CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

February 06, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke *Mark Sigrist* *Ted Berry* *Randy Holt* *Christine Houk*

1. Ms. Houk moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	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-01-23 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement granting a Permanent Easement to the Grant Run Estates Homeowner's Association) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that when the Borror Road improvement was constructed, it removed the existing subdivision sign. A new location has be found in the City's right-of-way for the Grant Run Homeowner's Association to put up a new sign.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-03-23 (Rescind the B.M.R. Farms Plat located North of Holton Rd. and East of S.R.104) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 02/21/23.

3. Resolution CR-01-23 (Approve the Development Plan for Season's Grove located at 1050 Lamplighter Drive) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schottke announced that Council has received a revised plan sheet for page C1.1 and he moved that it be replaced with the one dated 01-19-23; seconded by Mr. Holt.

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

Mr. Anup Janardusnah and Mr. Krall, Moody Nolan Architects, were present to answer any questions. Mr. Schottke stated that based on the discussion from the last meeting, they have made changes. Mr. J said yes, the replacement drawing was shown to the Fire Department and they are agreeable.

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

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

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

1. Resolution CR-02-23 (Intent to Appropriate Property and Easements for the Demorest Road Corridor Reconstruction and Related Improvements for the Public Purpose of Making or Repairing a Public Road to be open to the public at no charge) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this is for the next phase of Demorest Road improvements. He said it affects the east side of the street and if approved each Property Owner will be contacted to start the process.

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

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

2. Resolution CR-03-23 (Form the Grove City Bicycle Transportation Task Force) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Berry explained that he has been working with the Administration for some time, as has Mr. Sigrist on bicycle safety, and has come up with the bicycle transportation task force proposal. He said this will focus on getting connected to Columbus, the Darby and the Camp Chase Trail, as well as other points. They will work with City Staff and outside entities to address this initiative.

   Mr. Sigrist stated that he thinks the committee needed for the Bicycle Friendly America can be coordinated and complimented by this Task Force.

   Ms. Houk asked if Council should allow time for Staff to weigh in on this proposal and where they are in terms of working through these discussions on a regional sense; how to potentially, effectively, use a group of citizens to meet both goals of this Resolution and the next one; and potentially refine the process of how they will seek members. She said these comments were bounced around in Caucus and asked if they wanted to wait in order to clean these up. She said she just want to make sure we have these as clearly defined as they can.

Mayor Stage said the staff has had hours of conversation over bicycle mobility for many years. This is not a new subject and most recently, staff has been working with the Greenways project and Rapid 5. He said he didn't think the question was about Staff, it was about finding the people to serve on the committee. He said if the worst thing happens and there aren't people interested, then Council would just rescind the resolution. However, if Council does nothing, then there is no attempt to try to move forward to have a brighter, wider scope of looking at two-wheel transportation.

Ms. Houk suggested that #6 be stricken, which pertains to golf carts, as she feels this is a different audience from bicycles.

Ms. Houk moved to remove #6 from Section 2; seconded by Mr. Sigrist.

Mr. Schottke noted that the Code does not allow golf carts to use the bike trails.

Mr. Holt stated that he had no problem with this amendment. He said it was nice to see here, but he can work on something separate for golf carts.

There being no other comments, the vote was called.

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

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

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

3. Resolution CR-04-23 (Submit Accreditation paperwork to Bicycle Friendly America by February, 2024) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Sigrist explained that this sets a deadline to put a milestone in place to submit an application to Bicycle Friendly America. This is a National accreditation program where we would submit, every four (4) years, our current situation – comparing our bicycle/pedestrian safety characteristics to other communities. Being in this program allows us to continue to learn best practices; help us prioritize our future business practices; and other things we want to improve. He said it will help those who most likely bike or walk to school and work. He said lower income households are the bigger transportation users. Bicycle and walking injuries have a disproportionate impact on these segments of our society and is another reason to be as forward thinking as possible.

