

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 26, 2020

Special Committees Meeting

The Special meeting of the Council Committees was called to order by President Houk at 6:30 p.m. in the Virtual Webex meeting, per the Governor's Emergency Order.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke Aaron Schlabach Christine Houk Randy Holt Ted Berry

1. President Houk welcomed everyone and reviewed the Agenda.

The Chair recognized Mr. Schlabach, Chairman of Safety, for discussion under said Committee.

1. Mr. Schlabach explained that he had a meeting with Mr. Vedra, Dir. of Safety, and Ms. Uhrin, Mayor's Asst., to understand how Street Vendor applications are administered currently. He provided a replacement ordinance for consideration based on those discussions.

Mr. Andy Furr, Dir. of Town Center, Inc., expressed his concerns and desire to have this Chapter changed. He would like to see the 500' rule changed and have a different distance for the Town Center versus the rest of the City. He wondered if the permit fee could be fashioned after the garage sale permit and be put on-line. He also discussed the language concerning felonies. He said he would hate to see someone who had a felony 20 years ago be denied when they have straightened their life out.

Ms. Houk asked what the original intent was when this Chapter was adopted and if we are living up to those expectations or falling short. She said she would be curious to know what the permitting is in other communities. She said she wants to make this an easy environment for Food Trucks wanting to come to Grove City. Mr. Vedra, Dir. of Safety, said the genesis of the legislation was to make sure we were protecting brick and mortar. He said at the time, Columbus was instituting a complicated process of bidding out spaces for Food Trucks. He said we were trying to manage them and not impact the City negatively with them being on every corner. It was a way to usher Food Trucks in slowly to protect brick and mortar. He said that is why they came up with the 500' rule. He said they looked at mapping and felt it was an appropriate distance. He said 50' is not an easy measurement geospatially. He said over 905% of the applications have no issue with the current system. He said they would be happy to work out some type of on-line application system. Mr. Boso, City Admin., asked Mr. Vedra to explain the difference between a single user versus a special event. Mr. Vedra said when a special event is applied for, the food truck ordinance is waived. He also noted that our Code stipulates "moral turpitude" which is specific to certain felony convictions – murder, sex offences, etc. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, confirmed that the Ohio Revised Code has a definition for moral turpitude that is fairly narrow, as Mr. Vedra noted.

Mr. Schottke asked if there could be a food truck in a neighborhood. Mr. Vedra said not unless there was a special event or block party permit approved.

Mr. Chuck Boso, City Admin., suggested considering a change to #9 to say the distance could be waived rather than reduced. Mr. Schlabach said he thought that might be more clear language.

The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, Chairman of Service, for discussion under said Committee.

1. Mr. Berry recognized Mr. Pat Kelley, developer of the Beulah subdivision, who provided an update of his project and specifically what has been done for the park. He said he believes they have almost completed all their obligations and is hoping that the City will begin their portion sooner rather than later. He said they have created synergy with this project and one of the key components is the Park and the walkability to the Town Center. He said the park has been deeded to the City and he would be happy to do what he can to secure the Southwest Performing Arts be part of the park.

Council reviewed the Master Concept Plan for the Beulah Park and provided feedback. The estimates for the city listed items were reviewed. Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., explained that the estimates were for city work only. While Mr. Kelley has done some grading, final grading still needs to be done.

Mr. Berry said grading, tree plantings, sod, all need to be happening now.

Ms. Houk stated that she believes we still only have a concept and there is no money to pay for the park right now. She said we would have to take something off the list to do grading or find dollars elsewhere. She said Pinnacle Park has already been funded and people have been waiting for that to get started. She feels the majority of the park should be done when the projects starts bringing in money.

Mr. Schottke said he believes we have made a substantial commitment to this project and we need to make it look like a park. It needs to be more than just ground covered with weeds.

Council discussed the need to prioritize the issues for the Beulah Park and a find a revenue stream.

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

1. Resolution CR-43-20 (Expand the Small Business Working Capital Grant Program) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage thanked Council for considering this at the Special Meeting because of the time sensitivity. He said the have received about \$87,000.00 worth of requests and they would like to add an additional \$100,000.00 to get ahead of the need.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Schlabach	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Holt	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Council discussed the monies received under the CARES Act and a variety of uses for what is remaining.

Mr. Holt noted that there is a quote on the table for HVAC upgrades for \$200,000.00.

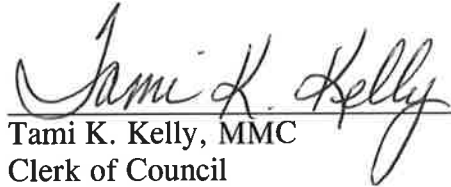
Mayor Stage stated that he met with the YMCA yesterday and they may be submitting a request for assistance. He has also reached out to the following groups to see if they need assistance: Food Bank, Little Theater Off Broadway, G.C. Library, Jackson Township.

Council suggested: checking with senior facilities; adult day care facilities; domestic violence shelters/centers; provide free COVID Tests for residents.

The Chair called for Closing Comments.

1. After closing comments, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Christine Houk
President of Council