

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 16, 2025

Special Meeting

The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Houk at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

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

1. Ms. Houk moved to excuse Mr. Holt, Mr. Wilson and Mayor Stage; seconded by Ms. Anderson.

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

2. Ms. Houk explained that this is the first opportunity for Council to go through the Charter page by page, to discuss any amendments they may want to bring forward to the voters. She suggested that Council Members look at other community charters for inspiration and discussions moving forward.

She said the process will be going through each Article and reading out loud, each Section to determine if there is anything they want to go back and review.

Council Members took turns reading the following:

Article I

Section 1.01 – o.k.

Section 1.02 – o.k.

Section 1.03 – o.k.

Section 1.04 – o.k.

Section 1.05 – This Section needs discussion if a different form of government is proposed.

Article II

Section 2.01 - This Section needs discussion if a different form of government is proposed.

Section 2.02 - This Section should say "Council Member" and replace the word "his".

Section 2.03 – If form of government is proposed, the "mayoral appointment" will need changed; also the word "his" should be changed.

Section 2.04 – Change "he"

Section 2.05 – change "his"; if form of government is proposed, the president serving as mayor would need adjusted. Ms. Anderson questioned Council taking office on Jan. 02. Council discussed this and may want to consider an alternative date to take office.

Section 2.06 – o.k.

Section 2.07 – o.k.

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- Section 2.08 – Ms. Houk said this whole section gets a star for review for her, if a different form of government is proposed.
- Section 2.09 - This Section needs discussion if a different form of government is proposed. Change the word “his”

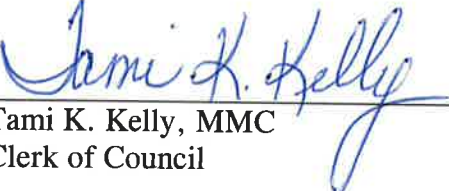
*Mr. Wilson arrived at 6:11 p.m.

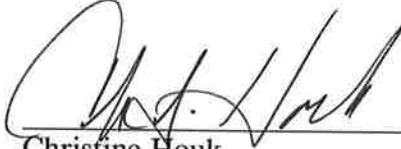
- Section 2.10 - This Section needs discussion if a different form of government is proposed.
- Section 2.11 – o.k.
- Section 2.12 - This Section needs discussion if a different form of government is proposed.
- Section 2.13 – o.k.
- Section 2.14 – o.k.
- Section 2.15 – o.k.

Ms. Houk said they will review the sections marked for discussion from what was read tonight at the next session and then move forward with the next sections. She asked each Council Member to do their research and noted that this review may run parallel with some ordinances to address some of the questions that brought this change of government discussion to bare.

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

Adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Christine Houk
President of Council

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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, Ted Berry, Rodney Dew

1. Ms. Houk moved to excuse Mr. Holt and Mayor Stage; seconded by Ms. Burroughs.

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

2. Ms. Houk moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Dew.

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

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-23-25 (Accept the Plat of Pinnacle Quarry, Section 4) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 07, 2025.
2. Ordinance C-24-25 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Storage for 3400 Southwest LLC, located at 3400 Southwest Blvd.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 07, 2025.
3. Ordinance C-25-25 (Approve a C-2 (retail commercial) Zoning Classification for 2139 Sonora Drive upon its annexation to the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 21, 2025.

The Chair recognized Mr. Dew, Chair of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-22-25 (Waive the provisions of Section 903.05b of the Codified Ordinances for the Annual Alumni Softball Tournament on July 25 - 27, 2025) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Charlene McFarland, representing the Rotary Club, explained that the Tournament will start on Friday this year and go through Sunday, so they are requesting July 25 – 27, with rain dates of Aug 1 – 3 to cover the entire tournament. Ms. Burroughs asked about the hours of operation and Ms. McFarland said they will stay the same – 11:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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

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

2. Resolution CR-23-25 (Waive the provisions of Section 529.07(b)3 of the Codified Ordinances for the Annual Homecoming Celebration on July 25, 2025 in the Town Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. John Emmerich, Grove City Kids Association Board President, was present to request a waiver for this year's Homecoming Celebration, as they have done for the past 10+ years.

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

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

The Chair recognized Ms. Anderson, in the absence of Mr. Holt, Chair of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-21-25 (Approve a Loan for 3995 Broadway, LLC under the Town Center Loan Program and Appropriate \$75,000.00 for same) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Matt Yerkes, petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained the program, which began in 2010. He said there have been three (3) loans approved to date, with two (2) paid in full and one (1) owing \$150,000.00.

