

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

March 05, 2018

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Robinette at 7:00 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*

1. Ms. Houk moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous two meetings and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

2. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.
3. The Chair recognized Mayor Stage who recognized John Weber, Service Dept., for his 30 years of service to the City. A Proclamation was read and given to John, along with an engraved hourglass.
4. The Chair recognized members of Columbus 2020 for a presentation. Executive Director Kenny McDonald and Ms. Patty Huddle thanked Grove City for their partnership. Mr. McDonald said they are achieving a lot of goals because of those partnerships. He said they are at 144,000 new jobs; recruited over \$8.5 billion in investments over the region; and the Columbus region is becoming more important to the Ohio economy. He said conditions are good this year for Companies to move into this Region. They remain very diverse and very balanced. He commented on Grove City 2050 Plan and complimented the City for implementing it. He said they will continue to work beyond 2020 and will ask for help to begin the next plan.

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

1. Ordinance C-15-18 (Make Amendments to various sections of Chapter 161 titled Employment Provisions for City Employees) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be March 19, 2018.

The Chair recognized Ms. Houk, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-06-18 (Waive the provisions of Section 529.07(b)3 of the Codified Ordinances for the Wine & Arts Festival on June 15 – 16, 2018 in the Town Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Andy Furr, Dir. of Town Center, Inc., was present to answer any questions. He shared that last year's event estimated 27,000 attendees and 25% was from out of town.

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

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

2. Resolution CR-07-18 (Waive the provisions of Section 529.07(b)3 of the Codified Ordinances for the Bourbon Festival on August 11, 2018 in the Town Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Andy Furr, Dir. of Town Center, Inc., was present to answer any questions. He said this event has grown and have had no issues. Bourbon is becoming very popular and they are proud of this event.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-08-18 (Levying Special Assessments for the Construction of Various Sidewalks in the City of Grove City – Tamara Dr. et al.) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Matt O'Brian, Tamera Dr., represented the members who were present. He asked Council to help them out, since they are the lone street in the neighborhood that got complained about before getting onto the Sidewalk Program list.

Mr. Berry said Council Members did discuss this issue. He said all property owners are responsibility for their sidewalks and they need to be kept up and cared for. He said there may be a policy change in the future, but it has no bearing on what they have to deal with now. He explained the 20 year, interest free assessment that is being offered to these properties. Mr. O'Brian said they understand the assessment and the Sidewalk Program. He said they don't agree with the program. They feel it is unfair and asked for even a 25% reduction in the cost. Mr. Davis said he understands and it is awkward for them. He said Council is sensitive to the issue and certain neighborhoods. He said the 20 year assessment is an offset of sorts. He said they probably can't do anything this evening. He said they will think about this program in the future and how it is accommodated.

Mr. William Pimm, Tamara Dr., said he got a letter that said you need to fix your sidewalk or you will be liable if anyone gets hurt on your property. It didn't say anything about a 20 year, interest free assessment. He said it didn't say anything about the City taking care of it for him, if he didn't do it himself. He took care of the sidewalks himself and doesn't get this interest free assessment. He said it is not fare.

Mr. Robinette said he believes Council is sensitive to what is going on. He said the City created a program that they felt would be beneficial and improve the sidewalks throughout the community. He said unfortunately there are residents, like Mr. Pimm, that take care of the sidewalks themselves and feel there is inequity in the program. He said Council will be looking at all situations with sidewalks to try to improve the program. Unfortunately, we cannot go back.

Mr. Tom Wolf, Rankle Court, asked if Council was able to review his concerns. Mr. Berry said yes. It goes back to the same response as the last speaker. He said their home address was inspected and found to have deficiencies that need repaired. It's not how they found it. Once it is found it must be addressed. Mr. Wolf if said if he believed his sidewalk needed replaced, he could swallow this. He said he parked across the street tonight and noticed deficiencies in the sidewalk around City Hall. He asked why the City isn't held accountable too. Mr. Berry, said he understands and because of residents attending meetings and voicing concerns, the City is reviewing the Sidewalk Program.

Mr. Schottke said he believes the City should be held accountable and adhere to all City codes and set the proper example.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-11-18 (Vacate an Unused Waterline Easement located west of Edwards Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this is one of two water line easements that we have that were never filled. They are not needed and several have been vacated recently.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-12-18 (Vacate an Unused Waterline Easement located on the 7 Star Entertainment parcel) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith explained that the waterline doesn't even exist and a building is already in place over the easement.

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

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Schottke, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-13-18 (Approve the Annexation of 0.501 acres located 4047 Casa Blvd. into the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Berry asked if the property had been brought up to City standards. Mr. Boso, City Admin., said that as of Friday, there were no violations on the property.

Ms. Kacie Waugh, attorney for petitioner, was present to answer any questions. She said the property owner knows that the property must be maintained going forward.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-14-18 (Approve the Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru for The Shoppes at 665 located at 2811 London-Groveport Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Michael Lusk, architect, was present to answer any questions. He said they agree to the stipulations. He said they do not have a tenant and may need to adjust the location. He said they understand they may need to come back for approval, if adjusted. Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., said they would evaluate any adjustment that may occur.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	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.

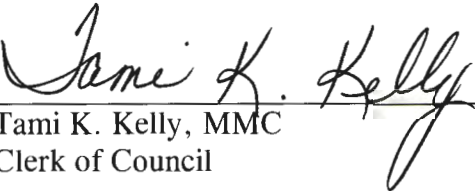
The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Jan. and Feb. Mayor's Reports. Mr. Robinette moved to accept both Reports; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

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

Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Steven R. Robinette
President

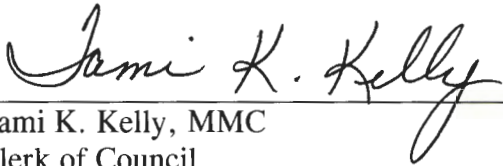
CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

March 05, 2018

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


Steven R. Robinette
Chair