CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Jodi Burroughs, Melissa Anderson, Christine Houk, Randy Holt, Ted Berry, Rodney Dew

1. Ms. Houk moved to approve the minutes of the 01/06, 01/07 and 01/08 meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Anderson.

Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Dew	Yes

2. Ms. Houk recognized Mayor Stage who recognized Camille Kopczewski for serving on the Keep Grove City Beautiful committee for 20 years. He then recognized Ms. Billie Strader who founded the Sunshine Gang, which writes letters for returning Honor Flight members; make Christmas gifts for the Chillicothe VA and local nursing homes. They meet on Tuesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Lamplighter Senior Village if anyone is interested in joining. Finally, he introduced Officer Shaw and "Bo" who is the City's Therapy Dog. Officer Shaw is the liaison officer at Central Crossing High School and has worked with the District to start a program to allow for "Bo" to give therapy to the students. He also visits City offices and local nursing homes.

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

The Chair recognized Ms. Burroughs, Chair of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-03-25 (Approve the Development Plan for Credit Union of Ohio located at 2397 Old Stringtown Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Nathan Painter & Tyler Jackson, representing petitioner, were present to answer questions. Mr. Painter explained that they were requesting a reduction in the number of required parking spaces because of how banking has changed. He said most vehicles will go thru the ATM line and not park to go inside the bank.

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

Ms. Anderson	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Dew	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	Yes

2. Ms. Burroughs asked to be excused, as Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that there is a conflict of interest that requires Ms. Burroughs to be recused.

Ms. Anderson moved to excuse Ms. Burroughs for the next item; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Dew	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

Resolution CR-04-25 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for Broadway Live Mixed-Use development located North of Columbus St. and East of Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that this is a mixed-use plan that includes retail, food hall and apartments. He said the Preliminary Plan is the first step in assessing if the proposed use and layout are appropriate and compatible in the Town Center area. He shared that outside the Preliminary Plan process there is a study being conducted to determine the floodway on the side and delineate the amount of usable ground for development. Also, a financial assessment will need to be addressed. He said it will be a long process to get from A to B, but it is necessary to understand the full impact of this proposal. *Mr. Berry* asked if this project will impact the work on the sewer project being done on Columbus Street. He said he doesn't want to overburden this new system. Mr. Rauch said this project would feed into the new pipe, but should not tax that pipe.

Mr. Patrick Catro, resident, voices support for the project. He said he lives on Arbutus Ave. and is looking forward to seeing it move forward.

Ms. Houk commented that it is good to see a new sketch and the parties involved have been very engaged with the community on getting to a finished product that is in alignment with the desires of the community in countless ways. She said she thinks a destination location is what citizens is clamoring for. She said there are a lot of complexities that need to be addressed as it moves forward, but is supportive of the concept.

Mr. Smith clarified that the Charter states that approval needs to be a majority of Council, so they would need four (4) votes for passage.

Ms. Anderson also voiced her support for the concept and the desire of the community for something like this in the community.

Mr. Berry reiterated that this is just a concept and many other pieces need to be determined.

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

Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Dew	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-02-25 (Amend Section 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. Holt explained that this is an amendment to change the Deputy Clerk of Council to an unclassified employee.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Dew	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes

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

1. Ms. Sandra Rader, resident, asked why the Senior Center is closed when the schools close. She said they don't understand why this is done when the Staff is there and they are not students. In addition this building is supposed to be a warming center. She said they just want to use their Center.

Mr. Jack Castle, Dir. of Parks & Rec., said he is unaware that they close. He said he will check and get it addressed. The Center should be open and it has been designated as a "warming center" as of today.

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

1. Mayor Stage commented that the Police Dept. was made aware of a family in distress and were able to assist that family with bedding and some clothing. He also announced the Warming Center that has been established today at the Evans Senior Center, and COTA can get people there.

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

Adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Christine Houk
President of Council

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

January 21, 2025

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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