

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

May 01, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Steve Bennett

Steven Robinette

Roby Schottke

Ted Berry

1. Mr. Robinette moved to excuse Mr. Davis; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Mr. Bennett moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous regular meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Robinette.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

2. President Schottke recognized Mayor Stage who presented a Proclamation to Robert Adams. Mr. Adams will be inducted onto the Wall of Fame for the Ohio Military Wall of Valor at the Rife Center. He then administered the Oath of Office to Daniel Jones, Police Officer. Finally, he announced that this is Police Officer Week and read a Proclamation for it.
3. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair recognized Mr. Robinette, in the absence of Mr. Davis, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-14-17 (Appropriate \$191,230.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Improvements to Urbancrest Industrial Drive) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that there was a business on Urbancrest Industrial Drive paying taxes to Grove City rather than Urbancrest. Three years were reimbursed at \$200,000.00+. Those years outside the Statute of Limitations has been held to do improvements to the roadway. We are now ready to do those improvements.

Mayor Stage introduced Mayor Barnes. He said the cooperation with the road began when the City realigned its boundaries and gave a portion of property to the Village. He said they have been working together to share in these latest improvements, that will benefit the businesses on the south side of the road in Urbancrest and those on the north side that are in Grove City.

Mayor Barnes, Mayor of Urbancrest, voiced support for this collaboration. He said these types of cooperative improvements may become more normal, with the reduction in OPWC funding. He said they appreciate this very much.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-15-17 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with AT&T for a Next Generation 911 System) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Kelly Davidson, Police Communications, explained that this will allow text messages, with photos, to be routed to the Division of Police.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

3. Ordinance C-16-17 (Appropriate \$2,836,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Current Expense of the Stringtown Road Improvement Project) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., said this is for improvements to Stringtown Road from the corporation limit to State Route 104. There will be \$2.5 million provided toward the cost through the Ohio Health TIF.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Ordinance C-18-17 (Grant an Exceptional Circumstance for 3871 – 3873 Broadway to make it Eligible for the Town Center Commercial Revitalization Grant Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 15, 2017.
5. Resolution CR-12-17 (Opposing certain Sections of House Bill 49 related to Centralized Collection of Net Profit Tax Returns, Elimination of the “Throwback” provision and the Removal of Net Profit Taxes from Section 718.02 of the Ohio Revised Code and Replacing it with Chapter 5718 of the Ohio Revised Code which would allow the State Tax Commissioner Sole Authority to Administer and Enforce the Municipal Net Profit Tax) was given its reading and Mr. Robinette moved it be postponed to May 15, 2017; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

6. Resolution CR-15-17 (Authorizing Participation on the ODOT Winter Contract (018-18) for Road Salt) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said this is our chance to get in on the ODOT road salt contract.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

7. Resolution CR-16-17 (Approving the Admission of One New Member to the Central Ohio Risk Management Association Self-Insurance Pool) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso explained that in order is add another municipality to the Insurance Pool, 2/3rds of the members must approve it. This is to add Grandview Heights.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

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

1. Resolution CR-17-17 (Endorse Issue 1 – Franklin County Senior Options, on the May 2 Ballot) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage commented that Grove City does a lot with Life Care Alliance. He said this is a 0.45 mill increase. Just like in Washington, with the realigning of taxes, this is a very important Levy.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Resolution CR-18-17 (Oppose the Proposed Permit to Install Application to the OEPA for the Franklin County Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso explained that as part of the SWACO plan, they desire to increase the height of the Landfill an additional 175 feet.

Mr. Scott Perry, SWACO, said they are submitting an application to the Ohio EPA for approval to increase the scope of the landfill. The "Permit to Install" is on file at the Library for inspection. Mr. Berry said the Permit says it wants to increase the footprint by 52 acres. He asked what direction they want to widen the landfill. Mr. Perry said to the North-toward S.R. 665. Mr. Berry asked about the height and pitch, which Mr. Perry explained and noted that the requested 3/1 slope will make the sides steeper. Mr. Berry said this is an economic hindrance for Grove City and asked if we get any tipping fees. Mr. Perry said no. They are in Jackson Township and they get the \$0.25 ton - about \$250,000.00 per year.

Mr. Robinette asked about the Gemini Project and if anything has changed in what SWACO is trying to do, since that Project has now gone away. Mr. Ty Marsh, Ex. Dir., explained their current plan, which continues to find ways to remove waste out of the landfill stream and bring businesses to the area that would do the same - just like the Gemini Project would have done. He said this concept is generally supported and that is why they purposely excluded land in SWACO's land holdings as part of their PTI. He shared why they think this has environmental value, because they are not taking any virgin soil into the permit. He said they think it has good economic value, in that it can advance the SWACO plan. He said if this landfill would close, the closest landfill would be 50+ miles away and fees would go up for Franklin County residents. He said it would a lot less expensive to construct their PTI plan rather than building a new facility. He said they want to make certain they are in full environmental compliance, while being a good neighbor to Grove City. He said they are proud to have never had a Notice of Violation. He said they have never have had a Landslide, as they are choosy on what they accept into the landfill. He explained that there are three steps in this Public Process before filing their PTI. The first was to reduce the Tipping Fees. The second is to submit a Solid Waste Management Plan to the OEPA. This is their "bible" on how they plan to divert waste from the landfill. The third is to change the construction or parameters of the landfill by filing a Permit to Install to the OEPA, who will rule on that permit. Mr. Robinette asked if the only approval for this Permit to Install is from the EPA are they any other hurdles they must go through. Mr. March said they have inspectors every day at the Landfill to make sure they are in compliance. He said this new request would not go into effect for many years. They are still building out on the existing permit. He reminded them that they are not going outside the original triangle of the landfill. He said this application is asking for less acreage then was approved in the 1990's and stays within the original triangle. It doesn't go North of S.R. 665. Mr. Robinette asked if there was any compromise in lowering the pitch on the 71 and 665 sides and adding landscaping to those roads to help hide it. Mr. Marsh said the short answer is yes. They are looking at some landscaping and are trying to be a good neighbor to Grove City.

