

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

November 05, 2012

Regular Meeting

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

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

Jeff Davis Maria Klemack-McGraw Steve Bennett Melissa Albright

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

Mr. Davis moved to appoint Mr. Bennett as temporary chair; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

Mr. Bennett took the Chair and continued the meeting.

2. Ms. Albright moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous two meetings and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

3. Mr. Bennett moved to excuse Mr. Berry; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

4. The Temporary Chair recognized the American Red Cross for a presentation. Ms. Patty Aronhalt, Red Cross representative, presented the City with a second place award for their efforts in hosting Blood Drives. The Mayor accepted this award. He said the City started this in 1991, per the suggestion of Tiny McComb. He said we are happy to be a part of it.

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

The Temporary Chair recognized himself - Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-55-12 (Appropriate \$50,000.00 from the Convention Bureau Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that this is a routine payment to the Convention Bureau for the Bed Tax received.

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

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-57-12 (Appropriate \$194,268.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of resurfacing a portion of S.R. 62 and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Chuck Boso, City Administrator, explained that the State has moved up their timeline for this project and need to get it complete now. They require a financial certificate and the Finance Director needs the monies encumbered before that certificate can be signed. The emergency exists due to the State needing to start this project and secure the safety of motorists.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

3. Ordinance C-58-12 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Grove City Town Center Inc. and Appropriate \$75,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of providing financial assistance per the Agreement) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/19/12.
4. Ordinance C-59-12 (Amend Section 161.10 of the Codified Ordinances titled Employee Status; Number of Employees per Department; Pay Grades) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/19/12.
5. Resolution CR-38-12 (Waive the Water and Sewer Tap Fees for Jackson Township) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Dave Burris, Jackson Township Trustee, thanked Council in advance for their support of this resolution. He provided the Mayor with drawings of the new Fire House and offered to answer any questions of the Council.

Mr. Chuck Boso explained the amounts that would be waived. He said Columbus fees and other outside entities will not be waived.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-60-12 (Amend Section 1135.09(b)(3) of the Codified Ordinances titled C-2 Retail Commercial) was given its first reading.

Mr. Davis moved that Section 2 be amended to reflect emergency language; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mr. Bob McGraw, resident and professional land use planner, read a statement supporting this amendment. He said despite his opposition to the variance granted for a driving school, he fully supports promoting appropriate economic development in the City. In this case, he believes this appropriately addresses the issue, due to the vacant commercial space around Stringtown Road and the slight expansion of permitted uses. He said he doesn't believe it would place pressure on existing retail operations, but would serve to draw more potential retail customers.

Mr. Bennett commented that this amendment would address classes that take place currently in retail operations, such as cooking, ceramic, art & drawing classes.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Davis moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and waiting period waved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

Mr. Davis moved that this ordinance be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-61-12 (Amend Chapter 725 of the Codified Ordinances titled Garbage and Refuse Collection) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/19/12.
3. Ordinance C-62-12 (Authorize the Charitable Solicitations Board to Issue a Permit to the Ohio Newsboys Association, Inc. per Section 371.06(b)(2) of the Codified Ordinances) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/19/12.
4. Resolution CR-39-12 (Authorize the Grove City Civil Service Commission to serve the South-Western City School District) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that the State Statute states that the jurisdiction with the most students will serve as the Civil Service Commission for the School District. It is believed that Grove City no longer has the most students in the South-Western City School District, however, the provision goes on to state that the School District can request a different municipality serve as their Civil Service Commission. The SWCS Board did pass a Resolution stating that they wished for Grove City to continue being their Civil Service Commission and with Council's approval that can remain in force – as it has for many years.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

The Temporary Chair recognized Ms. Albright - Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-63-12 (Establish Chapter 144 of the Codified Ordinances titled Department of Information Systems) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/19/12.

The Temporary Chair recognized Ms. Klemack-McGraw - Chairman of Lands & Zoning, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

Resolution CR-40-12 (Appeal the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals granting a variance for a Driving School located at 4093 Hoover Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bob McGraw, appellant, voiced approval of this resolution to overturn the variance that he believes was approved in error. He read his appeal letter, citing the reasons why he believes the conditions are not met. He said since a variance “runs with the land” and is permanent. He believes it should be repealed even though a Code change addressing this has occurred tonight. He said he supports local business but there are other means available that do not undermine the zoning code.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, commented that he did speak with the applicant and explained the need to move forward with this legislation. Mr. Bennett asked him to explain what the vote means. Mr. Smith said a yes vote will overturn the decision of the BZA and remove the variance. Given the decision of Council earlier, with the amendment to the Zoning Code, the variance is no longer needed.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	No

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

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Building Division's monthly report and Ms. Albright moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Davis.

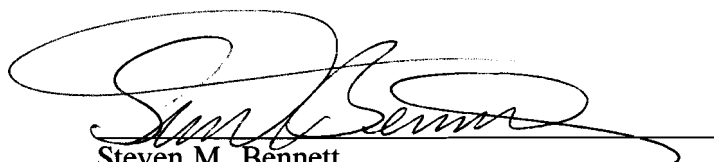
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

In closing, the Mayor reminded everyone to vote tomorrow. He announced that GCHS Marching Band will be going to the Fiesta Bowl.

2. Mr. Davis followed up by announcing Central Crossing's Band and Grove City Christian's Band have won competitions lately.
3. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Steven M. Bennett
Temporary Chair