

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2019

Regular Meeting

The Special meeting of Council was called to order by President Robinette at 8:05 a.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

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

1. Ms. Houk moved to excuse Mr. Davis; seconded by Mr. Robinette.

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

The Chair recognized Ms. Houk, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Council reviewed the 2019 list of Goals and Objectives. Comments were made on those that have not been completed yet.

Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., stated that the *2050 Monitoring Committee* has been appointed. He explained that the process has been outlined and shared a copy. This will be a five year committee, as the 2050 Plan will undergo a full review after that time. It was noted that the 2050 Plan is being used and referenced at many levels within the City operations. Council asked when the Committee will meet. Mr. Rauch said they will begin next week trying to get a meeting set up for this committee.

The *Study for a Convention Venue* will be moved to 2020 goals, as the Convention & Visitors Bureau will be conducting a study next year.

Mr. Rauch reported that *the Town Center Framework* is underway. They held a public meeting a few weeks ago and staff is compiling and evaluating the data from that meeting. He said they would share that data as soon as the report is final.

Ms. Houk said the *Sidewalk Program* for this year finished the identified area. She asked if there was a plan for 2020. Mr. Robinette said he feels the worst sidewalks should be identified and then work from that list. Mayor Stage said this is an ongoing program that takes the worst sidewalks that are 1 – closest to schools; 2 – close to senior housing and identifies them for replacement. Mr. Schottke said there was to be a review of the sidewalks along Broadway and asked if that had been completed. Mr. Berry said Ms. Fitzpatrick is working on that and EMH&T is looking at a bike path down Broadway.

Ms. Houk said the *Financial Review Committee* is underway and there should be a report sometime in February. Mayor Stage asked if anything has bubbled up that should be considered for the 2020 budget. Ms. Christine Temple, member of the Financial Review Task Force and on the Capital

Improvements Subcommittee said there are five priorities being discussed now. She shared the list of: green initiatives; community center study; rerouting of semi-trucks from Town Center; continued maintenance of roadways/infrastructure; development of 665/62 corridor – which is in no particular order. Mayor Stage noted that they have had several meetings with the YMCA about a partnership for a community center; they are looking at a couple of corridors (Orders & SR665 and Hoover & Zuber) to see if they can be used better for truck traffic, alleviating Broadway of some of that traffic.

As for the *Opioid Action Plan*, Ms. Houk passed out a DRAFT resolution that recommends the formation of a Community Drug Coalition and a Recovery Court Committee. She explained this idea. Mayor Stage said this should be worked on jointly, as it reached far beyond the boundaries of Grove City. He said they have a non-formal plan, but it needs jointly developed so it includes all areas. Ms. Houk said she knows conversations are going on and asked that everyone review the Draft and give her feedback.

Mr. Berry reported that the *Sustainability* Committee is underway. This will be a long term Committee. They had a roundtable public meeting and are working with OSU students to develop a plan. They will do a full scale survey soon.

Mr. Berry reported on *The Little Theater Off Broadway*. He said a couple of meetings have occurred. With the amphitheater at Beulah, there may be some opportunity to create a partnership with them there. He said he is waiting for the budget before re-engaging them.

Senior Services/Transportation – Mr. Vedra, Dir. of Safety said they are taking a look at how to more efficiently schedule transports for our Senior's. They are also looking at COTA Plus as an option to increase available transports. The busses are also being reviewed for replacement or purchase of a new bus. Mr. Schottke asked for a rider history. Mr. Vedra said he would get that to Council.

Medical Marijuana Policy – Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said they have looked at the employee drug policy with our Labor lawyers and have not changed it. The hiring and employee process will remain the same, for now.

Zoning Code – Mr. Rauch said they are making progress. They are working on Title II and have developed a web app. so property owners can look up their property and see any change suggested. Title III includes the Sign Code and they have asked the Chamber of Commerce to provide feedback on that Section.

Concierge Program – Mr. Rauch said this is almost complete. That effort should be wrapping up shortly. Mr. Robinette asked what it will look like. Mr. Rauch said it will consist of a pamphlet or flyer and be a resource guide.

