CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

Sept. 05, 2023 Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Mark Sigrist Ted Berry Randy Holt Christine Houk

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

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

2. Mr. Berry moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-31-23 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Day Care Center for Enchanted Dreamers Childcare Learning Center, LLC located at 4461 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., shared that this business has the potential for 20 – 25 employees and 150 students. There will be an outdoor play area with a black ornamental fence. The stipulations are regulated by Code and are called out to make sure the property is brought into compliance. Mr. Berry asked if the entire building will be used for the daycare. Mr. Rauch said yes. Other daycare applicants only wanted to use half the building.

Ms. Gaido Hossen, applicant, was present to answer any questions. She agreed to the stipulations set by Planning Commission.

Mr. Brian Weaver stated that before Council requires compliance with Code, the City should be in compliance with their own Code. President Berry called Mr. Weaver out of order. Ms. Houk asked Mr. Weaver to return to his seat.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-35-23 (Amend Chapter 161.10 of the Codified Ordinances titled Employee Status, Number of Employees per Department, Pay Grades) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that two (2) employees retired this year leaving supervisory positons open. After evaluating these positions, it became apparent that two people could not keep up with all the vehicle maintenance of the city's current vehicle fleet. Instead, they would like to increase the number of Crew Leaders to manage the maintenance of the fleet by outside entities. The number of total employees will remain the same.

   Mr. Brian Weaver stated that the City needs to look at their own compliance of the Code with respect to harassment and discrimination. Mr. Holt stated that those comments are not relevant. Mr. Weaver continued to speak about harassment and discrimination. President Berry explained that the issue on the floor is about moving positions. If he wants to talk about other items within Chapter 161, he can do so under new business. A person in the audience began yelling. Mr. Weaver began arguing with Council and the Dir. of Law. Mr. Weaver was called out of order and told to sit down.

By unanimous consent of Council, the meeting was recessed at 7:12 p.m., due to the disturbance.

By unanimous consent of Council, the meeting was reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-36-23 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Arcadia Infrastructure I, LLC) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Hurley explained that this takes a holistic approach to looking at all the cellular deficiencies in the City. He explained that this agreement allows for the marketing and the leasing of space on new cell towers.

   Mr. Holt further explained that the City recognizes that we have a serious cell coverage issue, and while this is a necessary piece of infrastructure, the City does not control AT&T, Verizon, the placement for Cell Towers and the need for towers. However, the City would like to hire this company to assist with marketing and placing cell towers in identified areas that fill those voids. He said if residents want improved cell service, there must be towers and they may be visible in their neighborhoods. *Mr. Hurley stated that this is a problem across the Country and it is a carrier problem. This is a need for personal property and for safety, so the City has stepped in.*

   Mr. Sigrist asked how long it will take to see the first tower. Mr. Hurley explained the process and said it typically takes one – two years before the first improvement would be proposed. Mr. Sigrist asked if there were any temporary countermeasures that could be taken. *Mr. Hurley said some are placing small cell sites in the commercial area, east of I-71; refocusing antenna's and arrays. Until we put up new towers, those measures are just a band-aide.*

Mayor Stage commented that about five years ago, cities went to battle with the telecoms over the use of 5G networks, and was told that the cities have no control over the telecoms and the use of 5G networks. He said this is entirely out of our control and the small sites being added are 4G networks.

Mr. Sean Nicholson asked if Arcadia would build the towers; the City would own them; and then lease them to cell companies. Mr. Hurley explained that the towers would be owned and built by Arcadia. There will be a cost share with the property owner, where the tower is built.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-37-23 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Pure Storage Inc.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 09/18/23.

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

1. Mr. Sean Nicholson spoke about the speed limit on Haughn Road. He feels the decrease in speed has yielded nothing but frustration from drivers. He doesn't feel it is proper under the law and should go back to 35 mph.

   Mr. Smith, Dir of Law, explained that the Dir. of Safety reviews traffic studies and other data to determine if the speed limit can be changed.

   Mr. Nicholson was directed to meet with Mr. Teaford, Dir. of Safety, after the meeting to discuss this matter and receive any public records he would like.

2. Ms. Chris Moore spoke about getting more affordable housing; affordable day care; bringing churches together; and more family restaurants without alcohol.

3. Ms. Christi McClellan spoke about the letter that the Church on Rensch Road sent stating that they do not want to be annexed. She believes that the property owner who signed the application did not own it at the time the petition was filed.

   Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this should have been addressed at the County level. He said once the County Commissioners approve the petition, City Council can only accept or reject the petition presented. He said they can take into consideration any comments made when deciding on whether to accept the annexation petition or not.

   Ms. McClellan was asked to discuss this further with Mr. Smith after the meeting.

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

1. Mayor Stage said hooray and hats off to everyone on the Chamber Renovations. He reported on an incredible Labor Day weekend, with the Model T Jamboree; the unveiling of the Mill St. marker; the 100th anniversary of the Library; and the Drone Lightshow. He reported in the TIF Review Committee meeting and noted that $400,000.00 of new taxes for the city, township and

schools have been received by granting 15 year TIF's. He stated that Friday at 6:00 p.m. there will be a ribbon cutting for the new stage; Google is giving a $250,000.00 grant to The Buckeye Ranch and he would like the City to match it; and expressed condolences to Sharon Downs' family on her passing.

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

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

Ted A. Berry
President

*Editor's Note: The disturbance noted in these minutes resulted in calling the Division of Police and having disruptive persons escorted out of the meeting.

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COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

September 05, 2023

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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