

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 17, 2017

Regular Meeting

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

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke

Steve Bennett

Jeff Davis

Ted Berry

1. Mr. Bennett moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meetings and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. President Schottke recognized Mayor Stage who administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Jenn Stachler as Service Superintendent. He then presented Representative Cheryl Grossman with a joint Proclamation for her service to the community as our State Representative.
3. President Schottke recognized the G. C. 2050 team, who provided an update. Mr. Jamie Green, City's Consultant, explained the process and how the group is getting to the recommendations. He said this is a deliberate attempt to put together a framework to strategically position the city for proper growth; economically competitiveness; and be the best place to live, work & invest. He said they would like to have a work session in February with Council to provide more detailed information. President Schottke said they would look at the schedule.
4. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-01-17 (Appropriate \$776,850.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Current Expense of the West Water Run Stream Restoration) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that this is a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission. It will be used to reclaim a drainage ditch from the Beulah Park property. This project includes a greenway trail that will connect the Westgrove subdivision to the Town Center.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-04-17 (Reduce the Appropriation Amount for Various Funds) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 2/6/17.
3. Ordinance C-05-17 (Levying Special Assessment for the Construction of Various Sidewalks in Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 2/6/17.
4. Resolution CR-02-17 (Waive the provisions of Section 139.05 of the Codified Ordinances for the Gold Star Memorial Plaza Improvements) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that the bids received were \$77,000.00 over the Engineer's estimate. He said in meeting with the low bidder after the bid opening, they found that bids were higher due to some of the work being donated and not wanting to be responsible for that work. He said if this is passed, the City would become the general contractor. They will continue to meet with the low bidder to lower the bids on some of the material (granite, larger trees) and there is a possibility that the Rotary will be donating some of the landscaping, to get this project within the budget numbers.

Mr. Davis this may give a rolling/controlling cost creep. He asked that he and Council be kept in the loop and up-to-date on where the project is going and what the costs are. Mr. Bennett agreed and said if costs go above estimates, it should be brought back to Council. Mr. Boso said they would not come back to Council in this fiscal year for additional monies. They plan to stay within monies available and phase in items if needed.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, Chairman of Safety, took the floor for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-02-17 (Repeal Section 505.18 of the Codified Ordinances titled Restrictions on the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Grove City as adopted by Ordinance C-17-16) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that the State passed a state-wide regulation on the sale of cats and dogs. This essentially replaces our local ordinance. Because there is a gap between the effective date of our ordinance and the State ordinance, it was discussed that the local ordinance be repealed.

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

Mr. Berry	No
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-03-17 (Amend Section 1135.09(b) of the Codified Ordinances titled Permitted Uses; Nonresidential) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett explained that this would amend the Special Use Permit to only allow for the sale of cats and dogs from an animal rescue, shelter or the Humane Society.

Mr. Smith said explained that this would allow, through a Special Use Permit, the sale of cats and dogs through the rescue/shelter model. It would remove general pet sales. He said the State addressed this, but not in a zoning way. He said it would not affect any pet store that already has a permit to do this, but it would stop any additional stores that would like to compete in this area.

Mr. Bennett voiced concern over this ordinance. He feels this is unenforceable and would do nothing to stop a store from operating just outside the borders, in the Township. He also believes it would give the one company who does have a permit now, a monopoly.

Mr. Schottke asked Mr. Smith about other provisions of the Code. Mr. Smith explained that if this were to pass, there is a Section in the Code that is a provision that states – any use that is not listed in the Code could receive permission through Council. Mr. Schottke said even if this ordinance is approved, there would still be a way for a company to get approval to sell pets generally.

Mr. Berry commented that this would show – except for the sale of cats and dogs. It is showing the things that the City does not like or want.

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

Mr. Bennett	No
Mr. Schottke	No
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

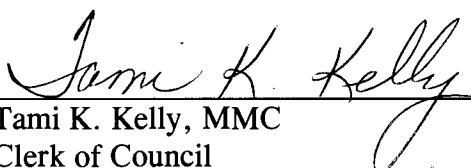
2. Ordinance C-06-17 (Approve the Rezoning of 2102 Edwards Road from SF-1 to C-1) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 2/21/17.

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 announced that they are talking with the County to have better maintenance of the I-71 corridor, from Columbus into Grove City, better maintained. He said a mulch operation just showed up and the area is deplorable. He expressed condolences to the family of Barb Grossman who passed last week.
2. Mr. Schottke announced a Special Meeting of Council on Sat. 1/28 at 8:00 a.m. to interview candidates for the At-Large Council seat. If necessary those will continue on Monday 1/30 at 6:30 p.m.
3. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Roby Schottke
Chair