

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

July 05, 2022

Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Mark Sigrist Ted Berry Randy Holt Christine Houk

1. Mr. Berry moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-42-22 (Accept the Annexation of 6.024+ acres located at 1189 White Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Schottke moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

2. Ordinance C-43-22 (Accept the Annexation of 96.694+ acres located at 2088 and 2134 London Groveport Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Schottke moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Holt.

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

3. Ordinance C-44-22 (Accept the Annexation of 6.2+ acres located at 4745 Big Run Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Matthew Cull, attorney for petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

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

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

The Chair recognized Ms. Houk, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-37-22 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement and Cooperate with the Ohio Director of Transportation for the Resurfacing of State Route 665 from I-71 to US-23) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, explained that the ODOT has an urban paving program. When they have plans to improve a State Route that runs through a municipality, they offer to include the City's portion and will pay for all the engineering, plans, specifications and 80% of the construction cost. The City only pays 20% of the construction cost.

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

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

2. Resolution CR-38-22 (Accept the Grove City Action Plan to Promote Mental Health and Prevent Substance Use Disorders) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk provided an overview of the program and shared a brochure that is available for the public to take. She thanked all those on the Committee and those who contributed to this Plan.

Ms. Sheri Dunagan, member of Committee, expressed her gratefulness for this Committee's work and the Plan, which will put citizens in touch with the available resources.

Dr. Marie Schiff, resident, voiced support for the Plan and asked that Council approve the legislation. She shared some experiences with theft and her activity with a non-profit organization for drug prevention. She said the Committee has been phenomenal at collaborating with all the hospitals, first responders, business owners, etc.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-45-22 (Grant an Exceptional Circumstance for 3985 Broadway to Increase the Maximum Award under the Town Center Commercial Revitalization Grant Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 18, 2022.
2. Ordinance C-46-22 (Authorize the Purchase of 0.034 acres located at 3895 Broadway and Appropriate \$60,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Same) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 18, 2022.
3. Resolution CR-39-22 (Approve the Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2023) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schottke noted that the Property Tax has not increased in 16 years. Mr. Boso, City Administrator, explained that the property tax has not increased in 34 years. There have been 13 reductions during that time and this is the 16th year at the tax rate being 3.5 mills. He noted that if a person has a \$300,000.00 home, the City would receive \$367.00 per year. He said the reason for this document is for the Franklin County Budget Commission to review it and give the City a figure in terms of our limitations on appropriations. If revenue increases throughout the year, the City can go back and have the limitations increased.

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

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

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

1. Mr. Tom Hammon, stated that he has been an umpire for 37 years and requested that Fryer Park receive turf and lighting. He said there would be a lot of tournaments that could be brought to Grove City if this occurred and a lot of revenue. Mr. Schottke noted that lighting was in the budget for this year.
2. Mr. Gary Noltemeyer, stated that he heard the DORA area is not monitored. He shared stories about many friends who have perished due to alcohol and drugs. Although he doesn't think alcohol is the root problem, he voiced concern over the approval of our leaders to expand the DORA.
3. Ms. Chris Moore, voiced her opposition to DORA being permitted on Sunday. She said studies have shown that when stressed, people turn to habits. She asked what is Grove City's one year plan and five year plan to stop the drug and alcohol abuse. She said she has seen an increase in alcohol, with Lilly's and Cracker Barrel offering alcohol now. She said America was founded on God and we need to get back to this. She said she wants a safe community and wants to see a decrease in crime, traffic accidents, alcohol and drug related issues.
4. Ms. Sandra Fransis, shared some statistics about the legal limits of alcohol in Ohio and how much alcohol causes a person to reach that limit. She said we need to value life, as all lives matter.

5. Mr. John Sluss, spoke about objective morality and subjective morality. He explained that he has spent his life going out into the streets and praying for people who are totally consumed with drugs and/or alcohol. He said when he heard about what is happening in Grove City with open containers, it broke his heart, because he has seen the detrimental aspects of alcoholism. He said he is not okay with no accountability and it should not be allowed.
6. Brian Weaver, spoke about hypocrisy with respect to an increase in crime and the use of narcan in the City, while passing laws for alcohol. He said the Mayor and his wife started an alcohol program in 1985 and the City passed a mental health and substance abuse program, yet crime is increasing and should let the community see the data.
7. Ms. Pam Gatewood, commended Council for forming the Diversity Task Force. Being new to Grove City, she was pleasantly surprised with Council's commitment to keeping children safe. She quoted statistics that show eight (8) days of being bullied or ignored or fights, has a 5,100% increase in suicide attempts, and these experiences are combatted by how adults respond. She said she appreciates being given a space for conversation, and some of those conversations may be uncomfortable. However, providing a place for those conversations helps provide a place for everyone and a safer community for our kids. She feels this will bridge the gap and encouraged everyone to keep asking themselves questions – how can we work together; how can we help those still struggling; and how can we value our lived experiences and stories?
8. Ms. Raven Tadlock, voiced her appreciation for the Diversity Task Force. She said she loves being outside but doesn't feel safe all the time. This Task Force is a step in the right direction for all diversities. She said a large misunderstanding that diversity is trying to make everyone queer and some believe the schools are trying teach this. She said that is not the case. Knowing that people in Grove City are trying to be more accepting is encouraging.
9. Mr. James Waugh, stated that he is a retired pastor and voiced thanks for Council's steps to amend the Code and provide protection for City employees, showing fairness for all. The Diversity Task Force also demonstrates a commitment to making the City hospitable to all. He said he has noticed that recent speakers before Council have questioned this Task Force and Code changes, and have cited their faith and read passages from the Bible. He said he does not believe that these speakers represent all the people of faith – certainly not his faith. He said there is a place for all people in his faith. He said he celebrates all of Gods creations and the place each of us have at the table.
10. Mr. Brian Scarpino, new resident, expressed his appreciation for the diversity, equity and inclusion in Grove City. He asked everyone in the audience to raise their hand if they were here in support of this Task Force.

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

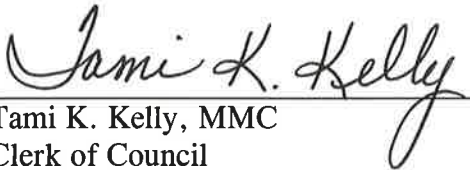
1. Mayor Stage submitted the May and June Monthly Mayor's Reports and Mr. Berry moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

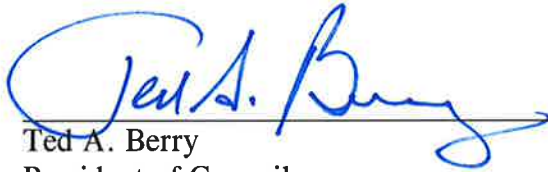
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes

The Mayor commented that we had incredible events over the 4th of July weekend. He expressed condolences to Shawn Conrad, Chamber Director, on the loss of her son; and to Woody William's family on his passing, who is responsible for our Gold Star Memorial. He commented on the DORA. He also noted that maintaining decorum is how we conduct our meetings and asked our Dir. of Law to provide a definition for decorum at a future meeting.

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

Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Ted A. Berry
President of Council

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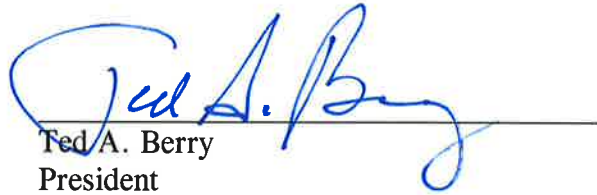
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Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


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Ted A. Berry
President