2. Council reviewed the latest Space Study of City Buildings. Ms. Houk asked if this will have any impact on the upcoming budget. Mr. Boso, City Administrator, said this Study focused on City Hall, the Safety Building, the Senior Center and the Kingston Center. The Service complex was studied earlier in the year and discussed with Council. A suggestion to relocate the entire complex was offered, with a cost of \$6 million. With all the other needs of the community, the decision was made to not pursue relocation at this time. He said most of the items for City Hall are cosmetic. There will not be any large expenditure in the budget for this item. The Senior Center needs more space and it was suggested that about \$1 million be spent there. He said they will not be pursuing those suggestions, with Brookpark Middle School coming on-line. They will be making some adjustments to the floor plan to provide better spacing. He said the Kingston Center

has a new roof and the School District has committed to 75,000.00 toward the boiler improvements. That is under contract and will be done in the Spring. He said they want to make Kingston Center friendlier to the constituents and make the interior more inviting. As for the Safety Complex, it too needs some cosmetic upgrades. Mr. Hurley explained the changes to the Communications area that has been complete. Pictures were shared of all the buildings. Mr. Boso said there will be some monies in the budget to perform some of the cosmetic items and the major initiative will be the first step for the Service Dept. and restrooms/lobby for Senior Center. Mr. Robinette asked what the total cost would be for the Service Complex at its current location. Mr. Boso said it would be a phased in project and may be \$3 million over time. He said they function well in that space and in serving the community. He said they try to allocate their resources for the good of the community first, outside the work area.

Mr. Schottke asked what the cost of an addition would be for the Senior Center. Mr. Boso said the estimate was \$490,000.00. Mr. Schottke asked if it was feasible to move the Senior Center over to Brookpark. Mr. Boso said that building is 60 years old, but everything will be reviewed. He said ideally, senior activities would be incorporated with a recreation center so they are not isolated.

Ms. Houk said there is still significant pricing for the Service Complex. She asked if the investment and site improvements at Ventura Blvd. are responsible, given that the study is only a 1 - 5 year projection and the growth of the city. Mayor Stage said that complex is still expandable. He said we have been able to use that facility over the last 60 years and the community has quadrupled. He said it is time to take the next step and it should be able to accommodate the City for the next 20 years. Mr. Boso said our growth is governed by the water/sewer contracts with Columbus and we really don't have a lot of areas to expand. He said they are looking at some satellite spaces for salt sheds, etc. to be more efficient. Mr. Berry asked if we would be better served to look at some land East of I-71 to put a plow, police car, etc. Mr. Boso said yes, there are existing properties they can look at to do this.

3. Council looked at a list of ideas/thoughts for 2020 goals and objectives. Ms. Houk said as they go down the list, the discussion will combine agenda items three and four.

Ms. Houk said she would like to see the Grant Program be a little more formal for those asking for dollars for projects paid for by the Community Development Fund. For example, a grant application showing what the dollars would be used for with a separate committee reviewing and approving them.

Mr. Robinette said he would like to see wildflowers planted along I-71 to distract the view of the Landfill.

All members shared ideas for the Parade of Homes and sprucing up the Broadway corridor. Mayor Stage said they are talking to Urbancrest to get their portion included.

Mr. Robinette said he would like to see a multi-year plan for use of the gas tax funds. Mayor Stage said the gas tax is meant to be used for roadways. Our roadway maintenance is review each year. It is not something you can create a five-year plan with.

Discussion took place over the Bridge over I-71. Mr. Rauch said many items need to be coordinated with Ohio Department of Transportation. They are looking for grants to offset the funding of this project. They estimate that it will cost \$50,000.00 to do the next step with ODOT.

Mr. Robinette said he would like to have a conversation about option to relocating the electric lines down Broadway. Mr. Schottke said once Columbus Street is complete, it may be a good time to look at this idea and how much bonding capacity is available.

Mr. Berry said he feels the most important project for 2020 is the bridge over I-71. He said we can't afford to do all the things we want without bringing in more funding and the bridge will open up an area for additional tax base.

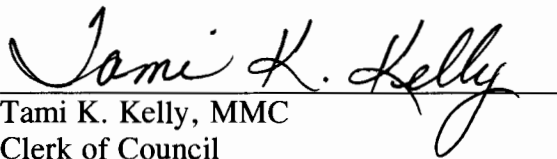
Ms. Houk said organically, we can see what the priorities are for 2020 and what pieces are more about a vision for the future. When the budget comes out, there is a bit of an overview of the goals and objectives for 2020.

Mayor Stage provided the following list of goals for 2020:

- Parade of Homes
- Census 2020
- Beulah Amphitheater
- Town Center Framework
- Three infill projects:
 - Stringtown & I-71
 - K-Mart
 - 5/3rd Band & Schoedinger on Broadway
- Corridor Strategies:
 - SR 665/62
 - Hoover/Zuber
- Platinum Status for Sustainability/Green City
- YMCA Cooperative Agreement for Community Center

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

Council adjourned at 9:55 a.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Steven R. Robinette
Chair