CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

March 03, 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, Anthony Wilson, Christine Houk, Randy Holt, Ted Berry, Rodney Dew

1. Ms. Houk moved to approve the minutes of the 02/18 & 02/24 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 recognized Mayor Stage who presented Mr. Dan Bolin with a Certificate of Recognition for stopping to assist a fellow resident by administering CPR and saving his life.

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. Ordinance C-04-25 (Accept the Plat of Autumn Grove, Section 6, Phase 1) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. John Bruno and Alex Rudolph, representing petitioner, explained that this is a continuation of the subdivision and offered to answer any questions.

   Mayor Stage noted that this phase will start the bike path along Rensch Road.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-05-25 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Grossman Restaurant located at 3909 – 3911 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Doug Grossman, petitioner, explained that they are planning to change Pontones Music store into a restaurant and would like to have an outdoor seating area.

Ms. Burroughs reviewed the stipulations set by Planning Commission and Mr. Grossman agreed to them.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-08-25 (Amend Section 1135.09(b)(12)G9t of the Codified Ordinances titled Retail Dispensing of Medical and Recreational Marijuana) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 03-17-25.

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 its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Sandra Hooker, voiced support for this ordinance. She said there should be a high level of protection for pedestrians in crosswalks. She has become an advocate for harsher penalties for those drivers who cause serious physical harm to pedestrians, cyclists, construction workers. She said she wants to bring awareness to the seriousness of an injury to the spinal cord. It is like death, when paralysis occurs and wants these drivers held accountable.

Ms. Sharon Montgomery also voiced support for this ordinance. She said Grove City is lucky to have the commitment to road safety that is in place. She read the definition of "serious physical harm" in the Ohio Revised Code. She said she believes paralysis is included in this definition, but likes that Grove City is specifying it in the City Code. She said Ms. Hooker is correct that this needs addressed.

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

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

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 second reading and public hearing.
Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that this is the final step in the Sidewalk Program. While the property owner is responsible for 100% of the sidewalk, but as stated in the first ordinance, the City pays for 50%. This ordinance assesses the other 50% of the cost to the property.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-09-25 (Create the Grove City CARES Healthcare Grant Pilot Program and Appropriate $75,000 from the General Fund for same) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 03-17-25.

2. Resolution CR-07-25 (Allowing a Tax Exemption for City Property known as Pinnacle Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso explained that this allows the City to file for an exemption on a piece of city-owned property. Today, the City is paying about $30,000 in various taxes on this parcel. Filing for the exemption will treat it as the same as all other city-owned property.

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
Mr. Wilson	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, Chair of Parks, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-08-25 (Request the City Administration and Director of Parks and recreation, in alignment with the recommendation of the Park Board, to move forward with the exploration & feasibility of a Large, Multi-Generational City-Operated Central Hub) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Anderson said she is bringing this forward to further solidify Council's position on a Community Center. As the liaison to the Park Board, she learned about the work done to know what the community wants. She said 68% of the survey respondents said they want a central hub that is operated by our Parks & Rec. Dept. and this needs fully vetted.

Mr. Sigrist voiced support for this Resolution. He said it is an official "let's go", clarifying the What, Where, and How Much for a future City Complex. He said the residents have waited a long time for this and they need something tangible to visualize and hope for. He said our residents deserve this clarity and once it is provided, they will know the potential. He asked that this project be given the same focus, enthusiasm and air time that we have for the bridge over I-71. He said it will be a large investment, but it will attract the very businesses and well-paying jobs we strive for and the workforce to live here. It will have a lasting, positive impact on the community for generations.

Ms. Anderson moved to amend Section 4 to change the word "shall" to "is requested to" and to add an additional Section that says: "the City Administration is requested to not expend any financial or staff resources toward other options without the approval of City Council"; seconded by Mr Holt.

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

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

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. Mayor Stage submitted the Feb. Mayor's Court Report and Ms. Houk moved to accept same; 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

Mayor Stage asked Mr. Teaford, Dir. of Safety, to report on two State Bills. Mr. Teaford reported on SB 114, which would forbid quota systems in law enforcement. He said no one wants quota driven departments, but this Bill would take away the ability to review an officer's arrest record, etc. during performance reviews. He also reported on SB56, which would make massive amendments to the Marijuana laws and asked, from a safety perspective, that Council walk carefully on how we approach marijuana issues.

2. Kyle Rauch, Dir. of Dev., with the assistance of Ryan Andrews, EMH&T, provided an update on the I-71 overpass project. They provided a more detailed view of what roadway improvements would be needed to support the flow of traffic around this new bridge. The project is being broken into four (4) parts in order to assist in obtaining funding for the full project. They showed project costs that did not include land acquisition, and shared potential funding sources.

2. After closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members, Ms. Houk moved to go into Executive Session per Section 121.22g1 of the Ohio Revised Code; seconded by Ms. Burroughs.

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

3. Ms. Houk moved to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular meeting; seconded by Ms. Anderson.

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

4. There being no other matters, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

Christine Houk

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President of Council

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

March 03, 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.

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Christine Houk
President of Council