CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

January 04, 2016 — Organizational Meeting

1, The Organizational meeting of Council was called to order by Clerk of Council, Tami Kelly, at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway

Roll call was called and the following members were present:

Jeff Davis *Roby Schottke* *Ted Berry* *Steve Bennett* *Laura Lanese*

2. Ms. Kelly declared that nominations were now in order for the office of President of Council.

Mr. Berry stated that he has taken on more responsibility in his career and will not be seeking the Presidency. With that he nominated Mr. Schottke.

There being no other nominations, Ms. Kelly closed the floor for nominations and called the vote to appoint Mr. Schottke as President of Council.

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

Ms. Kelly congratulated Mr. Schottke on being elected the Council President and turned the meeting over to him.

Mr. Schottke thanked Council.

3. President Schottke took the Chair and declared that nominations were in order for a Clerk of Council.

Mr. Schottke moved to elect Tami Kelly, MMC, as Clerk of Council; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

4. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, stated that there was no need to administer the Oath of Office to Ms. Kelly as Clerk of Council since her employment status has not changed.

5. Mr. Berry moved to excuse the Mayor from the meeting; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

6. Mr. Schottke announced the seating arrangement of Council to be from his far right to far left:

Ms. Lanese, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Schottke, Mr. Davis, Mr. Berry.

Approved by unanimous consent.

7. President Schottke moved that the Chairmanship of Committees of Council be:

Lands & Zoning:	Mr. Bennett	Public Safety:	Ms. Lanese
Public Service:	Mr. Berry	Finance:	Mr. Davis

Approved by unanimous consent.

8. President Schottke moved to declare the Clerk of Council the Designee for H.B.9 – Open Records Certification; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

9. Mr. Davis moved to accept the Rules of Council; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mr. Schottke noted that while they are accepting the Rules at this time they can be brought to Council at a later time for revision.

10. Mr. Schottke noted that liaisons for different associations would be: Mr. Davis – Town Center, Inc.; Mr. Berry – Park Board; Ms. Lanese – MORPC; Mr. Bennett – Chamber; himself – VCB. Mr. Bennett stated that he cannot make the Chamber meetings due to their day and time.

11. After closing comments, Council adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Ted A. Berry
President of Council

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January 04, 2016 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.

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

Laura Lanese *Steve Bennett* *Roby Schottke* *Jeff Davis* *Ted Berry*

1. Ms. Lanese moved to excuse Mayor Stage; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

2. Mr. Berry moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from previous regular meeting and special budget meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

3. 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-95-15 (Amend Section 161.09 of the Codified Ordinances titled Fringe Benefits) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that this will increase the employee insurance percentage rate from 10% to 15%. This is a measure to contain costs and to put the expenses in line with where they feel they should be. He said other communities are above and below the 10% rate.

Mr. Bennett said Mr. Turner was referencing contract employees but asked if 161 employees are not contract employees. Mr. Turner said yes. Mr. Bennett said Chapter 161 could be changed any time. He suggested that the contracts could be negotiated and then this Chapter could be adjusted at a later date.

Mr. Schottke asked if a step increase in the percentage could be implemented instead of a full 5% increase right away.

Mr. Berry asked why we are doing this in the first place. He said they gave the Mayor and Council an increase in salary, which was deserved. However, doesn't understand why we are raising the burden on our employees. He said he doesn't feel it is needed and would not support one for the police either.

Ms. Lanese said she appreciates why the Administration is doing this now and it appears that the pain on the employee would be less now. However, she feels that the timing is off. She also believes that going from 10% to 15% is too much. She doesn't think the other employees should be the motivation for contract negotiations.

Mr. Bennett noted that while the percentage hasn't increased in years, every time the insurance rates increase the amount paid by each employee increases.

Ms. Lanese commented that the newly elected Council Members are now eligible to receive insurance through the City's plan and asked the Law Director if there was any conflict of interest for them to vote on this. She said it does make her uncomfortable voting on something that she could take advantage of now. Mr. Smith said he did research this and advised Ms. Lanese that it is o.k. for them to vote on it.

