

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 16, 2021

Regular Meeting

Council reviewed the agenda in Caucus at 6:30 and the regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Houk at 7:00 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. Schottke moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Holt.

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-04-21 (Accept the Plat of The Cottages at Brown's Farm, Section 1) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that there were some residential concerns over the placement of the bike path and this caused delays in the process. However, it has allowed the City and the County to strike a balance with this plat to allow an ability to pinpoint the placement of the path before it is constructed.

Mr. Schottke explained that due to these discussions there is a need to replace the plat. He moved to replace the plat with the version dated 02/05/2021; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

Mr. Schottke said there is a request to waive the 30 day grace period, due to these delays and to allow for this

Mr. Jason Francis, M/I Homes, was present and explained that the County Engineer had a concern about the Easement and they have made a change due to that concern. He requested that Council approve this as an emergency to be able to get the Plat signed and recorded in the next 10 days.

Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, reported that Council Members just received an email from Mr. Rob

Ringheiser about the bike path. She read the e-mail. Mr. Schottke asked that Mr. Rauch contact Mr. Ringheiser to address his concerns, as they do not apply to this Plat.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Schottke moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

Mr. Schottke moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Schlabach.

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

2. Ordinance C-06-21 (Approve an M-1 Zoning Classification for 9.83+ acres located at 1255 Stringtown Road upon its Annexation to the City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 05, 2021.
3. Resolution CR-09-21 (Accept the Grove City Town Center Conceptual Framework) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Shelley Davis, member of the G.C. Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber is excited about the Town Center Redevelopment and share their support for all the efforts being made. She extended an invitation to facilitate a Town Hall type meeting for local businesses and stakeholders. She said the local opinion has really changed over the past many months and they would like to assist in learning what questions and comments they may have. Mr. Schottke thanked Ms. Davis and said they would work with the Administration on the offer.

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

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Schlabach, Chairman of Safety for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-07-21 (Enact and Adopt a Supplement to the Grove City Codified Ordinances and Declare an Emergency) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schlabach stated that this is a housekeeping issue. This ordinance affirms those changes Council has approved by ordinance and accepts all Ohio Revised Code changes that affect the City's Code of Ordinances. This will allow the Police to cite into Mayor's Court rather than going downtown.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Schlabach moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

Mr. Schlabach moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

2. Resolution CR-10-21 (Authorize the City's Consulting Engineer to prepare plans, specifications and cost estimates for the Construction and Repair of Sidewalks on Addison Dr., Blankner Dr., Devin Rd., Parlin Ave. and Reaver Ave.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, explained that this is the first step in the process for the Sidewalk Program. Mr. Schottke asked about Blankner Dr. Ms. Fitzpatrick explained that this will target Devin and Reaver. If there is enough money they could address more streets.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-05-21 (Appropriate \$325,654.00 from Various Funds for the Current Expense of the Reconstruction of the Southwest Blvd. Railroad Crossing and to authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Indiana & Ohio Railway Co. for same) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Berry asked if there is an artist rendering for what Southwest Blvd. would look like when upgraded. Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that there is no artist rendering, but shared what the developer is required to do with the road. He said this Agreement provides for the railroad improvement, which will widen it to facilitate the accessibility for pedestrians and a bike path to get over the tracks. Mr. Berry asked if the ditch will be enclosed. Mr. Boso said no.

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

Mayor Stage pointed out that the railroad is providing about 50% of the cost for this improvement.

2. Ordinance C-08-21 (Authorize the City Administrator to Convey Excess Personal Property that is no longer needed for City business) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 01, 2021.
3. Ordinance C-09-21 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 01, 2021.
4. Ordinance C-10-21 (Amend Various Sections of Chapter 161 of the Codified Ordinances of the City titled Employment Provisions for City Employees) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on March 01, 2021.

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 voiced condolences to the Shirley Spellman family on her passing. He noted that we are in line for a Regional Parade of Homes in the Beulah Park subdivision; we received the final bid on the refinancing of our debt at a 1.3% interest rate which is historically low; this is National Black History Month and he noted that we had the first black bishop of the Lutheran Church and the first black elected Mayor – Helen Craig - in the area of Urbancrest.
2. Mr. Berry asked for an update on Phase 2 of the Basement Program. Ms. Fitzpatrick said they intend to start Phase 2 with letters to everyone in the affected area on March 1. Mr. Berry asked about the modeling study. Mr. Keller provided an update and stated it will be a lengthy process. They hope to get back with Council in July with initial results, but the full modeling will take until September. Mr. Berry asked if two underground storage units have already been installed. Mr. Keller said there is one in the Park Street parking lot; there will be two with Columbus Street and there is storage within the Beulah subdivision. Ms. Fitzpatrick noted that a sanitary relief sewer was installed on Front Street and is fully operational.
3. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.


 Tami K. Kelly, MMC
 Clerk of Council


 Christine Houk
 Chair