

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 06, 2021

Regular Meeting

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

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 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-62-21 (Accept the Plat of Pinnacle Quarry, Section 2 located south of White Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schottke said we have received an updated Plat and all staff issues have been addressed.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, to explain what a Plat does. Mr. Smith explained that a plat has nothing to do with land use or zoning. It simply divides the property into individual lot and establishes utility easements and right-of-way.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-70-21 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into Community Reinvestment Area Agreements to expand CRA #1) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/20/21.
3. Ordinance C-71-21 (Authorize the City Administrator to Execute Pre-Annexation Agreements with Various Property Owners in the vicinity of I-71 and S.R. 665) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/20/21.

4. Resolution CR-59-21 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for JP Morgan Chase for Rooftop Solar Panels) was given its reading and at the written request of the petitioner's agent, Mr. Schottke moved it be postponed to 12/20/21; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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. Ordinance C-72-21 (Accept Stormwater and Sanitary Easements on the Pinnacle Quarry site) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/20/21.
2. Ordinance C-73-21 (Supporting the Stormwater Modeling Report and designating \$3.9 million from the American Rescue Plan Act for Municipal Stormwater Projects identified in the Final Stormwater Report from EMH&T) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/20/21.

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

1. Ordinance C-68-21 (Grant an Exceptional Circumstance for 3946 Broadway to increase the maximum award under the Town Center Commercial Revitalization Grant Program) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that our Grant Program has two areas – the Core area which has a maximum grant amount of \$10,000.00 and the corridor area, which has a maximum amount of \$5,000.00. This property is in the Core Area and started their renovations before COVID. He said they have requested \$30,000.00 and Staff is suggesting approval with the restriction that they shall not be eligible for any grants in 2021 or 2022.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-69-21 (Grant an Exceptional Circumstance for 4326 Broadway to increase the maximum award under the Town Center Commercial Revitalization Grant Program) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Holt explained that this property is in the Corridor Area and is requesting \$10,000.00 instead of the maximum \$5,000.00. He said it has a restriction that no grants will be permitted in 2021 or 2022.

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

Schlabach.

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

3. Ordinance C-74-21 (Appropriate \$1,750,000.00 from the Deposit Trust Fund and Reduce Appropriation Amounts from Various Funds) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held 12/20/21.
4. Ordinance C-75-21 (Appropriate \$6,000.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for the current expense of the Meals on Wheels Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held 12/20/21.
5. Ordinance C-76-21 (Appropriate \$8,633.00 from the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund for the current expense of Pandemic-related expenses as required under the CARES Act) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held 12/20/21.

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

1. President Houk opened the floor for the Public Hearing Electric Aggregation.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that since the voters passed this Issue, the Administration has been working through the process. He said they submitted a request to the PUCO to get started. They submitted a Plan and now have to hold two (2) public hearings. He said the Plan submitted is very basic. The real guts of the aggregation come in the next step, which is the Request for Proposals. He said they have the RFP ready, which will solicit bids for green energy per the conditions approved by the voters. He recognized Mr. Greg Bechert, Scioto Energy, the City's Consultant, who has greatly assisted through this confusing process. He is being a paid a flat fee, unlike other communities. He said the RFP will also try to get the best price with no additional fees so it will be the best comparison between current pricing vs the proposed green energy.

Ms. Cathy Cowan-Becker, resident and member of the Sustainability Committee, read the ballot language and stated that she didn't see any of the words: local, renewable, or clean energy, which is what was voted in. She said it sounds like those words will be in the RFP, which is great, but she suggested putting them in the Plan too. She said the City doesn't have latitude in supplies that are local, clean and renewable, because that is what the ballot issue said. She said it is a win, win, win, for the economy, environment and community. She said Grove City has the opportunity to lead the way to a prosperous, clean energy future and she hopes we take full advantage of that opportunity.

Mr. Smith said he agrees that the RFP will be for renewable, clean energy, per the voter's direction. As for the Operations Plan, it is very generic and that is what the PUCO approved. He gave one word of caution with "local". He said we currently do not have anyone close by at the present time and hopes that something will come on-line in the next couple of years.

Mr. Greg Bechert, Scioto Energy, addressed Council and explained that this can get complicated. He noted that this is an interesting project for him and they will be looking at renewable options going forward.

There being no further comments, President Houk closed the Electric Aggregation Public Hearing.

The seconded and final hearing will be held on 12/20/21.

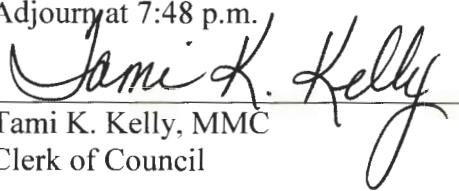
2. Ms. Christie Laffin, resident and Town Center Merchant, asked that Council amend its requirements for the second round of Hometown Dollars to allow more than two (2) \$25.00 gift certificates per household, because there is \$10,000.00 still to be used. She said she understands why this was originally done, because the first round went so fast. This second round, with the two certificates per household restriction, has stalled the program and there is money sitting unused. She asked that it be changed to allow each household to be able to get \$100.00, so resident's money can be spent locally.

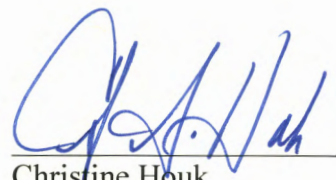
Mr. Berry asked the Chamber to blast that Program out over their social media outlets. The Chamber representative said they have been.

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

1. Mayor Stage complimented everyone involved with the Holiday Weekend. He said it was great to see so many people out for it. He noted a meeting with the Grove City Cancer Thrift Shop, who provides free cancer screenings & donated \$50,000.00 to Lifecare Alliance; he announced that Columbia Gas has provided notice that they will be asking the PUCO for a rate increase; announced that Ty Marsh, Dir. of SWACO, will be retiring in March; stated that tomorrow is the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor invasion and shared stories of Grove City residents who perished there.
2. Mr. Holt announced a special Finance Committee meeting on 12/15 at 5:00 p.m.
3. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourn at 7:48 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Christine Houk
Chair

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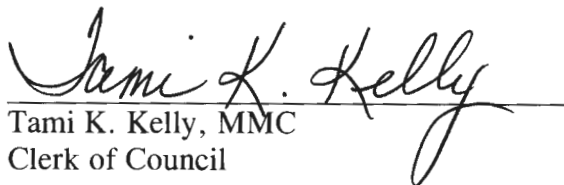
Dec. 06, 2021

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, presented three Liquor Permit Notices – all for the Speedway stores, who are requesting a change in the stock division. She noted that the Administration had no objection to these permits. Council agreed to Not request a hearing by unanimous consent.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


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Christine Houk
Chair