Mr. James Daniels, Seneca Ct., voiced support for this resolution. He shared his experiences, as an avid bicycler. He said this program offers strategies for bikers and drivers. He said safety is a key component of the BFA kit. He said we need more trails and trails that access trails outside the city.

Mr. Josh Stamper, owner of Heritage Cycles, said he is excited to see all the bicycle stuff on the agenda. He said putting a priority on Bicycle Friendly America is very important. He said it is good to get a baseline on where the City stands. He voiced his full support and is happy to help in any way he can and provide any knowledge that he has.

Mayor Stage provided a little history on bike trails/paths. He said we have always considered safety with our trails. He said this program provides more framework to it and applauded the Council Members for codifying these long time efforts.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-02-23 (Approve the Option Contract with Robert M. Stephenson and Beverly A. Stephenson and Appropriate $202,500.00 from the General Fund for said purchase) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith explained that this give the City the option to purchase the property at the corner of First & Columbus Streets known as The Hair Shop. He said the City would put down a $200,000.00 deposit and this would give us the ability to determine if we want to close by Dec. 31, 2025. If we decide to move forward with the purchase, another $60,000.00 would be due.

Mr. Holt commented that this drives the need for an overall plan for the old library area.

Ms. Houk said this is a significant, non-refundable down payment, with the exception of one set of circumstances. She asked if we were beyond those circumstances. Mr. Smith said we still have a bit of time to recover the option. She asked if we were at a high level of certainty to commit to this real estate transaction. Mr. Smith said he believes so. There is a timing issue with the sale.

Mayor Stage said the City owns the building behind this parcel and the parking lot beside the Gold Star Memorial Park, which makes it a key piece. He said it could become more parking, but plans will be driven by the Broadway Live project.

Ms. Kacie Waugh, attorney for Property Owners, explained that this is timing issue to the seller. The seller does not want to be out of business yet and the City did not want to be a landlord. Therefore, they put in place a window to close by 2025.

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

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

2. Resolution CR-05-23 (Approve Admission of Hilliard and Gahanna to the Central Ohio Risk Management Association Self-Insurance Pool) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that this is to allow two (2) other communities to join the insurance group that provides property, auto, equipment, general liability, cybercrime, etc. type of insurance to the Pool.

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

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

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

1. Ms. Kari Mays, resident, came to thank the City for working to restore the "gem of Grove City" – the Big Red Barn Preschool program. She shared her experiences with her children going through this program. She said life is messy and while we can't control bats in the attic, we can control our choices. Life is supposed to be about serving others and relationships. The Barn Preschool is all about relationships. She thanked the City for coming together to meet everyone's needs.

2. Ms. Chris Emerich, resident, stated that there are groups of people who have come together with the desire to get Rec-school to continue. She said they have now learned that there will be a classroom and that is what they wanted. She said Rec-school has been around for 37 years and they didn't want to see it go away. She said they have four (4) subcommittees and they are glad of where this stands right now.

   Mr. Vedra, Asst. City Admin., said they are fully engaged and committed to provide rec-school at the Kingston Center. Building renovations are taking place now. He said they will continue to provide pre-k long term. There are still some details being developed.

3. Mr. Schottke provided an update on the efforts of a feasibility study for a Community/Recreation Center. He said he is working with the Park Board on this project. They have accomplished much and are moving to get more community input through this survey.

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted two months of Mayor's Court Reports and Mr. Berry moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

The Mayor recognized students in the audience that where from the Grove City High School AP Government class, who were doing their field study. He also announced: the ribbon cutting on the new police facility; the Museum being back together; and there will be a Mayor's Pickle Ball Tournament for Meals-On-Wheels August 2 - 5, 2023.

2. Closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members were received.

3. Mr. Berry moved to go into Executive Session under Section 121.22(g)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code to conference with the attorney about potential litigation; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

Mr. Berry moved to come out of Executive Session and reconvene; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

4. A motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

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Chair

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

February 06, 2023

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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President