

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

Organizational Meeting

January 03, 2022

1. The Organizational meeting of Council was called to order by Clerk of Council, Tami Kelly, mmc, at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll call was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Christine Houk Ted Berry Randy Holt Mark Sigrist

2. Ms. Kelly announced that all newly elected officials have taken their Oath of Office and a copy is on file in the Clerk's office.
3. Ms. Kelly declared that nominations were now in order for the office of President of Council and opened the floor for same.

Mr. Holt nominated Ted Berry.

Mr. Sigrist nominated Christine Houk.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	No
Ms. Houk	No
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

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

Mr. Berry thanked Council.

4. Mr. Berry took the Chair and declared that nominations were in order for a Clerk of Council.

Mr. Berry moved to elect Tami Kelly, MMC, as Clerk of Council; seconded by Ms. Houk

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

5. Mr. Berry addressed the council seating arrangements and suggested that he and Ms. Houk switch seats. The seating arrangement of Council was determined to be from far right to far left: Mr. Schottke, Mr. Sigrist, Mr. Berry, Mr. Holt, and Ms. Houk, and approved by unanimous consent.
6. Mr. Berry asked Council Members if there was a preference in the Committee they wanted to chair. Mr. Berry moved that the Chairmanship of Committees of Council be:

Lands & Zoning: Mr. Schottke
Public Service: Ms. Houk

Public Safety: Mr. Sigrist
Finance: Mr. Holt

Ms. Kelly stated if there are no further objections, the committee chairs are approved by unanimous consent.

7. Mr. Berry moved to declare Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council as the Designee for H.B.9 - Open Records Certification; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

8. Mr. Berry said the next order of business was to adopt the Rules of Council. He asked if there were any changes at this time.

Ms. Houk asked about the Rules as they relate to liaison roles. Ms. Kelly said no requests have been submitted by these organizations yet and they are assigned by the President. Mr. Berry stated that he would like to know what each Member is interested in and then they could finalize that later. Ms. Houk asked that Council consider a rotation - by moving from their current liaison position into a new assignment, it would provide each Member a firsthand experience.

There being no further questions or comments, Mr. Berry moved to accept the Rules of Council; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

9. After closing comments, Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
President of Council

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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 Christine Houk Randy Holt Ted Berry

1. Mr. Schottke moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

2. The Chair read the agenda items and all items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-70-21 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into Community Reinvestment Area Agreements to expand CRA #1) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rauch shared significant points concerning Community Reinvestment Areas. Mr. Rauch said that CRA agreement is the best development tool we have to attract businesses and companies to the Ohio area and this city. He shared a chart that showed how much revenue is given up over a 15 year period, as well as how much revenue a CRA generates in that time period. He also provided information to show the value that is received from a company receiving a tax abatement in a CRA.

Mr. Schottke confirmed with Mr. Rauch that, at end of the 15 year CRA, the City begins to collect real-estate taxes on the improvement. He said we wind up collecting more taxes, because prior to the CRA, most properties were vacant land. He said it creates jobs; does not put students in the schools; they are solely generating revenue. Mr. Rauch agreed and commented that there is still underlying land value where taxes are being received on that value. He then moved to show the second slide that contained a chart showing the number of abatements, when they expire and the amount of tax revenue that will be gained. Mr. Rauch said they are actively working with SWACO on issues and SWACO has indicated that they want to be a part of the CRA expansion.

Mr. Berry asked if any abatements will be given to residential areas. Mr. Rauch said the contracts were done in a tiered system, so there is no benefit to do residential areas. Mr. Boso, City Admin., added that there is one 28-acre piece that is as a residential area in these CRA agreements. He noted that without the 28 acre piece, we lose the 294+ acre parcel. He stated that this is the only commerce area left in Grove City, and it is important to preserve it for employment opportunities. He provided Council with the following example: in order to pay for a 3% increase over a three year contract with the Division of Police, we need 1,100 jobs with an average salary of \$70,000 to pay for that contract. He said if we don't have land to develop, we won't have the opportunity to acknowledge that potential revenue.

Mr. Sonny Wicks, a land owner within the CRA agreements, voiced support for this ordinance. He described how he decided to stop plans to develop in the Township and do a project within the City after evaluating and doing a cost benefit analysis. The CRA makes it viable to do this project in the City. Mr. Wicks said that as a resident of Bexley Ohio, he recognizes the benefits that Grove City has for industrial, business and residential development. He said he believes the residents of Grove City truly benefit from this.

Mr. Dave Earley, Pastor of First Baptist Church, said he is a fan of the bridge across the road, as he feels it builds communities and brings people together. He said the land being discussed is underused, and he would like to see it developed to bring better jobs. He says he is a fan of better jobs and the property being used in a more productive way and the church is in favor of the CRA expansion.

Ms. Houk expressed that this is a piece of legislation that she cannot get behind. She said that the CRA deserves a longer discussion that goes further than just a financial discussion. She feels there should have been a more critical analysis. She also stated that government should not be in a position to pick and choose who benefits from this.

Mayor Stage stated that this is the oldest CRA in the City, dating back to 1983. He said that there is no "picking and choosing" and that properties have to physically touch the CRA to be added to the area.

