

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 05, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting

1. The Organizational meeting of Council was called to order by Clerk of Council, Tami Kelly, mmc, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll call was called and the following members were present:

Melissa Anderson, Ted Berry, Jodi Burroughs, George Holinga, Randy Holt, Mohamed Omar, Alan Sturm

2. Ms. Kelly announced that all newly elected officials have taken their Oaths of Office and a copy is on file in the Clerk's office.
3. Ms. Kelly declared that nominations were now in order for the office of President of Council and opened the floor for same.

Ms. Anderson nominated Ms. Burroughs. Mr. Omar nominated Mr. Holt. Mr. Holinga nominated Mr. Berry.

There being no other nominations, Ms. Kelly closed the floor for nominations.

Mr. Holt moved to allow discussion of the nominations; seconded by Ms. Burroughs.

Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Holinga	Yes
Mr. Omar	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Sturm	Yes

Ms. Burroughs stated that this is a very important leadership role. The person elected should be willing to do the work. It is about our community, moving it forward and not about politics.

Ms. Anderson voiced support of Ms. Burroughs. She said she feels she will do an excellent job and do all the things that are necessary to be done. She would do the right things that are not politically motivated for our community.

Mr. Holinga voiced support for Mr. Berry. As a new member, he feels they need someone that the experience. He said Mr. Berry has had this experience and is the senior member of Council. He believes Mr. Berry is the ideal candidate for the presidential position.

Mr. Omar voiced support for Mr. Holt. He said while Mr. Berry would be a phenomenal president, he believes Mr. Holt has exhibited leadership from a public standpoint and would help take Council to the next level.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Kelly began the vote for President of Council with the nomination for Ms. Burroughs.

Ms. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Holinga	No
Mr. Omar	Yes
Mr. Holt	No
Mr. Berry	No
Mr. Sturm	No
Ms. Burroughs	Yes

There being no majority, Ms. Kelly moved to the nomination of Mr. Holt, which he declined.

Since Mr. Holt declined his nomination, Ms. Kelly moved on to the nomination of Mr. Berry.

Mr. Holinga	Yes
Mr. Omar	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Sturm	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	No
Ms. Anderson	No

Ms. Kelly congratulated Mr. Berry on being elected Council President and turned the meeting over to him. Mr. Berry thanked Council.

4. Mr. Berry took the Chair and declared that nominations were in order for a Clerk of Council.

Mr. Berry moved to elect Tami Kelly, MMC, as Clerk of Council; seconded by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Omar	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Sturm	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	No
Mr. Holinga	Yes

5. Mr. Berry addressed the Council seating arrangements and moved that the seating be, from west to east: Mr. Omar, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Holinga, Mr. Berry, Mr. Holt, Mr. Sturm, Ms. Burroughs; seconded by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Sturm	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	No
Ms. Anderson	No
Mr. Holinga	Yes
Mr. Omar	No

6. Mr. Berry moved that the Chairmanship of Committees of Council be:

Lands & Zoning:	Mr. Holinga	Public Safety:	Ms. Anderson
Public Service:	Mr. Omar	Finance:	Mr. Sturm
Parks:	Ms. Burroughs	Admin/Rules:	Mr. Holt

Seconded by Mr. Holinga.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Sturm	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	No
Mr. Holinga	Yes
Mr. Omar	Yes

7. Mr. Berry moved to declare Tami Kelly, Clerk of Council as the Designee for H.B.9 – Open Records Certification; seconded by Mr. Holinga.

Mr. Sturm	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Holinga	Yes
Mr. Omar	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

8. Mr. Berry moved to accept the most current Rules of Council; seconded by Mr. Holt.

Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
Mr. Holinga	Yes
Mr. Omar	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Sturm	Yes

9. Mr. Berry asked Ms. Kelly to send the list of organizations that request a liaison, along with the day and time of their meetings, to Council as they come in.

Ms. Kelly said she has not received any requests yet, but a member is required to serve on the MORPC Board.

9. After closing comments, Council adjourned at 6:20 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Ted A. Berry
President of Council