

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 14, 2015

Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

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

Jeff Davis Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Steve Bennett Laura Lanese

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

1. Ordinance (Make appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the Twelve Months ending December 31, 2016).

Mayor Stage provided a brief overview of the Budget. He said this shows the needs of the City for the upcoming year and the revenue to support it. He explained that they built in 1 % of actual increase in estimated revenue to be conservative and a one-time, \$1 mill. bonus for the construction income on Mt. Carmel construction. He explained that their benchmark is to not allow the General Operations to be higher than the income tax revenue. He said this year, they are under by \$396,000.00, including some of the Capital expenditures. He said we want to make sure we end up in a case of greater than the reserves and then put the pieces in.

Mr. Bennett asked about the \$1,000,000.00 bonus for Mt. Carmel. He asked if this was above the obligation. Mayor Stage said this is different. They did put in \$1.5 million as a first-year expenditure to offset the incentive to Mt. Carmel. The total is expected to be \$6 million. Mr. Bennett asked what the ratio was to the income taxes to be collected. Mayor Stage said about half. Mayor Stage said we have until the end of 2017 to totally pay the incentive agreement. We may need to borrow some next year, but they will assess that later.

2. Council reviewed each departmental budget.

Mr. Davis asked about the insurance amounts within each department and why they are so different. Mr. Turner said it may be because some take family coverage and some employees in a department may opt out of the insurance. He noted that overall the amount for insurance in the budget stays the same as last year.

Under Parks, in account 544100, Mr. Berry moved to remove the \$4,000.00 amount budgeted for payphones in parks; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

Under Human Resources, in account 541000, Mr. Berry moved to remove the \$5,000.00 for litigation; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

Under Rec. Development, Ms. Lanese moved to add \$350,000.00 for a Splash Pad; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

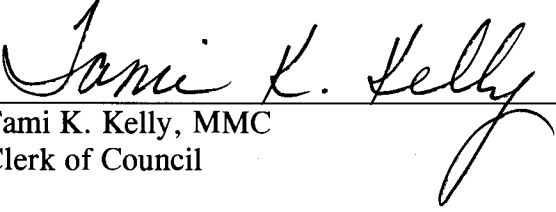
Also under Rec. Development, Mr. Berry moved to add \$20,000.00 for trees to be placed in Breck, Fryer and Windsor Parks; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

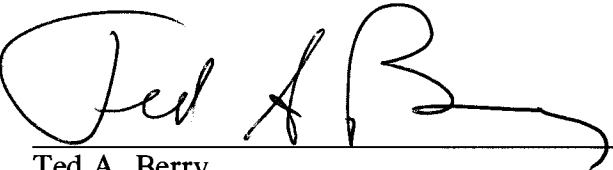
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Council reviewed the final portions of the detailed budget.

4. After closing comments, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Ted A. Berry
Chair