

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

July 03, 2023

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in Room A of the Grove City Library – 3959 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Mark Sigrist Randy Holt Christine Houk

1. Mr. Schottke moved to excuse Mr. Berry; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

2. Ms. Kelly opened the floor for a temporary chair.

Ms. Houk moved to appoint Mr. Schottke as Temporary Chair; seconded by Mr. Sigrist.

There being no further nominations, the floor was closed and the vote was called to appoint Mr. Schottke as Temporary Chair.

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

Ms. Kelly turned the meeting over to Mr. Schottke.

3. Mr. Schottke moved to approve the Minutes from the previous two meetings and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

4. Chair Schottke recognized Mayor Stage who administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Shannon Wilhelm.

5. 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-22-23 (Accept the Annexation of 98.7+ acres located north and south of Rensch Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and at the request of the petitioner's agent, moved it be postponed to August 7, 2023; seconded by Mr. Sigrist.

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

- Ordinance C-25-23 (Authorize the City Administrator to execute a Pre-Annexation Agreement with Smart Citizens, LLC and the Heirs of Marilyn W. Trapp, et. al, for approximately 89.3+ acres located South of Rensch Road). First reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 17, 2023.

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

- Ordinance C-26-23 (Authorizing the Appropriation of Property and Easements from multiple properties for the public purpose of making, repairing, and improving a public road, specifically, the Holton Road Corridor Improvement Project and declaring an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that he has already begun contacting the property owners and has not received an objection yet. He said they are asking for this approval and for it to be an emergency so that this portion of the project can get out for bid this year and stay on schedule.

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

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

Ms. Houk moved that this ordinance be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Sigrist.

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

- Resolution CR-30-23 (Authorize the Administrative Assistant to enter into an Agreement and Cooperate with The Director of Transportation for the Improvement to Gantz Road over I-270) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that the Ohio Department of Transportation is widening the Gantz Bridge over I-270 and the City has requested that it be wide enough to accommodate a bike path, in conjunction with the City of Columbus. If this is approved, Grove City will extend a bike path from I-270, south to Home Road. It would provide access to Columbus.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-24-23 (Amend various sections of Chapter 376 titled Operation Restricted for Low Speed and Under Speed Vehicles) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Holt explained that Golf Carts – or Low Speed Vehicles – are becoming more prevalent in Grove City and it is his desire to be a “golf cart friendly” community. He explained that we view golf carts as licensed, motor vehicles. They must have all safety features of a licensed vehicle. He said they should be viewed just like a motorcycle or bicycle, which are allowed to be on the street. He said golf carts are currently restricted on Broadway, Stringtown Rd., and S.R. 665. This ordinance would open up Broadway for travel, in order to get to the Town Center for events, etc.

Mr. Josh Doran, resident, voiced approval of this amendment. He said the restriction of Broadway forces golf carts to cut through parking lots and use sidewalks to get to some businesses. He said he supports allowing access on Broadway. He said he would love to support Jets Pizza. He said golf carts follow all the rules of the road and State of Ohio.

Mr. Holt moved to amend Section 1, under (b) 1. to read: *Broadway, from Parlin north to the corporation line*; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

Ms. Houk said she appreciates the amendment and the continued review of this Chapter. She believes they are on a good path.

Mr. Sigrist stated that for someone who values getting around town in something other than a car, he appreciates this legislation. He wants to have citizens that embrace a slower culture, coming down Broadway.

Ms. Cindy Caspario, resident, asked if golf carts must have seatbelts and do children need to be in car seats. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said the front seat passengers must wear a seatbelt and young children should be secured in a golf cart, just like any other motor vehicle. Ms. Caspario said she has seen many children without restraints.

Mr. Ron McClure, Jackson Township Trustee, stated that he believes this is an opportunity for the City to partner with the Township in developing a master plan, since there are pockets in the Township.

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

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

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

1. Resolution CR-31-23 (Accept the Donation of Artwork from the Grove City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to be located at Fryer Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that the City must accept all gifts and donations. He said this is a piece of artwork that is being commissioned by the Convention & Visitors Bureau. He said artwork is a little funny because you have to protect the City, CBV and the Artist. He said there is a contract that outlines everyone's responsibilities going forward. The City will accept ownership, maintain it and proudly display it in Fryer Park.

