# CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

# COUNCIL MINUTES

January 24, 2022 Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall – 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

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

1. Mr. Berry moved to excuse Mr. Holt; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

2. Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, provided a brief overview of the project. She introduced Mr. David King and Ms. Sharon Jurawitz of Horne & King Architects.

Mr. King stated that he designed the original building 32 years ago and is pleased to be able to renovate the room now. Ms. Jurawitz went through the slideshow presentation with Council. She reviewed the four (4) different concepts that Council and the Mayor provided feedback on a few months ago. She explained that based on the feedback, the layout labeled "D" was the chosen preference by the majority. She then shared their latest concept which used layout "D" as their guide.

Mr. Berry asked if the dais could just be extended one seat to the east and raise one seat to the west without tearing the whole dais out. Mr. King stated that any adjustment would require the dais to come into compliance with ADA guidelines. Mr. Berry asked about the height of the dais. Mr. King said the concept lowers the dais to accommodate a shorter ramp. The higher you go, the longer the ramp must be.

Mr. Sigrist asked about the placement of the lectern. Ms. Jurawitz said the lectern will be on wheels and movable for different types of meetings and applications. Ms. Houk commented that she would like to create an environment that is more comfortable for the public to speak. Council discussed the dais being able to accommodate all - citizens of all heights, and varying physical abilities.

Ms. Kelly & Mr. Hurley, Dir. of Information Technology, suggested that Council consider any future use of Webex and allowing hybrid meeting long-term. Council shared initial thoughts of how the use of Webex allows an extra element for the public to participate. They also discussed how upgrading the technology could be used by others using the room for meetings and events.

Council discussed the different components of the plan including upgrading technology, the amount of space for each member at the dais, the lectern, the height of the dais, and the positioning of staff with the new layout. They agreed that Concept "D" is their preference.

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

Adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Ted A. Berry
President of Council