

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

August 03, 2026

Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

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

1. Mr. Omar moved to excuse Ms. Burroughs; seconded by Ms. Anderson.

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

2. Mr. Berry moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Omar.

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

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Holinga, Chair of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-33-26 (Authorize the Annexation of 0.190+ acres of city-owned property located east of State Route 104 from Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 17, 2026.

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

1. Ordinance C-34-26 (Amend various sections of Chapter 351 of the Codified Ordinances regarding Parking and the Parking of Recreational Vehicles) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 17, 2026.

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

1. Ordinance C-35-26 (Authorize the Dedication and Acceptance of 5.10+ acres to become a Street in the public right-of-way and Rename the Street "Tournament Way") was given its first reading.

Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 17, 2026.

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

1. Ordinance C-32-26 (Replace Exhibit "A" of the Town Center Commercial Revitalization Grant Program as approved by Ord. C-09-19) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Jennifer Marple, Larchmere Dr., voiced support for this expansion. She believes that the corners of Broadway and Southwest Blvd. are the first businesses people see when they enter to Grove City. She said this will bookmark what was done in 2018 to the south.

Ms. Anderson read a statement from Ms. Burroughs, who was absent. It voiced support for the expansion of the corridor, which she believes is a strategic investment in one of the primary gateways into the Town Center. The Ordinance aligns with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Broadway Corridor Study. The Corridor serves as the first impression into Grove City for many visitors and investing in its revitalization supports economic development, encourages private investment, and helps create a more attractive and welcoming northern gateway into the Town Center.

Mr. Sturm pointed out that this is a matching grant, up to \$5,000.00.

Mr. Omar said this would assist 3 Brothers Restaurant, Jolly Pirate, Memories. He said it is important to revitalize Ward 5. He is happy to support and stand by our small businesses.

Mayor Stage provided some background to the original Program that was developed in 1987. He said for every dollar, they see \$3.00 in investment, as the property owner is required to put in their own money.

Mr. Berry said if the purpose is to increase visibility of our gateway, he believes that the south end of Broadway and the further north sections of Broadway need equal attention. He moved that Exhibit "A" be amended to extend the area to the southern and northern corporation lines of the City; seconded by Mr. Holinga.

Ms. Anderson asked what the rationale is for further expansion, what impact this would have on funding, and which additional businesses would be affected. Mr. Berry said if this is about our gateway, then all of Broadway is our gateway. He said eventually, Broadway on the south will become more of a gateway than the north end. Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that the expansion areas are in the \$5,000.00 match area. Only the Historic Town Center is in the \$10,000.00 match area. Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that there is currently an \$88,000.00 fund balance. He said there are ebbs and flows with this program, and they never really know where they stand, as there are several projects in the pipeline. He said the extension to the south would really only involve the west side of Broadway, as the east side has entrances into residential.

Mr. Omar said Mr. Berry made a good point, but wondered whether it would be more financially feasible to expand more slowly. Mr. Berry said all the businesses on Broadway are equally important and need help, too. Mr. Holt said in retrospect, it should have been the entire length. If more money is needed, there are ways to evaluate that need.

There being no further questions, the vote was called on the amendment.

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

Mr. Sturm moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Anderson.

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

The Chair recognized Ms. Anderson, Chair of Parks, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-36-26 (Repeal Ordinance C-22-25, an ordinance to require no further investment of staff time or finance 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 first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 17, 2026.

The Chair recognized Mr. Holt, Chair of Admin./Rules, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-37-26 (Provide for the submission to the electors of the City of Grove City, Ohio, at the General Election to be held on November 03, 2026, the Initiative Amendments to the Grove City Charter to add a new Article titled Community Consent Amendment) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 17, 2026.

Ms. Jennifer Belt, Kingslet Ct., said she was asked why this amendment does not specifically mention data centers. She said this was deliberate. They noticed that other communities that governed against data centers have gotten sued for being exclusionary. She said this was written to establish lasting standards for any heavy industrial development that could fundamentally change Grove City and to insure that the people who live here have a say in what is built in their backyard.

The Chair asked that any new business brought before Council be presented at this time.

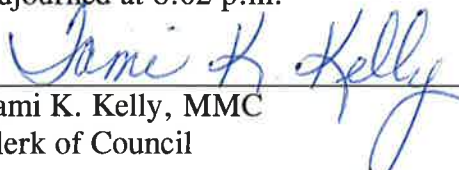
1. Patricia Spillman, Beatty Rd., said in July, 2023, Smart Citizens Data was denied 5 – 3. She feels that this was the time that the Council should have taken steps to install safeguards in place before the next data center came calling. Fast forward to today, when Headwaters came calling. She said Edge Data has asked her about selling some of her ground for a new data warehouse. Grid Growth Ventures also came calling. They are working with AEP to study and create a new, upgraded power system. She said her contract land service agent explained that she is the path of least resistance since they are so close to the power station. She believes the CCA is beneficial for her home.

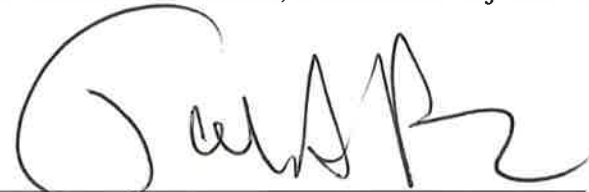
2. Ms. Lisa Ross, Blodwin Cir., voiced opposition to publically stating her address because it can lead to bullying. She asked that they reconsider this requirement. She clarified a point she made at the last meeting about money. She said lots of people have comments on social media and now she is coming to meetings to understand issues better. She thanked Mr. Hamons for the meeting on McDowell Road.

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

1. Mayor Stage announced an event for the Purple Heart Memorial. He said Alumni Weekend went very well. He announced the Bourbon Festival on 8/8 in the Town Center.
2. Mr. Boso, City Admin., announced that the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority shared that Mayor Stage has been appointed to his 4th consecutive term to their Board. This appointment comes from the Franklin County Commissioners. He explained that this board oversees and owns the Columbus Convention Center, the Hilton Downtown, Nationwide Arena and six parking facilities. They oversee \$1.1 billion in public obligations.
3. Mr. Teaforde said they get complaints daily about e-scooters and e-bikes. Currently, they are allowed on multi-use paths, with small exceptions. He said they are looking into introducing legislation to regulate these to make them safer for residents. He said they have done a lot from an educational standpoint to get the word out. Mr. Holinga asked if there is a speed limit. Mr. Teaforde said there is a manufacturer speed limit, but he has been told that the governor can be altered on them. Mr. Omar asked if the Flock cameras could be used to monitor these. Mr. Teaforde said that is not what they are intended for. He believes there are other measures that can be taken to address electric scooter/bike safety issues. Mr. Sturm asked if someone could get a ticket for going too fast on these devices. Mr. Teaforde said it would be difficult. Class 2 can go 20 mph and Class 3 can go 28 mph. He said other communities are holding parents responsible for their children's reckless driving. He said they are really trying to educate users on traffic laws.
4. After other closing comments from Council and Administrative staff, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


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President of Council

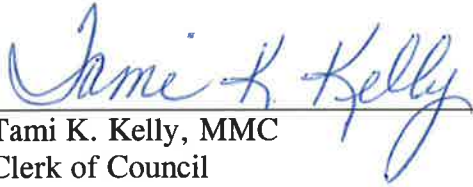
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COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

August 03, 2026

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.



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