Mr. Schottke commented that has great concern for the height they are requesting. He asked that they not come closer to S.R. 665. He said Grove City doesn't have any benefits from this. The reality is, the landfill is a benefit to other communities but it is an economic problem for Grove City. Economic Development stops at I-71. We have invested in sewer and water lines and paid the school District \$1,000,000.00 for Tax abated property that we can't get developed. He said this doesn't give Grove City any advantages. This PTI is the least resistive for SWACO. Mr. Marsh said the property to the North was under the control of Team Gemini and SWACO could not touch it. They did get requests for development during that time. They just got control a few months ago. He said they will work with Grove City on any development there. They do get many calls on it.

Mr. Robinette asked what would be an acceptable development to SWACO. Mr. Marsh said there's money in the waste stream. He said they want less trash in the waste stream and those materials converted to a different product - something that would use the waste stream to create private sector jobs.

Mr. Bennett said this PTI will take this landfill to 400' high. It's like a 40 story building. He said is concerned about a landslide at this height and slope. With the slope and moving closer to S.R. 665, the PTI request is of concern for Grove City. Mr. Marsh said some of that is caused by what is permitted in the landfill. Sludge will do that and they feel they are very careful on what they accept.

Mr. Berry said they know SWACO runs a good business. He said Grove City gets nothing out of this. We suffer the economic loss and receive no tax dollars from it. He said you would think that our residents would get free trash disposal. He asked if they would annex to Grove City so we would get some benefit. He encouraged them to work with the Administration. He said we want to try to turn the landfill into a positive. He asked them to help us help them.

Mayor Stage commented said they are trying to work with SWACO on the I-71/ corridor beautification. He also noted that the recycle bins should be made out of recycled materials.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, Chairman of Lands, took the floor for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-17-17 (Authorizing the Annexation of 4.0+ acres located on Stringtown Road and Jackson Pike from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith sad this is the second annexation of roadway for the Ohio Health project. It will make life easier for roadway enforcement.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

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

1. Chief Jeff Pearson, Chief of Police, provided a brief overview on the CALEA process for the Certification of the Police Division. They noted that they have just received their recertification.
2. Ms. Janice Vidic, 3900 Girbert St., commented that she has concerns over methane gas and going higher with the landfill. Her real reason for attending was to state that she was not pleased with how the Service Dept. handled the curb replacement on her street. In addition, she is upset on how the streets got chosen to get the 50% sidewalk program. She said some information on the website

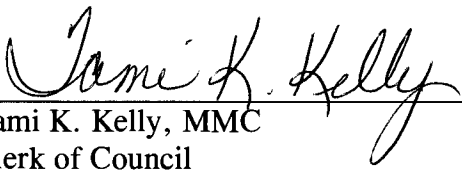
on how this is done would be of help. She said she loves Grove City but was annoyed by this. She said she appreciated speaking with her Council Member, Mr. Davis, and for the Mayor coming out to her home.

3. Mr. Roger Burket, Graessle Rd., said he had requested that a change in the Charter to change the millage amount to a maximum of 3.5 mills without a vote. Any increase over that would require a vote of the residents. He said he looked at taxes from other communities that were less than Grove City, with a couple being higher. Mr. Bennett stated that the City is not interested in raising taxes for no reason. He said he doesn't think we are at the top of the heap for taxes. Mr. Schottke said he doesn't want to paint the City into a tax corner. He said he appreciates Mr. Burkett's passion for this. However, there are certain obligations that we can't get below. We are only using 1 mill for anything other than Bond Retirement and Police Pension. Mr. Burket said the only reason he became aware of this when a comment was made that they may need to raise taxes to pay for the Plaza. He feels this is inappropriate.

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

1. Mayor Stage reported on upcoming events.
2. After comments from Mayor Stage, Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Roby Schottke
Chair

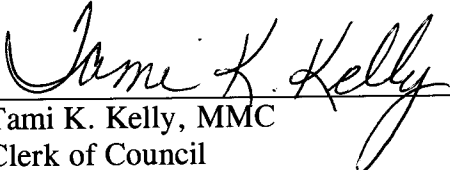
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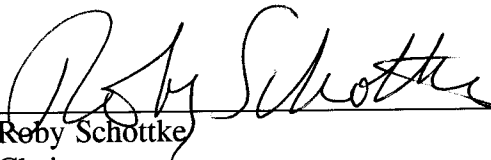
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Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Caucus Room, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


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Chair