Mr. David Lane, artist, explained that he and his partner are excited to be working on this. He said it celebrates the 40 years of the Alumni Softball Tournament. He said it has two images, one from the 1980's and one from today that will come together through a viewer to make it 3d.

Ms. Amanda Davis, Dir of CVB, stated that our heritage includes softball and because this is something you can't find anywhere else, it is tourism, an attraction, heritage & culture. It is something great for the community. She said their goal is to unveil it during the Homecoming/Alumni Softball Tournament this year. She said this is the first of five (5) pieces

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

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

2. Resolution CR-32-23 (Approve the Budget Estimates for the Fiscal Year of 2024) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that this sets the amount of resources the City will have for 2024 and cannot appropriate any more than that. He said it does not increase the inside millage. He said that this is the 16th year for keeping the millage rate the same and the 35th year for not raising taxes.

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

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

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

1. Mr. Stephen Smith, Dir. of Law, opened the floor for public comments/public hearing by any property owner in Plum Run concerning the Tax Increment Financing, as required by State Statute. There being no comments, the floor was closed and the statutory requirement has been met.
2. Mr. Greg Goettemoeller, Rensch Rd., voiced opposition to a data center being permitted on Rensch Road. He said they have heard that this is Grove City growing; their area was called blighted; this is part of the GC 2050 Plan and they need to go along; they are in the Township and there is nothing they can do. He said their sign has brought many comments that the data center is

a bad idea. He feels this is irresponsible planning and thinks others will say Grove City is doing things backwards. People come to meetings now to express concerns over affordability; infringement on the ability to protect residents' peace and quiet; obtrusive inefficient traffic pattern; poor infrastructure and building commerce blunders, which will be the Council's legacy as elected officials. He said they have the ability to stop, reexamine their goals, and step away from the way things have always been done so that they can maintain the hometown feel of Grove City, and that is what he is asking for.

Ms. Christi McCellan, Rensch Rd., stated that she asked her realtor friends if they thought it would hurt the property values in the Rensch Road area and the answer was "absolutely", with the exception of one who said "there is a house for everyone, so someone might not mind have the noise and light pollution". She asked that they not tank their property values. She said they have invested their life, time, money. She said this is not a good idea – not in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

Mr. R.J. Burns, Heimut Haus Dr., voiced concern over cell phone service in the SR 104, Stringtown Rd. areas. He feels that this infrastructure should be addressed. It is alarming that they may have an emergency and can't get a call through for assistance. *Mr. Schottke* said he has heard from many about this issue but the City does not put up cell towers. It is the carrier. He called on Mr. Todd Hurley, IS Director, to comment. *Mr. Hurley*, stated that this problem is not new to Grove City or the central Ohio area and it is frustrating. He said the City deals with this in the public safety area also. He said we have a product on the safety vehicles that generate heat maps. We have shared these maps with AT&T and Verizon to help them understand where there are holes in coverage. We have tried for years to see what we can do, but the problem is the City has no regulations to for providers to build more cell towers/fill those holes. He said we have asked for a meeting with AT&T and the City is doing their best to get better service from the providers. *Mr. Smith* commented that there is a company that will do all the mapping and then sell space on cellular towers to providers. He said he is trying to set up a meeting with that company for Grove City. *Ms. Houk* commented that the State needs to know that this needs to keep pace with the growth of all the suburbs.

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

1. Mayor Stage announced that Fireworks will be held tomorrow at 9:45 at Murfin Field. He commented that it is incredible what happened to the signers of the Declaration of Independence and voiced appreciation to their sacrifice. He expressed condolences to the family of Pastor Wiley, G.C. Methodist Church, who passed.
2. After closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Roby Schottke
Temporary Chair

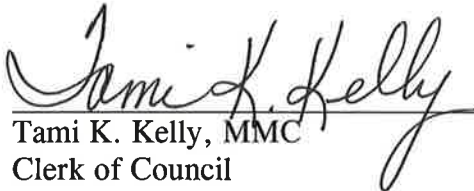
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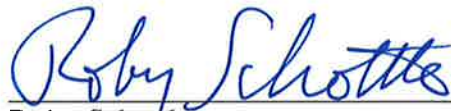
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Council met at 6:30 p.m. in Room A, Grove City Library, 3959 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
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Roby Schottke
Temporary Chair