CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

November 02, 2009 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 8:00 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:

Larry Corbin *Maria Klemack-McGraw* *Ted Berry* *Mike Uhrin* *Greg Grinch*

1. President Berry recognized members from TORKS (The Ohio Radio Kontrol Society) for a presentation. Mr. Terry Nitch, President, presented a check for $1,000.00 to the Parks to Recreation Department. He said they are proud to be part of the Grove City community and have their air field in the area. He also provided Council with a copy of their program.

2. Mr. Corbin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Grinch.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

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

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

1. Ordinance C-85-09 (Appropriate $25,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Designing a Multi-Season Shelter in Fryer Park) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., was present to answer any questions. Mr. Corbin asked when they anticipate having this finished. Ms. Conrad said by the end of next year. Mr. Honsey noted that the Rotary Club has donated $10,000.00 a year for the next five years toward this project. He said it is a three-season shelter that anticipates seating 200 people. Ms. Conrad noted that the Fraternal Order of Eagles has also pledged $25,000.00 per year for the next four years for this project. Mr. Uhrin asked if she was going to check into how much it would cost to turn this into a 4-season shelter. Ms. Conrad said yes.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

2. Ordinance C-86-09 (Appropriate $20,710.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Engineering of an Herbal Grove at Gantz Park) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage asked that Council encourage the Visitor's & Convention Bureau to include financial assistance in their policy. He said a letter was sent in April and another about a month ago asking for support, but no response has been received.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

Mr. Berry moved to Encourage the G.C. Area Visitor's & Convention Bureau to include this project in their plans; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Mrs. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-87-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with AT&T for Telecommunication Services) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey, City Admin., explained that this is a new three (3) year agreement and negotiates down our current costs from $4,800.00 per month to just under $3,000.00 per month, for all our telecommunications services for all our facilities. He complimented Mr. Hurley on the negotiations.

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

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes

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

. Ordinance C-46-09 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Automotive Repair Services for True2Form Collision Repair Centers, LLC located at 3965 Brookham Drive) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rob Meyer, attorney for Petitioner, along with the architect and the petitioner, were present to answer any questions. He explained that they will be taking over an existing structure and upgrading it. He agreed to the stipulations of Planning Commission. They showed a site plan and explained the improvements they plan to make.

Mayor Stage asked how they would adhere to Stipulation #2. Mr. Meyer said the petitioner is the largest collision repair business in Central Ohio and this is not an issue for them. When a vehicle is a total loss, it takes up valuable space. They actually charges insurance companies a storage fee for total loss vehicles, so they don't mount up and this has not proven to be an issue for the business.

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

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

2. Ordinance C-88-09 (Approve the Plat of Meadow Grove South, Section 8) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 16, 2009.

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

Mr. Sam Clark thanked Council and the Administration for everything they have done for Issue 47. He said they have gone about and beyond and thanked them personally for their support.

2. Mr. Dick Rutherford asked about an expenditure that Council authorized to educate the citizens about the school levy. He asked if the appropriation made in June or July applies to today's levy. He said he didn't approve of it then and doesn't approve of this City expenditure now. He made it clear that he is, however, in favor of the School Levy. Mayor Stage said Council did not appropriate any funds last June or July for the Levy campaign. The money used came from the Community Development Fund, which is to be used for items such as fireworks, parades and other activities. These monies do not come from the residents. He clarified, as did Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, that Council appropriates a certain amount of money into the Community Development Fund for use throughout the whole year. The Director of Law has advised that it is within the City's authority to educate our public. Mr. Rutherford asked for a copy.

3. Mr. Terry Jones, commented that he has a copy of the donations given to the levy campaign. He noticed personal contributions from several council members, but none from the Mayor. However, the Mayor has been pretty free to give CIC funds. He then stated that the Mayor said there were two businesses who refused to move here because of the levy failure, but upon a public records request of written proof of these businesses and their decision, he received a reply that none exist. He asked how that could be. Mayor Stage said that people come to the Development Dept. and the Mayor with the confidence that conversations will be kept confidential until they are ready to release it. He said that policy will not change. He clarified that his statement about those businesses was that those businesses were contemplating moving here and were concerned with the outcome of the levy. It was not the only consideration.

4. Mr. Dan "Boots" Longenette thanked Council for allowing him to speak a couple of weeks ago and for their support for the radio Show about the levy. He said it was a great success. There was a lot of

good information provided. He said we are a community that needs to come together and support our District. He said if it does pass, we need to police the upcoming School Board and make sure we know what is happening. He said he hoped they represented the area well.

Ms. Anita Van Order, voiced concern and asked for accountability from our elected officials. She said our community is at odds with each other and she believes the Mayor continues to add to this problem by not taking into consideration his role as Mayor for all the citizens of Grove City. She said he continues to support the utilizing spending of City & CIC money for the Levy. She questioned his motives and suggested a conflict of interest and misappropriation of funds. She referenced tax abatements and believes they are bleeding the tax base. She said she would submit her requests for information in writing.

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and President Berry moved to accept same; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

In closing, he showed the insert from the Columbus Monthly about Grove City. He said there are copies available at City Hall. It was paid for by Community Development Funds to educate the public. He noted the dedication last week of the Ernie Plank "Field of Dreams". He said Mr. and Mrs. Van Order have been in City Hall numerous times and have shared all the records that we can accumulate over the history of the CIC. He has asked the City Attorney to draft another adjunct piece that clearly outlines the functionality. It was not the Mayor who allocated the money. It was the Community Improvement Corporation Board. He said he also asked the City Attorney to go back and review the process of being able to educate our community about issues. He said very clearly, we are a Home Rule city and we have the ability and obligation to do this. It was done with integrity and we have the best city around. It will continue to be that way.

2. Ms. Conrad submitted her Monthly Report on upcoming Events. She then showed some pictures of some of the improvements to Windsor Park.

3. Council voiced support for the Levy and encouraged all citizens to vote tomorrow.

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

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

Marie C. Klemack-McGraw

Ted A. Berry
President

acting Chair