Grove City, and that has now become their #1 choice.

Mr. Bennett asked about any hazardous materials the company might use. Mr. Bickle said it is strictly electronic repair and there are no hazardous materials.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Boso, to explain the deal. Mr. Chuck Boso, Dir. of Dev., explained that he received a lead about the company's interest and in April, sent a letter outlining an incentive that would provide for a reduction in payroll tax of 50% in the first year, 40% in the second, 30% in the third, 20% in the fourth, and 10% in the fifth year. Before the rebate will be given, the company must meet the threshold of $1. million. Also, after the five year period, they must stay two (2) additional years, and they are signing a seven (7) year lease. Mr. Bickle noted that the 30 new jobs was a conservative number and plan on growing at this location. He noted that we are in competition with two other locations, specifically in Indianapolis. He said he is under the impression that if it were not for this facility in Grove City, they would go to Indianapolis.

Mr. Mike Spencer, VP. Ruscilli, explained that the space being considered is a 269,000 square foot warehouse. The north portion they are looking at has been vacant for two years. There is approximately 8,000,000,000 sq. ft. of competing space in the Rickenbacker area and Ruscilli is pleased to have them looking here.

Mr. Boso noted that in terms of the other facilities this company was looking at, this is the last year of the abatement for this building. So, it made the deal a little more difficult.

Mr. Bennett asked how many employees would be located. Mr. Bickle said he understood that they would probably move someone to run the facility and hire everyone else from the local market.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw commented that she feels this is an excellent opportunity for both Grove City and ExpressPoint. She said we are always looking to expand our business base. She said passing this tonight demonstrates how quickly we can respond to an opportunity.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved that this ordinance be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Albright, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-37-11 (Authorize the Charitable Solicitations Board to Issue a Permit to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society per Section 371.06(b)(2) of the Codified Ordinances and to declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Ms. Jamie Huck, member of Central Ohio Chapter, was present to request permission to solicit in the street for the Leukemia/Lymphomas Foundation. She said she has led about 10 of these and they do not obstruct traffic. They wear jerseys and can wear orange vests if needed. She said a lot of their donations go to the James Cancer Society @ OSU Hospital.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Albright moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Ms. Albright moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Lands & Zoning, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-38-11 (Approve the Rezoning of 4094 Broadway from C-2 to R-2) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on September 5, 2011.

2. Resolution CR-27-11 (Approve the Development Plan for Wood Bookkeeping and Tax Service located at 3751 Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Boso noted that Planning Commission recommended denial. The plan shows parking in front of the building setback line. He said he felt it may be helpful to have the owner present and asked Council to postpone the item.

   There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed to 8/15/11; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	No

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

1. Resolution CR-28-11 (Recognize Betty L. Evans and Authorize a Plaque in her Honor) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mayor Stage noted that they have a formal Resolution signed by everyone that will be presented to Betty at a later date.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

Mayor Stage read the resolution and presented it to Betty's son, Jim.

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

1. Mr. Jeff Davis, representing the Town Center Board, explained the unique collection of treasures of Rodney Eakins. It is a collection of shells, rocks; minerals, moths, sharks teeth and more that will be shown in September at businesses in the Town Center and the Visitor's Center. It's called the World of Wonders. He showed a Power Point Presentation of the historical expo. He said he hopes this is the beginning of finding unique ways to tie in our local groups and bring our community to the Town Center.

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

1. The Mayor shared the Newsletter from the Building Division. He reported on the Mayor's Golf Outing; the noting of officials from Lubtheen, Germany; and noted that financials for the month were distributed to Council.

2. Mr. Spring, Dir. of Service, explained that we now have a camera to detect traffic. It takes the place of the loop lines in the pavement that detected traffic and changes the lights. He said all new intersections will have these. They do not record any traffic.

3. President Berry announced that the next regular meeting will be Aug. 15. The Aug. 1 meeting is cancelled.

4. Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, noted that a Liquor Permit for Fiesta Mariachi was received. It is a change in stock and the Police Chief has no objections. There being no objections by Council, the Clerk will mark it so.

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

Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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