

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

February 18, 2025

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

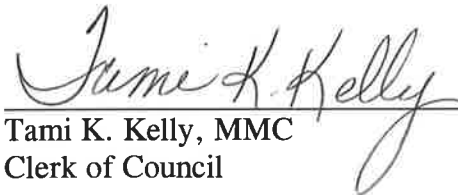
Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, reminded everyone to fill out their Annual Ethics forms and the questionnaire from the new auditor. She also reminded Ms. Burroughs that it is her turn to write the Council article for the next Discovery Magazine.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Mr. Holt shared that he sent each member a draft of an ordinance to amend the marijuana section of the Code and asked Members to let him know if they had any questions or concerns. Mr. Berry asked that Council be updated on Senate Bill 56. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said he would send Council an update.

President Houk asked Members to send their availability to Ms. Kelly for a Saturday meeting from now until the end of March. She would like to have a mini retreat for Council.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Christine Houk
President of Council

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COUNCIL MINUTES

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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, Anthony Wilson, Christine Houk, Randy Holt, Ted Berry, Rodney Dew

1. Ms. Houk moved to approve the minutes of the 02/03 meeting and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Burroughs.

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

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

3. Ms. Houk moved to add CR-06-25, under Lands, to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Dew.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-04-25 (Accept the Plat of Autumn Grove, Section 6, Phase 1) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 03-03-25.
2. Ordinance C-05-25 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Grossman Restaurant located at 3909 – 3911 Broadway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 03-03-25.
3. Resolution CR-06-25 (Approve a Mural titled the “Grant-Sawyer Home” located at 3990 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area.

Mr. Steven Smith, Law Dir., explained that Ms. Burroughs owns the building but this Mural has no benefit to her, so she would be able to vote on this. Also, he explained that approval of this resolution would override the provisions in Section 1138, which require a certificate of appropriateness.

Mayor Stage said the artist hired to repair some of the existing murals, suggested a new mural on the old 5/3rd building. He said he and the artist settled on a depiction of the Grant/Sawyer house as the subject. It will be painted on 4 x 8 panels and installed. The Historical and Cultural Arts Commission approved this at their February 13th meeting. Ms. Burroughs asked if funds have already been appropriated and the Mayor said yes.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-06-25 (Amend Various Sections of Part 3 of the Codified Ordinances to Increase the Penalties for Distracted Driving and Violations in a Crosswalk that Result in Serious Physical Harm, including Paralysis, to a Person) was given it first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 03-03-25.

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

1. Ordinance C-07-25 (Levying Special Assessments for the Construction of Various Sidewalks in the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 03-03-25.

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

1. Ordinance C-03-25 (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. Boso, City Admin., explained that this will add 11 new and delete 3 positions. It also adjusts pay ranges to many positions, as approved in the 2025 budget.

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

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

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

1. Mr. Grant Webb, resident, voiced opposition to a temporary toilet in Beulah Park being located across the street from and in the line of sight of residential homes. It can be smelled by the residents and is very unsightly. Other temporary toilets are away from homes and are surrounded by three-sided covering.

Mr. Berry said we spent \$300,000 on restrooms and they aren't winterized. He asked that they be winterized and the temporary toilet removed from the park.

Mr. Jack Castle, Dir. of Parks & Rec., said they are pursuing a quote to make the new restrooms a year-round facility. He said he thought the temporary toilet was moved and would check on it. The other proposal would be to put in a concrete slab and find a more suitable place for the temporary toilet with screening. Mr. Berry feels it should be permanently removed and the money spent to winterize the permanent bathrooms.

2. Brent Bailey, resident, said he lives in Beulah Park and they were promised a sledding hill in the Park at Beulah. He said that they are not able to sled down what is currently there and made suggestions on how to make it happen by adding some dirt, etc.
3. Sandra Hooker, resident, explained that she is an advocate for all those using the public ways especially those that are not in a motor vehicle. She congratulated Council for being awarded the Bronze designation by Bicycle Friendly America. She thanked them for listening to her and making changes to Code. She said the Bronze award will help the City make things safer.

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

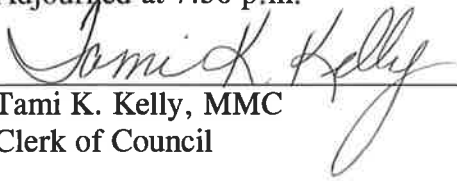
1. Mayor Stage submitted the Mayor's Court Monthly Report and Ms. Houk moved it be accepted; seconded by Mr. Berry.

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

In closing, the Mayor reported that he attended a conference and got an audience with Senator Marino, who has concentrated his efforts on Economic development and has assigned two staff members to Ohio; shared that the awning program is being used and replacements will happen soon; the Grove City High School Band will be going to Pearl Harbor; there is a QR Code tour at Planks that you can scan, and it will give you the history of Planks. Other places will be coming. He expressed Happy 50 Years to Tosoh.

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

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



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President of Council