

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 06, 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. Schottke moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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-28-22 (Accept the Annexation of 295.7⁺ acres located East of Harrisburg Pike and North of State Route 665 in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-29-22 (Accept the Annexation of 63.02⁺ acres located East of Haughn Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk asked for clarification over the acreage for this parcel. Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that this has two parcels, contiguous to each other, filed with one Annexation Petition.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-30-22 (Accept the Annexation of 98.58+ acres located at 5316 Harrisburg Pike 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. Sigrist.

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

4. Ordinance C-31-22 (Accept the Annexation of 5.55+ acres located at 5873 Haughn Rd. 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. Sigrist.

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

5. Ordinance C-32-22 (Accept the Annexation of 102.86+ acres located West of Hoover Road and South of S.R. 665 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. Sigrist.

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

6. Ordinance C-33-22 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Kennel for PetSuites Grove City located at 1260/1270/1280 Stringtown Rd.) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Matt Dolan, representing 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. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

7. Ordinance C-37-22 (Appropriate Property and Easements from Ismail Jallaq, deceased, from the property located at 4400 Anglebrook Dr., for the Public Purpose of Constructing Roadway Improvements, which shall be open to the public without charge and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this is for the Demorest Road improvements, currently under construction. Mr. Jallaq has passed away and his property is in probate. The family has agreed to the offer we have made, but we have to go through this process to get the Court to approve it. He said he considers this a friendly take, in order to avoid the probate process.

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

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

Mr. Schottke moved that this ordinance be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Berry.

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

8. Ordinance C-38-22 (Appropriate Property and Easements from Bryan A. Hupp AKA Bryan Alan Hupp from the property located at 2958 Demorest Rd., for the Public Purpose of Constructing Roadway Improvements, which shall be open to the public without charge and declaring an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that the Property Owner is not in agreement with the offer made by the City. He said the Administration is asking to file the appraised value with the Court and Mr. Huff can negotiate with the Court on the price.

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

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

Mr. Schottke moved that this ordinance be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Holt.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-39-22 (Amend the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 06/20/22.

Mr. Holt moved to amend Section 2 to include. . . *and to add Sunday as a permitted day.*"; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Holt stated that Council received a copy of the amended verbiage before the meeting and explained that the DORA is already in place Monday – Saturday. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, clarified that the inclusion of Sunday would be subject to the same hour restrictions – 2:00 p.m. to Midnight.

There being no further discussion, roll was called for the amendment:

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-40-22 (Amend Chapter 161 of the Codified Ordinances titled Employment Provisions for City Employees) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 06/20/22.

Mr. Brian Weaver, former City Employee, voiced his concern over the Safety Division and shared what he believes was misconduct by employees at the Safety division. He said the existing policies need enforced and the employees protected. He said issues need addressed before amending or enacting new laws.

2. Ordinance C-41-22 (Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 1116, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 06/20/22.

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

1. Mr. Chris Sekol, Weymouth Lane, voiced concerns over Ordinance C-20-22 and the language in the discriminatory section - “sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression”. He is concerned with what is going on with the culture. He shared information about Dr. John William Money, who is considered the father of our “gender theory”. He invented and defined the terms/words in the ordinance. He read a biography about Dr. Money and how he manipulated children. Mr. Sekol said that this Theory is being pushed in our schools, on television, and shoved down our throats. He is here to protect the morals of our society. He stated that no person of faith is on the Diversity Task Force. He asked that the churches work with the government. He said there is too much pain going on and a Pride parade will not fix it. He said there have to be the appropriate people on the Task Force.
2. Mr. Brian Weaver voiced concern about Ord. C-20-22 also. He said he is Deaf and Autism advocate. He said he applied to the Task Force and feels there is no diversity on the committee. He said there is no Latino, Hispanic, Disability, or Faith person. He said it is mostly LGBTQ. He said he has offered to teach classes about disability awareness, with no response from the City. He said he has been told that the Task Force is and is not open to the public and asked for clarification. It was explained that the Task Force meetings are open to the public to attend and notice will be placed on the website.
3. Ms. Amanda Davis, Director of the Grove City Visitors and Convention Bureau, provided an updated report on their activities.

Mayor Stage asked Ms. Davis to provide answers to the following questions: 1. what is the cash balance as of 4/31/22; 2. a 2023 Budget Forecast is needed by the City; 3. will they please share their contact list for the hotel's/motels; 4. Has the VCB engaged Counsel to determine the legalities of disbursing bed tax funds; 5. does their lease agreement expire this year. Ms. Davis said she would get those answers to him, but could answer yes to sharing their contact lists; they have engaged an attorney; and said no, their lease does not expire this year.

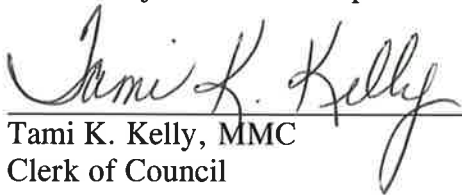
Mayor Stage reported that the current collections of the Bed Tax are running about 17% over that 2019 collection – which is about \$90,000.00 more than appropriated for this year.

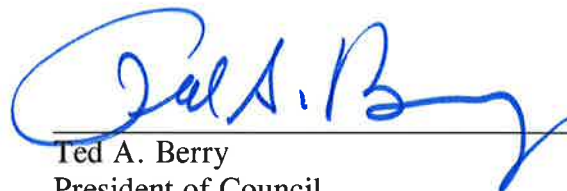
4. Ms. Chris Moore, resident, stated that she grew up here and loves the small town feel. She shared concerns over so many bars and the carousing around town. She said she heard that Grove City wants more LGBTQ residents and she believes we have plenty of diversity here. She would like to get back to the basics, with family based values.

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

1. Mayor Stage reported that the G.C. High School Boys Baseball team is headed to the State semi-finals; Ms. Ester came in 1st in the 100 meter dash; today is the 70th anniversary of D Day; and Governor DeWine will be here tomorrow afternoon.
2. After closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Ted A. Berry
President of Council

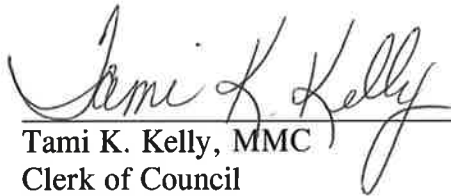
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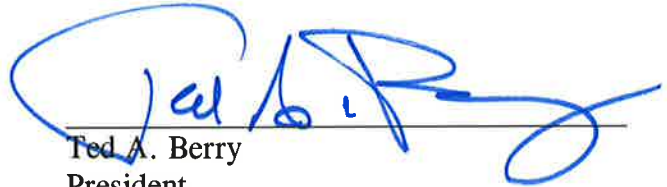
Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
President