

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20, 2020

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Houk at 7:07 p.m. by a virtual Webex connection due to the Coronavirus-19 pandemic as temporarily allowed by the State.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Aaron Schlabach Christine Houk Randy Holt Ted Berry

1. Mr. Schlabach moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

2. 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-14-20 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Storage for Kirk Williams located at 2734 Home Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Rebecca Mott, attorney representing petitioner, explained how this requests meets the criteria of the City Code. She noted that this expansion will add 30 -50 employees to Kirk Williams.

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

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

2. Resolution CR-08-20 (Approve a Development Plan for Kirk Williams located at 2734 Home Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schottke explained that stipulation #4, as recommended by Planning Commission, calls for a variance for a six foot chain link fence. Since Council has the authority to vary from that portion of the Code, this would cause the petitioner not to have to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals to address this issue.

He moved that Section 1 of the resolution be amended to add “. . . except for stipulation #1 and with the following: 1. A deviation shall be granted to Section 1137.05(c), to permit a six foot (72”) high, vinyl coated chain link fence, as shown on the site plan sheet and landscape sheet of this Final Development Plan.”; seconded by Mr. Schlabach.

Mr. Schottke questioned the full location of the new fencing. Ms. Mott explained where the new fencing will be placed with this development. Discussion took place over which portions of the fencing should be vinyl coated, as Mr. Schottke said he didn't think the entire fence needs to be vinyl coated. Mr. Holt clarified what type of fence is permitted by Code and what deviation is being requested. Ms. Mott said her client is willing to vinyl coat the portion of fence facing Home Road, even though it will not be seen by the mounding and three rows of landscaping, however, they do not want to install vinyl coated fencing for the rest. Ms. Houk asked if notices have already gone out for the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, and wondered if we were giving ample time for those residents to respond to those notices. Mr. Smith, Dir of Law, explained that there is an application on the BZA agenda. However, if it is approved in that fashion, the variance would be tied to the property rather than the development. He said doing it as part of the development plan would be cleaner. Mr. Boso, Chief Bldg. & Zoning Official, said they are still in the process of getting notices out and typically receive comments closer to the meeting. After further discussion, Mr. Schottke withdrew his motion and Mr. Schlabach withdrew his second.

Mr. Schottke confirmed with Ms. Mott that her client agrees to the stipulations recommended by Planning Commission.

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

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

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

1. Resolution CR-12-20 (authorize participation in the ODOT Winter Contract for Road Salt) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this is an annual requirement in order to purchase Salt through ODOT's guaranteed rates. Ms. Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, shared that this requests 1,800 tons of salt. Since the salt bin is full now, due to the mild winter, the City will not participate in the Summer fill – just the Fall fill. The contract requires the City to take 90% of the request and we are allowed to order 110% of the request.

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

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

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

1. President Houk that any new business from the public should be submitted now. She moved on to the Mayor's report and came back to hear the following:

Ms. Christina Donahue asked if the school summer programs will be closed and the daycare.

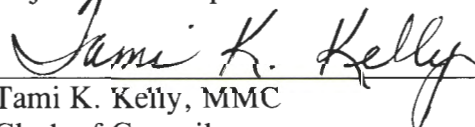
Ms. Andrea Williams asked for a letter from the Mayor to the public addressing what our City is doing for the community during COVID19 – maybe a list of food establishments, current status of PPE for business reopening – as not everyone has Facebook.

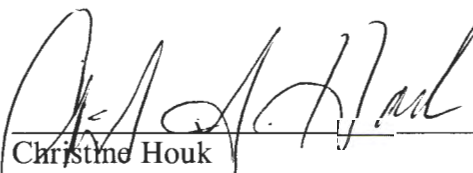
Mr. Eric Williams asked if we anticipate opening playgrounds in parks or is that contingent upon the Governor's direction.

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

1. Mayor Stage reported on the pandemic and how the City is monitoring the community. They are looking into to how best to reboot the city. He reminded everyone of Earth Day on Wednesday. He said they are still working on the budget – there is a hiring freeze; delaying all non-essential expenditures; being selective on capital improvements; and asked Dept. Heads for suggestions in reducing expenditures by 20%. He said many cancellations continue – including the Wine and Arts Festival. Mr. Schottke asked about Memorial Day. Mayor Stage said he has not heard but suspects there will be some type of event.
2. Ms. Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, said they are continuing to collect and track all the data so they can do a deep dive into the analysis of where the flooding concerns are concentrated. They will bring recommendations to Council in May.
3. Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Development, shared information his Dept. has received from the businesses in town concerning the COVID19 incident. They have called about 300 businesses, which is one-third of the business community, to be able to understand what they are facing and make them aware of possible resources from the Small Business Administration, etc. He shared slides that broke the businesses down into groups and provided statistics on who was doing well and who was having challenges.
4. Mr. Berry requested a written update on Columbus Street and the turn lane on S.R. 62. He asked that the garbage can that was on Windrow Pl. in Windsor Park be returned, as he has received several calls asking for it. He said he looks forward to the flooding report in May.
5. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourn at 8:10 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Christine Houk
Chair