Mr. Jesse Shamp, Law Dept., stated that Ms. Houk's firm has an association with the petitioner, but there is no conflict of interest with this ordinance and she can participate.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Anderson 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

2. Resolution CR-24-25 (Waive the Bidding Provisions of Section 153.12 of the Ohio Revised Code for building a Sensory Garden within The Gardens at Gantz Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that bids submitted that are greater than 20% over the engineer's estimate cannot be awarded. The City received a bid that came in \$6,000.00 over the estimate and if this resolution is approved, they will be allowed to accept this bid.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-22-25 (Require no further investment of staff time or financial resources at the Brookpark Middle School location outside of required utility bills or contractual obligations without the approval of City Council and to require the City Administrator to engage in negotiations to terminate or renegotiate the Brookpark Lease Agreement with Southwestern City Schools to the mutual benefit of all parties) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk explained that the intention of this legislation was to bring up an unresolved matter with Brookpark. She said she wanted to bring this conversation out to the public and explore it from all sides. Since the Mayor is not present there is one (1) Council Member missing, Ms. Houk moved it be postponed to 7/7/25; seconded by Mr. Dew.

Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Wilson	Yes
Ms. Houk	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.

1. Mr. Brian Parks, Treasurer of Pride in Grove City Organization, personally invited the Council Members, Mayor, City Administrator and Staff to the Pride Fest event this Saturday, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Town Center Park. It is geared to all ages and will have music, food trucks, and vendors. He said they moved the event to coincide with other Pride Month celebrations and have better weather. He said they would love to see a large contingent of city leaders attend to show all of Central Ohio that Grove City is truly a welcoming and diverse community where anyone can live,

work, and enjoy.

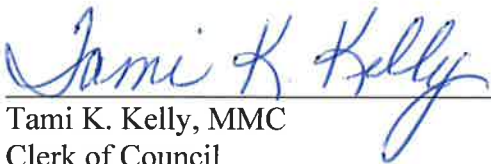
2. Ms. Leslie Zimmerman, Pres. Toastmaster Club, expressed appreciation to the City for allowing them to utilize a room in City Hall for their bi-monthly meetings. She said one of the missions of the City is dedicated to the development of community partnerships and they believe that their partnership contributes directly to that goal. She explained the Toastmasters mission and invited the Council Members to attend any of their meetings, which happens on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is June 24.
3. Ms. Kyra Paul, resident, discussed Day Passes at the Big Splash. She said last year, you could only get a day pass if you came in with a member. This year, day passes have been opened up to all and members are being told they cannot come in, due to capacity. She shared statistics from other municipalities and how they have grown and added pools/community center. She said we have a too small and outdated community pool. She believes that Beulah Park was the perfect opportunity to build a community center and we have missed out on that opportunity. She said to tie it all together, she does not feel that she is getting a good return on her investments and the City could do so much better.
4. Mr. Carter Dowell, resident, asked that Council consider amending Section 505.14 of the City Code to allow chickens in the city. He said he found that other municipalities have allowed hens to be permitted. He said residents are allowed to own three (3) dogs, so if sound is an issue, dogs bark much louder than hens cluck. He said he would just like to own some chickens.

Mr. Berry said Council has considered this issue in the past and there are some trials associated with this. However, he will look into it again.

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

1. Mr Boso, City Admin., reported that the State has introduced House Bill 335 which would eliminate inside millage, ban new emergency and substitute levies, and give County Budget Commission the authority to override voted approved levies. He said this would have an effect in the city's revenue and the Mayor's Association is looking into this.
2. Mr Turner, stated that the Tax Budget is due June 20 and Council will receive it through an e-mail, since the Mayor is out of town this week. He said there will be legislation on July 7 to accept it.
2. After closing comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.


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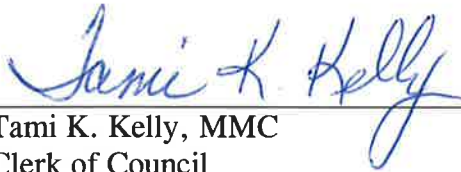
Council met at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Ms. Houk said if the format for the Charter review worked for everyone, then they would continue on 7/7 at 5:30 p.m. In addition, she would like to have an executive session to discuss the Deputy Clerk position.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Ms. Kelly referenced a notice from Safety Director Teaforde concerning the speed limit changes for Haughn Road – south of Orders Road, in the curves. She said if Council wishes to appeal this decision, they need to let her know before July 7, 2025.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.



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