

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 14, 2018

Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Robinette at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Christine Houk Steve Robinette Jeff Davis Ted Berry

The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-23-18 Amend Rules of Council and the Rules Governing the Agenda of Council) was given its reading and public hearing.

Council discussed the proposed changes in an open forum. It was asked why the change in order of committees was proposed. Mr. Davis said he suggested the change to rearrange the committee order to be more courteous to the public. Most people attending are here for Lands. Mr. Schottke stated that Council can rearrange the agenda by majority vote, at any time. This could be used more often when needed. Mr. Berry pointed out that the Agenda is accepted at the beginning of every meeting and agreed with Mr. Schottke on adjusting the agenda.

Council went through the Rules of Council page by page and discussed each item. The following amendments were made:

Mr. Berry moved to amend Section 1.01 under Regular Meetings to include "or the Mayor" after "unless invited by Council"; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mr. Berry moved to amend Section 3. Notice to replace the words "to every newspaper of the time, date, place and purpose of such special meeting" with "*per the Charter*"; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

Mr. Smith said he was asked to look at Executive Sessions and believes that the Mayor is permitted to attend to join in debate. Mr. Berry moved to amend Section 7. Executive Session to include at the end "The Mayor shall attend with the right to participate in debate per Section 3.05 of the Charter"; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

Mr. Robinette moved to amend Section 9. Annual Budget to remove “and the agreement of members of Council”; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

Mr. Robinette moved to amend Section 10. Evaluation of the Clerk of Council to remove “and consent”; second by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

Mr. Robinette moved to amend Section 13. Limitation of Debate to remove “and not more than twice upon the same subject” and change “five (5)” minutes to “three (3)” minutes; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

It was also noted in this Section that Rule 17(c) should be 19(c) due to the renumbering of items.

Mayor Stage asked about keeping decorum of the public, for example taking off hats, signs, etc. Council discussed this and felt the Chair could address this as needed.

Mr. Smith stated that the Charter language states that ordinances take effect after publication. Mr. Berry moved to amend Section 37. Rules on Reading and Suspension of Rules, N to change “passage of Council” to “publication”; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

Mayor Stage voiced concern over not having a date when publication must occur after passage. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said he believed Mrs. Kelly was correct and would check the Code and let Council know at the next meeting.

Council then discussed the Rules Governing Agenda of Council.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Smith about #3. Mr. Smith said it has always bothered him that there is no step-by-step process in how something gets on the agenda. He said he doesn't think there is a prohibition to the President being part of the process to prepare the agenda. However, he said the President ever has the power to prohibit an item from getting on an agenda. He said the President's role is to preside over the meetings and step in as Mayor, if needed. He said it would be nice if there was a clearer roadmap for everyone to understand how items get on the agenda.

Mr. Berry asked what problem this is trying to solve. Much discussion took place over this item. It was cited that with the change to require every item to have a Council sponsor, that should address the issue of having more notice and input from Council Members. The Mayor said he doesn't feel this should be placed in the Rules.

Mr. Schottke said presentations are an issue and he said the President could help in setting where these would be placed in the order of the meeting.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Smith to bring forward a step by step process for items to be placed on the Agenda to consider. Mr. Smith said he would get options for Council to consider.

After much debate, Mr. Robinette moved to amend Number 3 of the Rules Governing the Agenda to read "The President of Council with the assistance of the Clerk of Council shall have administrative responsibility of assimilating and preparing the agenda subject only to the rules and regulations as prescribed by the City Charter. In the absence of the President, the Clerk of Council shall publish the agenda. This in no way prohibits any member of Council from placing an item on the agenda, with the Rules prescribed"; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

Mr. Robinette moved to amend Number 4 to add to the end of the paragraph "and/or Code."; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

Mr. Schottke moved to incorporate the Rules Governing the Agenda of Council into the Rules of Council, under Section 4. Order of Business; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

Mr. Smith asked Council to consider an amendment under Number 2 to add "resolution" after ordinance. Mr. Berry moved to amend #2 to include "and resolution"; seconded by Ms. Houk.

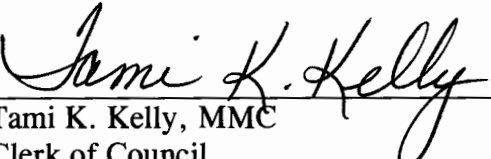
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mr. Schottke revisited the Rules of Council; Section 19. Order of Business, C, 3. Council discussed the number of speakers allowed and the amount of time given the speakers.

Mr. Schottke moved to amend 19,C,3 to remove "three opponents & three proponents"; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


 Tami K. Kelly, MMC
 Clerk of Council


 Steven R. Robinette
 President