CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 15, 2018 Regular Meeting

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

Roll was called and the following members were present:

Roby Schottke *Christine Houk* *Steve Robinette* *Jeff Davis* *Ted Berry*

1. Ms. Houk moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.
Mr. Davis moved to add Resolution CR-56-18 to the agenda under Finance; seconded by Ms. Houk.

Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-53-18 (Amend Section 903.21 of the Codified Ordinances titled Park – Solicitations) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this is in response to some new Supreme Court decisions concerning begging. He said the ACLU has been sending municipalities letters if they believe there may be a violation in their Code. Grove City received such a letter and the ACLU is correct. In our Parks section, we cannot restrict begging and this will remove just that restriction.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

2. Ordinance C-54-18 (Approve the Rezoning of 4242 Hoover Road from R-2 to PUD-C) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/19/18.

3. Ordinance C-55-18 (Approve a PUD-R Zoning Classification for 68.54+ acres located South of Orders Road and East & West of Haughn Road upon its Annexation to the City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/19/18.

4. Resolution CR-53-18 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Hall House Porch Extension and Fence located at 3315 Columbus Street in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Kyle Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that they have been working with the owners on the porch extension, which will match the homes materials and roof pitch. They also agreed to a fence at a height of 48 inches instead of 42 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were present. Mr. Schottke asked why they want a 48" high fence. Mr. Hall said they want to match the fence height of their neighbor's fence.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

5. Resolution CR-54-18 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a Chain Link Fence located at 3123 Park Street in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and at the written request of the petitioner, Mr. Schottke moved it be withdrawn; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

6. Resolution CR-55-18 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a Projection Sign located at 3443 Park Street located in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rauch stated that the Code allows for a four (4) square ft. sign. This is a 22.5 sq. ft. sign. He said the Zoning Text refers back the Code for signage. He said Staff felt the sign was acceptable due to the size of the building. Planning Commission recommended approval with two stipulations.

Ms. Houk asked about stipulation #2. Mr. Rauch said many Property Management companies will have rules for the apartment complex prohibiting signage in windows or requiring uniformity for all windows of the structure. He said this is an on-going issue that needs addressed, since it is a prominent building in the Town Center and desire to have uniformity. Ms. Houk asked if it is appropriate to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for this sign since the Zoning Text states the signage is to follow the Sign Code. She asked how we would follow the progression and not get in a pickle later. Mr. Rauch said this was not the best process, but there is a two-step review of all submittals. They look at legislation and all prior approvals.

Mr. Stephen Stiglits & Michael Weiss, representing the petitioner, were present to answer any questions. Mr. Schottke asked why this is going to be externally lit sign rather than internally. Mr. Stiglits said staff recommended that it be externally lit with gooseneck fixtures, in order to match the rest of the signage in the Town Center. He said they originally asked for internal lighting but went with Staff's recommendation. He said the project lacks any monument signage that they believe they need. Mr. Schottke confirmed that there would be no sign on the Grove City Road side. Mr. Stiglits said that was correct. They have placed it over the Leasing Office.

Mr. Berry asked if they preferred the sign to be internally lit or as it shows now. Mr. Stiglits said they did prefer internal lighting but have agreed to Staff's recommendation. Mr. Berry said the sign runs down and is hard to read. He asked why it is designed this way. Mr. Stiglits said it is more helpful for drive by traffic to see the projection sign. Mr. Berry said he feels the illumination on a projection sign is hard to see and works better when the sign is on a flat surface. Mr. Robinette said it often comes down to aesthetics and preference. He said he likes how this sign ties into the Town Center. Many questions over lighting of the sign were discussed. The Code states signage should be of the Era. Mr. Schottke suggested postponing this item. Mr. Weiss said they would rather have this sign approved tonight and deal with the lighting later.

Mr. Berry moved to amend Section 1 of the Resolution to include the following stipulation: *the projection sign may be internally lit*; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	No
Mr. Robinette	No
Mr. Davis	No
Mr. Berry	Yes

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

Ms. Houk	No
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-56-18 (Approve the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Program and Appropriate $25,000.00 from the General Fund for same) was given its first reading.

Mr. G. Bradley Chadwell, AEP, was present and shared some information about Electric Vehicles. Council asked a few follow-up questions. Mr. Davis said it seems to him that there would be many grants available to pay for these charging stations. Mr. Chadwell said AEP has a rebate program for residential charging. It does not cover to entire cost. Other grants tend to be for commercial application.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, stated that Mr. Berry asked him to check with the Ethics Commission to make sure there were no violations with Mr. Berry introducing this legislation, or voting on it since he works for Byers Chevrolet and owns an electric car. The Ethics Commission said there would be no violations and if any elected official wanted to apply for this grant, they could.

Mayor Stage stated that with the expertise of AEP and Smart City, he would like to have this ordinance come back some time in December, so AEP could give the City a Model of the grants and resources that can help the City foster this program. Mr. Chadwell said he could work on something for the Mayor & Council.

Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/03/18.

2. Ordinance C-57-18 (Appropriate $50,000.00 from the Convention Bureau Fund for Current Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/05/18.

3. Ordinance C-58-18 (Appropriate $20,000.00 from the Scioto Township Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Fund for the Current Expense of making payments in accordance with the JEDD Contract) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/05/18.

4. Ordinance C-59-18 (Reduce the Appropriation Amount in the Recreation Development Fund) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/05/18.

5. Resolution CR-56-18 (Approve an Extension of the 2016 and 2017 Financial Audits from Grove City Town Center, Inc.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Davis said there is a desire on the pat of Grove City Town Center Inc. to do exactly what was asked and get this complete. They are requesting one more extension.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes

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

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

1. Mayor Stage announced a meeting to review of the RFP's for the old library site will be Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.. He said they are trying to get someone from ODOT to give us an update on I-71, as there is a need to close the Stringtown Road, Southbound ramps for a number of days. Condolences were expressed for the passing of Larry Corbin and Mr. Monsman. He said a tree will be planted for Larry at Fryer Park.

2. Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, reported on two Liquor Permitted requests, which the Safety Dept. has no objection to. Council agreed to not request a hearing on these requests.

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

Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

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President

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

October 15, 2018

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Mayor Stage passed out Capital Improvements for 2019.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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Clerk of Council

Steven R. Robinette
Chair