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

Mr. Berry	No
Mr. Bennett	No
Ms. Lanese	No
Mr. Davis	No
Mr. Schottke	No

2. Resolution CR-01-16 (Approving the Projects and Funding Amounts for the Racetrack Redevelopment Fund Grant) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Administrator, asked Mr. Mike Keller, City Consulting Engineer, to explain the proposal. Mr. Keller explained the proposal for using the remaining monies to help design the Plaza and make improvements to the Southwest Blvd./Broadway intersection. He said this proposal will provide the framework to determine what the best design for these areas would be. He shared estimated costs for these projects.

Ms. Lanese said it seems that one project is based on a railroad crossing and feels a little like putting the cart before the horse. Mr. Keller said this allows the City to get in front of any Developer; to look at the grading and the whole area. He said it would be phased in two parts and it can be designed as an amenity for the neighborhood. Ms. Lanese asked why the funding wasn't phased in. Mr. Keller said it is better to look at the grading for the entire area. Ms. Lanese said the second project seems to be using the Racetrack Redevelopment to do a project that the City would be doing anyway. Mr. Boso, City Admin., stated that they looked at this in terms of the money that remains from the State, which was approved in 2012. He said they are concerned that this may be phased out by the State and those funds will become unavailable. With the funds coming back into the General Fund, it will complete the Program with the State.

Mr. Berry said he agrees with Mr. Boso. The quicker we can get our money from the State the better off we are. He said thr State Controlling Board can do change orders that can move that money or remove it for its intended use.

Mr. Bennett said he understands Ms. Lanese's points but as he sat at those intersections today he realized how beneficial these projects will be to the Town Center and the community for development and safety.

Mr. Schottke agreed with moving forward with this and asked if there is enough room for a full curb cut for the land beside the CVS at Southwest Blvd. Mr. Rauch said yes. There are approximately 8 acres in that area. There are options available to explore and create the best for any development on that property.

Ms. Christine Houk, Investment Committee Member, explained that the Committee had similar questions and said after the explanations from Mr. Keller, the Committee agreed with the recommendations. These projects will help make the property more marketable and spending the dollars carefully.

Mr. Joe Ciminello, developer, said they are working to improve Beulah Park with a Public/ Private partnership. Getting the State funds now will be helpful for any development. He said even if their plan doesn't go thru, Council can go back to the Green Frame by Frank Elmer to justify the planning for the Columbus Street connection.

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

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

The Chair recognized Ms. Lanese, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-99-15 (Amend Section 1135.09(b)(12)k titled Special Use Permits) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Berry said he has been working with Mr. Smith and done some research on how to better address protecting dogs and cats from "puppy mills". He said he has new legislation he will introduce at the next meeting that he feels will address this better.

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

Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-100-15 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Drive-Thru Window for Jimmy Johns Sandwiches located at 3041 Turnberry Court) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Patel, applicant, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Bennett reviewed the stipulations set by Planning Commission. Mr. Patel said yes.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

2. Ordinance C-101-15 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Buckeye Parkway Retail Center located at 4145 Buckeye Parkway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tom Wang, applicant, was present. Mr. Bennett asked if the information in the two stipulations had been submitted. Mr. Wang, said no, but he is working on it and will comply.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

3. Ordinance C-01-16 (Repeal and Replace Chapter 903 of the Codified Ordinances titled Parks) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 1/19/16.

4. Ordinance C-02-16 (Vacate a 20" Sanitary Sewer Easement located South of I-270 and West of Gantz Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 1/19/16.

5. Resolution CR-66-15 (Approve the Development Plan for Holton Park located North of Orders Road and West of Haughn Road) was given its reading and at the request of Mr. Jim Lipnos, Homewood Corp., Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed to 1/19/16; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

6. Resolution CR-02-16 (Appeal the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals Granting a Variance for a Fence for the Buckeye Ranch located at 5665 Hoover Road) was given its reading and at the request of the appellant and applicant, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed to 1/19/16; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Schottke	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.

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

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

Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Roby Schottke

Roby Schottke
Chair

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Jan. 04, 2016

Council met at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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Clerk of Council

Roby Schottke

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Chair