Mr. Schottke expressed that this CRA will be a job creator; will draw in residents to live in the city; and is an economic engine to help stimulate development in an area that has been difficult to develop. He said over ten years ago, the City has improved the area, North of SWACO's landfill and no development has occurred. This area does not have any economic incentives, yet the City has paid the School District over \$1.5 million for that area. He said it is hard to get businesses to come in opposite a landfill.

After no further comments, Mr. Schottke moved the ordinance to be approved; seconded by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Ms. Houk	No
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Sigrist	Yes

- 2 Ordinance C-77-21 (Accept the Plat of Beulah Park, Subarea G) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Schottke moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

3. Ordinance C-01-22 (Accept the annexation of 0.523+ acres located South of White Road and East of Hunting Creek) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 01/18/22.

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

1. Ms. Patty Spencer, Chair of the Southwest Area Commission, provided an update on the Cooper Stadium renovation. She explained that there is a concept to build apartments, container businesses and leave a part of the stadium in place. She invited members of Council to take her contact information and come view the site on February 12th, 2022.

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

1. Mayor Stage presented the Mayor's Court Report and Mr. Berry moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

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

Mayor Stage congratulated Council Members being sworn in and Mr. Berry for becoming Council President. He then reported on the White Christmas Food program and their success in serving 44,177 non-perishable food items to families in need. He also commented on the passing of community members: Gary Shyu, Annette Utzinger, Dave Strawser and Gail Turnbull. The Mayor also noted that there were no incidents on Christmas or New Years Eve, and said that the shooting that occurred was gang related. They already have a suspect.

2. Mr. Boso commented on the success of the voluntary vaccination incentive program. He said 80% of city employees are vaccinated, and \$236,200 of the allotted \$300,000 have been spent.
3. Mr. Berry asked about the progress of the Beulah Park amphitheater. Mr. Boso said that we need to decide what we want and get public input before moving forward.
4. After closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourn at 7:44p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
Chair



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Seamlessly continued to link the community and with local businesses and resources
- Moved fully back to live events and programs
- Welcomed 86 new member businesses to the GCACC family
- The GCACC not only maintained business as usual, but grew by 12% throughout the pandemic
- Represent 11,794 local employees from over 725 businesses!
- \$17,700 in scholarship awarded through the Chamber Foundation
- Multiple vans stuffed to the brim and delivered to SWCSD with items donated by member businesses through our Chamber Gives Back Project
- 52 issues of Chamber Weekly Connections published
- Presented our members with over 97 unique and varied sponsorship opportunities
- Hosted our first ever month-long Taste of Grove City featuring over 40 local eateries!
- Held the 9th annual WE:LEAD Women's Business Forum with an amazing keynote speaker, 6 breakout sessions and nearly 100 attendees!
- Expanded Arts in the Alley to include a packed Friday evening filled with activities, food, shows, games and thousands of visitors
- The 42nd Annual Arts in the Alley Festival drew over 35,000 visitors over the 2½ day event
- The Voice of Grove City brought the largest crowd to date introducing incredible talent to thousands of spectators and to our panel of judges
- Thousands of spectators lined the streets to celebrate the 32nd annual Arts in the Alley Community Parade with bands, CANDY, fabulous floats, CANDY the Shriners, vehicles, CANDY, horses, walkers, tumblers, dancers and more...
- Published 6 inspiring issues of Chamber Business Connection magazine and 5 professional business issues of Grove City Living newspaper
- Celebrated 32 years of our multi award winning Farmers' Market drawing and average of 1,000 visitors each week to shop at our 50+ farmers and vendors
- Featuring the Ghost Busters and over 45 local business vendors along with a parade of 150 incredibly adorable, costumed entries, The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce presented its first ever Boo Off Broadway event to a crowd of 5,000!
- Nearly 100 golfers and golfer wannabes, hit the links for a full day of golf, fun, food, and charity at our Annual Chamber Open
- Well over 4,500 volunteer hours were generously donated by local GCACC volunteers in 2021
- 2021 Annual Meeting celebrated the 2020 Award winners
 - Business of the Year - Terra Michelle & Co. Artisan Hair Boutique
 - Heartland Bank Heart of the Chamber - KatBro
 - Spirit of the Chamber – Bill Fenner of Bill's PC Repair
- Once again, tens of thousands of dollars were saved by GCACC business members participating in GCACC Insurance, Workers' Comp, member to member discounts and other savings programs
- Through the HomeTown Dollars Program and financial support from the City of Grove City; The GCACC filtered over \$300,000 into our local economy!

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Jan. 03, 2022

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

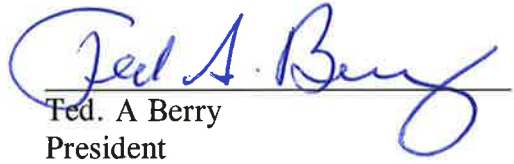
Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, presented a Liquor Permit Notice for Cracker Barrel. Mr. Teaford, Dir. of Safety, said that Cracker Barrel has no issues and the Administration had no objections. Council agreed to not request a hearing by unanimous consent.

Mayor Stage noted that they are going to make more of a habit of conducting more on-site visits to those with liquor permits.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Ted. A Berry
President