

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

March 16, 2026

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Mohamed Omar, Melissa Anderson, Randy Holt, Alan Sturm, Jodi Burroughs

1. Ms. Kelly opened the floor for a motion for a Temporary Chair.

Ms. Burroughs moved to appoint Mr. Holt as Temporary Chair; seconded by Ms. Anderson.

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

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

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

3. Mr. Holt moved to excuse Mr. Berry, Mr. Holinga, and Mayor Stage; seconded by Mr. Sturm.

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

4. Mr. Holt recognized Mr. Steve Jackson, President of the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society, for a summary of their Annual Report. Mr. Jackson shared that they are in their 40th year; take care and give tours of the Grant House, Century Village and the Museum. He shared their current "dress" project and information about their website.

5. The Temporary Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

The Temporary Chair recognized Ms. Burroughs, in the absence of the Chair of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-11-26 (Accept the Plat for Farmstead, Phase 8) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be on 04-06-26.

2. Ordinance C-12-26 (Approve the Rezoning of 26.904 acres located at 4910 Hoover Road from SF-1 (single-family residential) to SD-1 (educational)) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 04-20-26.

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

1. Ordinance C-10-26 (Appropriate \$75,000.00 from the General Fund for the current expense of the CARES Healthcare Reimbursement Pilot Program) was given its second reading and at the request of the originator, Mr. Sturm moved it be postponed until 4/20/26; seconded by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Sturm	Yes
Ms. Burroughs	Yes
Mr. Omar	Yes
Ms. Anderson	Yes
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2. Resolution CR-08-26 (Support Issue 2 – a 1-mil Property Tax Levy assisting the Southwest Public Libraries) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Misty Clark, Levy Endorcement Coordinator, shared how the library touches users of the library, how their conference rooms are used by the public, how they serve as an important community resource and welcome nearly 1,000 visitors every day they are open. The new \$1 mill levy will restore morning, evening, and weekend hours; outreach initiatives, programs, and books.

Mr. Holt asked how much this would cost a homeowner. It was explained that this would cost \$35.00 per year for each \$100,000 of the property's assessed value, according to the Franklin County Auditor's Office.

Ms. Burroughs asked when things would be restored. Ms. Clark said once the funding is received, possibly in March/April of 2027.

Mr. Sturm asked about State funding. Ms. Clark confirmed that State funding continues to go down and it is expected that more reductions will come in the future.

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

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Mr. Holt brought everyone up to date on the Community Event Grant Program.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.



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