CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

November 06, 2017 | Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Schottke at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Steve Bennett *Steven Robinette* *Roby Schottke* *Jeff Davis* *Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Davis moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous regular and special meetings and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. President Schottke and Mr. Robinette recognized Nick Bannister of Westerville Bridges organization for a presentation. Mr. Bannister explained that he started Neighborhood Bridges to do more for communities and provide a gateway for kindness. It is focused on communities that have 35% free or reduced lunch assistance. He wants to expand to other communities to provide assistance for those in need. He said he wants to bridge solutions through technology to assist advocates with the needed assistance. He said Warren Gard will be heading up the Grove City Bridge. Council Members shared their positive comments for the program and Mr. Bannister's initiative to bring it to Grove City.

3. The Chair read the agenda items and moved that Resolution CR-45-17 be withdrawn from the agenda at the request of the petitioner's agent; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

President Schottke moved to add Resolution CR-47-17 to the Agenda under Finance; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

President Schottke moved that the Agenda be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-55-17 (Authorize the City Administrator to Dispose of the Real Property located at 2120 Harrisburg Pike as it is no longer needed for Municipal Purposes) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Davis explained that this is excess property that the City no longer needs.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

2. Resolution CR-47-17 (Appoint Members to the Board of Tax Review) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Davis explained that the Code was updated many months ago to conform to new State Law requirements. One of the provisions in this new Tax Code is to appoint a Board of Tax Review. It is necessary to make these appointments now in order to conduct hearings on appeals.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Robinette, Chairman of Safety, took the floor for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-57-17 (Temporarily Amend Section 161.10 of the Codified Ordinances titled Employee Statue, Number of Employees per Department, Pay Grades) was given its first reading.

Chief Pearson, Chief of Police, explained that there will be two (2) officers retiring and in order to replace them in a timely fashion, they are requesting that the number of officers be temporarily increased to 53 to cover the time between the retirements and when the new officers would be in the Academy.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Robinette moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

Mr. Robinette moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, Chairman of Lands, took the floor for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-56-17 (Amend Ord. C-83-15, a Special Use Permit for Daystarz Child Care located at 3323 Cleveland Ave., to expand the relocated playground) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Ms. Danyette Dunlap, petitioner, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Bennett reviewed the amended plan with the petitioner.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

2. Resolution CR-46-17 (Approving the Form of the Request for Proposals for the development of land known as the Former Library site and adjacent parcels and Authorize the City Administrator to seek proposal from said Form) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that this authorizes the City to advertise for development proposals for the former library site. There are two privately owned properties included and the proposal points out that the City does not own them. The property owners are aware that they have been included in the proposal.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

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

1. President Schottke recognized Boy Scout Troop #136 & #275.

2. Ms. Theresa Long, resident, said she had water in her basement again after the rain last night. She said they have done everything the City has asked them to do. This is an ongoing problem that is very frustrating. She said she can't sell her home like this. She feels the Lift Station on Columbus Street needs upgraded. Ms. Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, said they have looked at this area many times. She said this area is gravity and not on the Lift Station. She said they can look again. Council questioned Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Keller on what is happening and how to correct it. Both Ms. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Keller explained everything they have done to correct water issues in that area, with the City's lines. Mr. Keller said home built in the '50's had different requirements than today's homes.

   Ms. Sharon Hall, resident, said she, too, has this issue. She said she even cleaned out gutters yesterday to try to help, but she still got water in the basement.

   Mr. Boso, City Admin., said they will get all appropriate Depts. involved to review the situation.

3. Mr. Shawn Merz, President of G.C. Lacrosse asked Council to consider placing money in the Budget to include space for a multi-use field so they can keep it here in Grove City. He said they are working with Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec. to find space. They are running out of room and believe a multi-purpose field could help many people, not just the La Cross teams. Ms. Conrad confirmed that they have been working with the organization. They have evaluated different sites and will continue to do so.

4. Ms. Glada McCoy, resident, said she got a letter about her sidewalks. She found out that Mr. Schottke was the one who complained. She said there was a deadline given of November 30. The neighbors have checked with concrete companies and they cannot get it done by that time. She said the sidewalks in her area are not bad.

   Mr. Schottke explained that he turned in crumbling sidewalks and asked Ms. Fitzpatrick to explain what the Service Dept. does when they get a complaint. Ms. Fitzpatrick said when they do get a complaint for an address, they check the whole street. She said once they have notice of an issue about a sidewalk, we are bound to take steps to notify property owners of the need for repairs. She said they will work with the residents on the timing.

5. Mr. Keller, Consulting Engineer, provided an updated Review of the Town Center Plaza. The options and estimated figures remain the same. He said they are identifying what is required for the roadway improvement, to connect point A to point B. With the plaza land and how it integrates with the Beulah development, the Development Dept. & Administration will continue to work with the Beulah Park Property Owner to determine what that would be. Council clarified a few questions about the overall project and the properties involved.

   Mr. Burkett, Grassle Rd, made comment about page 9 and the alternatives for Grant Avenue. He feels the proposal shown may have issues. It was explained that this is just an identification of alternatives to address the concerns for the Grant railroad crossing being closed.

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted two months of Mayor's Court Reports. Mr. Bennett moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

He then shared a few slides from the latest Community Survey. We received the highest marks to-date for satisfaction.

2. Mr. Davis announced a Special Meeting of Council on November 13 at 6:30 p.m. to review portions of the upcoming 2018 Budget.

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

Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

Roby Schottke

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President

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COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

Nov. 06, 2017

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

President Schottke passed out some new information about the potential Beulah subdivision to Council Members.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, passed out the Monthly Financials to Council.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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Chair