

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

May 19, 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, Ted Berry, Rodney Dew

1. Ms. Houk moved to approve the minutes of the previous 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. Ms. Houk recognized Mayor Stage who, with the assistance of Kevin Teaford, Dir. of Safety, & Mike Boso, Chief Building Official, recognized Forge Biologic and provided them with the 2025 Building Safety Award. Mayor Stage complimented the company and voiced appreciation for their presence in Grove City.
3. Ms. Houk recognized Meredith Wickham, Dir. of G.C. Library, for an update to the financial impact the State budget may have on the library, if approved as currently proposed. Ms. Wickham shared a power point presentation to explain this issue. She stated that the State Budget could have a significant impact on their operation, not only with a decrease in funds, but with how they are funded in the future; issuing unfunded mandates; and attempting to consolidate the seven (7) library systems into one.

Since Council will meet after the deadline for the State Budget's completion date, Mayor Stage suggested that Council request that the Law Director compose a letter of support for the Library and opposing the three (3) areas outlined by Ms. Wickham. Council agreed and asked Mr. Smith to have a letter written to send to State Senators and Representatives.

4. 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-18-25 (Approve the Use for an indoor kids play facility for Kidz Dig It LLC located at 3454 Grant Avenue) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 07, 2025.

* At the direction of the Law Director, Ms. Burroughs recused herself from the meeting for the next item. Mr. Wilson introduced Res. CR-19-25.

2. Resolution CR-19-25 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of nine structures for Broadway Live located on Broadway and Columbus Streets in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tim Kaskewsky, property owner and developer, explained that they are looking to accelerate their Broadway Live project. He said they walked through 3306 Columbus St. today with the Historical Society and they will continue to work with them and the City to secure anything of historical value.

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Wilson 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	No

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

1. Resolution CR-20-25 (Continue the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area upon the regulations set forth in Exhibit A) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Anderson, explained that this is a housekeeping measure required every five (5) years by the State. She said the regulations have been updated to reflect the amendments that Council has adopted over the years.

Mr. Holt explained that the City conducted interviews with area businesses and they are supportive of the DORA. Also, the Safety Director reported that there have been no safety issues with the DORA.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-19-25 (Amend Chapter 192.021 of the Codified Ordinances titled Imposition of Tax pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5739.09) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 02, 2025.

2. Ordinance C-20-25 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an agreement with the Grove City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau dba Visit Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 02, 2025.

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

1. Ms. Sandra Hooker, Woodgrove Dr., shared that she is continuing her efforts to increase penalties on those who cause bodily harm from distracted driving at the State level. She shared that it has been one year since Council adopted Ord. C-21-24 and she appreciated their support.

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

1. Mayor Stage reported on meetings with: Senator Marino's and Representative Carey's offices; Southwestern City Schools on several issues including Brookpark School; and Mr. Boso's (City Admin.) attendance at the Jackson Township Board meeting. He also shared that real estate sales show Grove City as #1 in all types of housing across Central Ohio. He said this shows we are doing everything possible to offer diverse types of housing.
2. Mr. Boso said the Township intends to place a \$4 mill renewal levy on the November ballot. If passed, it would increase the property tax by \$310.00 on a home valued at \$350,000.00.
3. Ms. Houk moved to go into Executive Session as allowed by the City Charter for the purpose of considering and appoint a public employee; seconded by Mr. Wilson.

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

4. Ms. Houk moved to come out of Executive Session and reconvene in regular session; seconded by Mr. Wilson.

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

5. A motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 9:27 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

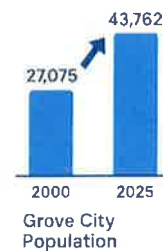

Christine Houk
President of Council

The Impact of House Bill 96 on Our Library

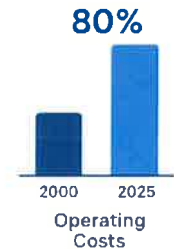
Key Challenges

- Cut in state funding 2023 to 2024
- Historical Inflation from 2022-2024
- House Bill 96 freezes library funding at 2024 levels — equivalent to what libraries received in **2000**, without accounting for 25 years of inflation or growth
 - Inflation has increased costs by over 80% since 2000
 - Grove City population up 61% since 2000
- HB 96 imposes costly censorship compliance
 - \$450,000 in annual unfunded censorship costs
 - \$100,000 one-time facility modification cost

**Population
Growth**



**Inflation
Impact**



Call to Action

- Advocate for restoring PLF to 1.75% of GRF as requested by Gov. DeWine
 - Amendment number SC 1236 (Restores the Governor's proposal to increase the PLF to 1.75%)
- Oppose the shift to line-item funding
- Reject unfunded censorship mandates
 - Amendment number SC 1542 (Removes language pertaining to library materials)
- Support local funding solutions

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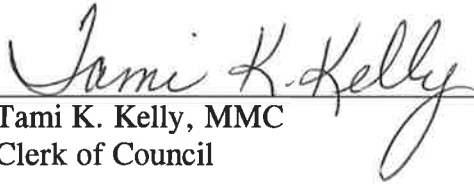
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COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

May 19, 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