CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

March 17, 2008 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

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

Larry Corbin Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Mike Uhrin Greg Grinch

1. President Berry moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

2. President Berry recognized the G.C. Visitor's & Convention Bureau for a presentation. Mr. Dave Bright, President explained that the Annual Report was distributed to Council a few weeks ago. He brought them up-to-date on the latest activities of the VCB and offered to answer any questions.

   Mr. Berry noted that they have a significant increase in what they are holding in a money market account and asked if there was any one event that contributed to this. Mr. Bright said that last year was a phenomenal year for the hotels, with a 45% increase in hotel stays. However, they believe it was a combination of marketing, etc. that brought in more money. Mr. Hale pointed out that if you Google GCVCB, the first thing that pops up is Berliner Park. We have the closest hotels to that Park without out going into Downtown Columbus. He said getting the word out as to where we are in relation to downtown Columbus has been very helpful. Mr. Berry suggested a kiosk in the hotels to advertise Grove City events. Mr. Hale said that has been discussed before and is one of several items they are looking into. Mayor Stage complimented the VCB on their efforts and the good relations they City has with them.

3. President Berry read the agenda items and Mr. Uhrin moved that CR-11-08 be withdrawn; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

   All other items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-16-08 (Appropriate $18,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Engineering Costs associated with the Charles Drive Street Lighting Project) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

2. Ordinance C-17-08 (Appropriate $18,500.00 from the Recreation Development Fund for the Current Expense of Repairing Tennis Court Repair) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

3. Ordinance C-18-08 (Appropriate $20,000.00 from the General Fund for the Purchase of a Copier for the Police Division) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved that the amount be amended to $14,000.00; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes

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

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

4. Ordinance C-19-08 (Appropriate $202,000.00 from the County $5 License Fund for the Current Expense of the Home Road & S.R. 62 Turn Lane Improvement Project) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

5. Ordinance C-20-08 (Establish the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund for use in paying for Continuing Professional Training Programs) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Corbin, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-21-08 (Authorize the Charitable Solicitations Board to Issue a Permit to the Knights of Columbus, per Section 371.06(b)(2) of the Codified Ordinances) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Ordinance C-22-08 (Amend Various Sections of Chapter 137 of the Codified Ordinances titled Department of Law) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes

3. Resolution CR-12-08 (Establish a Charter Review Task Force to identify provisions requiring further action) was given its reading and public hearing.

President Berry explained that this Task Force will have appointees from the Council and the Mayor. It will identify issues in the Charter that can be referred to a Charter Review Committee for future deliberation. Ms. Klemack-McGraw asked many people will be on the Task Force. President Berry said it would include the Mayor and two members appointed by the Mayor; two members from Council and two members of the general public appointed by Council.

Mayor Stage clarified that this is a Task Force and is different from a Charter Review Commission stipulated in the Ohio Revised Code. As he and Mr. Berry have agreed, this group is more of a fact finding group to look at the mechanics of the Charter and see if we need a Charter Review Committee.

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

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Grinch, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-15-08 (Accept the Annexation of 0.65 acres located at 3174 Ventura) was given its second reading and at the written request of the petitioner, Mr. Grinch moved it be postponed to April 21; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

2. Ordinance C-23-08 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the South-Western City Schools for Facility Use) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage commented that this is a landmark agreement with the Schools. We have had individual lease agreements in the past, but this is broad in stating that they will work together to utilize the resources at the different schools for baseball. He commended Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec. and the School Board. Mr. Berry asked Ms. Conrad how many acres this opens up for us. Ms. Conrad said it allows for the use of baseball diamonds at five (5) different schools, with the City maintaining the fields and providing restroom facilities as needed.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Grinch moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

3. Ordinance C-26-08 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Integrity Plus Autobody for Automotive Services located at 6129 Enterprise Parkway, Building E) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 7, 2008.

4. Ordinance C-27-08 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Firestone for Automotive Services located on Outlot 35 in Parkway Centre North, Stringtown Rd.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 7, 2008.

5. Resolution CR-13-08 (Approve a Development Plan for Firestone located on Outlot 35 in Parkway Centre North, Stringtown Rd.) was given its reading and at the request of the petitioner, Mr. Grinch moved it be postponed to April 7, 2008; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

6. Resolution CR-14-08 (Appoint Two Grove City Council Representatives to the Grove City Housing Council) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Grinch moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes

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

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

1. The Mayor updated Council on the last 10, very busy, days. He asked Mr. Hughes to comment on the Blizzard. Mr. Hughes stated that Service Crews worked from 9:00 p.m. Friday to 3:00 p.m. Sunday clearing all the streets; at a cost of $41,036.00. Mayor Stage asked Chief Wise to comment on parking issues. The Chief stated that they are working on illegal parking in the city. He said they have handled about 550 parking and junk car issues. He also noted that he appeared before CALEA and the city has been reaccredited for the next 3 years. The Mayor then expressed condolences on the loss of two friends of the City, Mr. Ray "Pudge" Easley and Mr. Jim Brownfield.

2. Council expressed their appreciation to the Service & Police Depts. for their efforts over the weekend with the snow emergency.

3. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

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President