CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

February 03, 2020 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:

Aaron Schlabach *Christine Houk* *Randy Holt* *Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Schlabach moved to excuse Mr. Schottke; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

2. Mr. Schlabach moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Holt.

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

3. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-02-20 (Approve a Special Use Permit for an Automotive Dealer for Gibby's Auto Exchange located at 3420 Mill Street) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Rick Gibson, Business Owner, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Berry stated that he has received concerns about approving this type of business when the area is being redeveloped and a road is getting ready to go through. Mr. Gibson said he has been there for nine (9) years with no complaints. He said when the redevelopment comes, he is willing to move this business.

   Ms. Houk suggested that the Permit be allowed for one year, at which time Mr. Gibson could reapply and revisit the appropriateness of this type of Special Use on the property. Mr. Gibson asked how long a Special Use typically lasts. Ms. Houk explained that the Special Use is attached to the property and they are trying to address the history of Mr. Gibson's business, bring it into compliance while providing an opportunity to revisit this in a year's time, due to the redevelopment of the area. Mr. Gibson agreed to the stipulation.

   Ms. Houk moved to amend Section 1 to include the following ordinance: *1. This Special Use Permit shall be good for one year from the date of approval*; seconded by Mr. Berry.

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

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schlabach	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Holt	No

2. Ordinance C-03-20 (Accept the Plat of Courtyards at Beulah Park) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that this is per Beulah Park's plan and guiding principles. He said the pavement width would be 26' and there will be areas for guest parking. He said they are all detached units now and by making this change the density has been reduced by three (3) units.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-06-20 (Authorizing the Annexation of 0.4+ Acres located on State Route 104 from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 2/18/2020.

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

1. Resolution CR-01-20 (Form the Substance Addiction and Mental Health Action Plan Committee for the Grove City community) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Ms. Houk explained that this is a joint sponsorship resolution with the Mayor. She said Council had a 2019 Goal of an Opioid Plan. She said that goal has expanded to this Committee. She said just like fighting cancer, this will create a Plan to fight for our community on substance abuse and mental health.

   Mayor Stage commented that this is a long term message for our community. He said there will be a representative from ADAMH assigned to us as a consultant for those who are arrested. He said we are going to attack this on a far reaching basis to assist the families who deal with this fallout. He said we are going to attack this in a way that is going to be more meaningful and tactful.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-05-20 (Appropriate $42,008.00 from the General Fund for Central Ohio Transit Authority Agreement) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Doug Arseneault and Michael Loges, COTA Reps., provided a presentation about the COTA Plus Program. Mr. Loges explained that this ordinance expands the service to include the entire city. This helps many more employers. Hours are from 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. There is also a mobility option for those who can't walk. He said this will expand the service until the end of the contract in July.

   Mr. Holt asked what will happen in July when the contract is finished. Mr. Arseneault said they will be back to renew the contract. Mr. Holt asked who will pay for it after July. Mr. Loges said COTA is willing to pay a portion and they are looking for corporate sponsors to assist with paying for the service.

   Mr. Berry asked what the total commitment of the City would be with this program. Mayor Stage said $220,000.00. Mr. Berry asked if this will change the senior busses we have. Mayor Stage said no. The City busses will continue as usual. Mr. Berry said many seniors have reached out to him and shared their concerns. He wants to make sure they can continue their status quo.

   Ms. Houk said she believes this expansion will open a lot of doors and be more beneficial. She said this is not being marketed as our senior transportation and is only a supplement for those who need it. She asked who is approaching businesses for sponsorships. Mr. Loges said it has been a joint approach.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-07-20 (Provide for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Principal amount of $6,000,000.00 in anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds for the purpose of paying the costs of Improving and Extending Columbus Street between certain termini by constructing certain roadway improvements, including widening, opening, improving, excavating, grading, draining, paving, extending or changing the line of roads, streets, sidewalks, alleys, or curbs and gutters, and landscaping, any related public utility improvements, street lighting, traffic signalization, electrical lines and signage, and acquiring necessary real estate and interests therefor, together with all necessary and related appurtenances thereto, and declaring an Emergency) was given its first reading.

   Mr. Holt explained that this is a rollover of Notes that we have had and will provide a better interest rate.

   Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that these are Bond anticipation Notes. We will borrow $6,000,000.00 to pay off the existing Notes and issue new ones with a lower interest rate. Mr. Holt explained that this is an emergency request due to the timing of the Notes. Mr. Turner said in order to avoid an emergency, this would have had to start in December.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Ms. Virginia Davis, resident, said last year she had a terrible problem with basketball hoops and children playing in the street. She said she finally called the police and now the neighbor calls her names and won't speak to her. She said she doesn't want any trouble and likes her neighbors, but feels children should play in their yards or at the parks – not in the street. She said when the City sees the basketball hoops on the street, they should be taken away. She said when she calls the police, they tell them who called. She said she doesn't want trouble with her neighbors. Mr. Berry said if she will continue to reach out to the Police and let them handle it, he said that is the best way to resolve the problems.

2. Mr. Brian Toth, FOP Rep., requested approval of the Fact Finder's report. He said this contract has been going on for 16 months. He said the officers voted unanimously to accept this Report. He said the officers serve the City well and do a wonderful job. He said this Report gives a little to each side and is extremely fair. He said he hopes Council votes yes on the Fact Finders Report.

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Mayor's Court Report and Mr. Schlabach moved it be accepted; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

2. President Houk moved to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22(G)(3 & 4) for the purposes of conferring with the Law Director concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending court action and contract negotiations; seconded by Mr. Schlabach.

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

3. Ms. Houk moved to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Schlabach.

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

4. Ms. Houk moved to accept the Fact Finder's Report received on 1/29/2020; seconded by Mr. Schlabach.

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

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

Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Christine Houk
Chair