CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

July 16, 2007 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Lester at 8:00 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:

Larry Corbin *Maria Klemack-McGraw* *Rich Lester* *Richard Stage* *Ted Berry*

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

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. President Lester recognized Mr. Stage who introduced Mr. Chester Jourdon, Executive Director with MORPC, and is a new resident to Grove City. Mr. Jourdon passed out a packet of information about MORPC to the Council Members. He said he is proud to be a resident of Grove City and is already involved in the community. He explained that he has been at MORPC since December and is ready to build upon his predecessor's legacy. He said Central Ohio has been fortunate that we have grown in the past few years. We are continuing to grow and there are great opportunities that come with that. He said he is looking forward to continuing the great partnership with Grove City and working with the Mayor and Council.

   Mr. Stage asked about the Regionalization Movement within MORPC. Mr. Jourdon stated that they believe it is best to look at communities as a region. The movement would focus on the similarities of the communities around Central Ohio and present them as a Region at the State and Federal level. He explained that competition for those dollars is much greater. Creating a regional focus could enable the communities in receiving more State and Federal dollars. He said we must come together more often in the future and the job of MORPC is to facilitate that conversation.

   Mr. Berry asked about MORPC's position on the urban sprawl that has occurred in the last ten years. Mr. Jourdon commented that about four years ago they did a Regional Growth Strategy. He said they have brought that back and are getting ready to issue a final Report on that. He said next year they hope to come out with some very clear strategies to utilize for the Region.

3. President Lester read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-55-07 (Appropriate $30,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the White Road Study) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

2. Ordinance C-56-07 (Appropriate $96,622.67 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Severance Payments) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

The Chair recognized, Ms. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Resolution CR-39-07 (Authorize the Chief of Police and the Mayor to Apply for Funding from the DARE Grants Program) was given its reading and public hearing.

Chief Deskins commented that the City has been applying for and receiving this Grant since it has been in existence. He said they serve about 3,600 students and it is a wonderful program.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

The Chair recognized, Mr. Corbin, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-59-07 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for the Peddler Lounge located at 2977 Jackpot Road) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Stage.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

2. Ordinance C-60-07 (Approve the Plat of Meadow Grove Estates North, Section 1) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by President Lester.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

3. Ordinance C-61-07 (Accept the Annexation of 1.125 acres located at the southeast corner of State Route 665 and Hoover Road to the City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 9/4/07.

4. Ordinance C-62-07 (Vacate a Portion of a 20-foot Easement located at 4757 Heycross Dr. and being Lot 250 of Hoover Crossing, Section 6) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 9/4/07.

5. Ordinance C-63-07 (Accept the Resubdivision of all of Lots 181 to 186 of Pinnacle Club Section 2, Phase 1 and all of Lots 319 to 330 of Pinnacle Club Section 2, Phase 2) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 8/6/07.

6. Resolution CR-38-07 (Approve a Sign request for The Mike Laemmle Team located at 3903 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Mike Laemmle, petitioner, referenced a letter from Mr. Kyle Rausch, Dev. Dept., confirming that he did make the necessary changes to be in compliance with the Code.

   Mayor Grossman commented that she was unable to be present at the Planning Commission meeting where this was reviewed, however, it is her understanding that they asked for external lighting. She asked if he made that change to the sign. Mr. Laemmle said he didn't change anything else until he was certain what would happen here. He said he has gone over his request a few times with the Planning Commission or Development Dept. and asked what ordinances he is not in compliance with. They didn't have an answer. He said in the Code sections that they have given him, he doesn't read where he has to update the sign to a brand new sign, as they have asked. He said he would externally light it and not light the sign internally. He would put flood lights out to shine up on the sign if necessary. The Mayor said that would be a step in the right direction. She asked about landscaping. Mr. Laemmle said there is landscaping. They just moved in this year and said they would probably get more sassy with landscaping next year, but, there are bushes all around the sign. The Mayor confirmed that it was permanent landscaping.

   Council confirmed with Mr. Laemmle that he would illuminate the sign externally. Mr. Laemmle then commented that although he took his logo off the sign to be compliant, he would like to request that he be allowed to put "The Mike Laemmle Team" on the sign. He said as he reads the Code, he is allowed to put his name on it. However, he doesn't want to have to start over and will forget the request if that is the case. President Lester discussed with Mr. Laemmle what he meant by starting over. Mr. Laemmle provided a new illustration of the sign with his name shown. He said he really has tried to meet the Code.

   Mr. Stage requested the he be allowed to abstain. Mr. Corbin moved to permit an abstention from Mr. Stage; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

President Lester moved that Section 1 be amended to include the following stipulation: *1. Lighting shall be from a ground mounted, external source.*; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Abstain
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

Mr. Laemmle noted that he is not part of the HER Real Living team. He is an independent agent and really needs to distinguish himself and his office from the other HER offices. *Mr. Berry* asked what part of this new sign is not in compliance. *President Lester* said its not a matter of compliance, it is a matter of what is different from what Planning Commission approved and what they had removed. President Lester confirmed that what Planning Commission didn't want was the full logo with the house and "Mike Laemmle Team – All we do is sell houses". Mr. Laemmle said that was correct. President Lester asked if all he was asking for now was just his name. Mr. Laemmle said yes.

President Lester moved that Section 1 be amended to include the following, additional, stipulation: *2. The words "The Mike Laemmle Team" may be added to the sign, as shown on the exhibit provided to Council.*; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Stage	Abstain
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Abstain

7. Resolution CR-40-07 (Approve the Amendments to the Development Plan for Parkway Centre North located at 1574 Stringtown Road as approved by Resolution CR-40-03) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Greg Mackanos, petitioner, expressed thanks to many of the City Staff for their assistance. He explained that this amendment is to allow for 880 sq. feet of outdoor seating. There will be no advertising, music or lights. *Mr. Corbin* asked if he agreed to the three stipulations. Mr. Mackanos said yes. *President Lester* asked if the outdoor seating would be open at the same time as the rest of the business. Mr. Mackanos said yes.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

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

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

1. The Mayor submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and Mr. Corbin moved to accept same; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

The Mayor reported on new businesses that have opened. She showed a new brochure that is going out to explain the S.R. 665 Improvement Project. She announced that Rep. Deborah Pryce informed her that the request for an additional $500,000.00 for S.R. 665 was approved in the House and will go to the Senate for final approval. She also announced that the Wireless Internet is now up and running in the Town Center.

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

Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Richard D. Lester

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President