

**CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES**

October 07, 2019

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. The Chair recognized Ms. Amanda Davis, Visit Grove City Area Director, who invited everyone to attend their Annual Adventure meeting on 10/10/19 at 5:30 at Mid Ohio Food Bank on Brookham Drive.
3. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-40-19 (Approve the Rezoning of 1260, 1270 & 1280 Stringtown Road from SF-1 (residential) to C-2 (retail commercial) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schottke confirmed that there had been no public comments or questions submitted.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-43-19 (Accept the Annexation of 0.905 acres located North of Big Run Road and East of Demorest Rd.) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Kacie Waugh, attorney for petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-44-19 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Drive-Thru for Taco Bell located at 3340 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jack Reynolds, attorney for petitioner, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Schottke confirmed acceptance of the one stipulation for this permit.

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

President Robinette took a motion to approve the Minutes.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-46-19 (Enact Chapter 376 of the Codified Ordinances of Grove City Ohio titled "Operation Restricted for Low-Speed and Under-Speed Vehicles") was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Davis explained that this is for, by and large, golf carts. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that we are seeing more and more golf carts and low speed vehicles on the bike paths and on the roads. He said these vehicles are not permitted on the bike paths and most of them are not authorized on the public streets. The State has given municipalities the authority to enact regulations to make sure they are on appropriate streets, have safety features and are inspected. Mr. Davis said he believes some of the requirements are overkill. On the other hand, he doesn't believe golf carts are meant to be on public streets. He wondered if this could not be simplified to limit carts to be on roads 25 mph and lower. Mr. Smith said many of the golf carts are being used to travel to places outside their subdivision, which would require them to go on a street that is higher than 25 mph. He said Council has the ability to prohibit them everywhere, if desired, but this assures that the golf carts in the community are safe for the occupants and the general public on the road. Mr. Davis said he was behind a golf cart on Hoover Road that had traffic back up for a long stretch. Mr. Smith said there was a longer list of streets but after discussing it with the Safety Division, they agreed upon the few in the ordinance. He said bicycles are permitted on any road and municipalities are not permitted to regulate them.

Mr. Robinette asked if this could be postponed and worked on. Mr. Smith said there are people currently on the streets that should not be.

Mr. Schottke said there is a golf course community in the City that needs to be considered. This area is a bit different than the rest of the community. He said he is a bit conflicted on this ordinance.

Mr. Smith said Pinnacle is designed for golfers and golf carts but not for pedestrians, bikes, cars, etc. He said you don't have to worry about a conflict on the golf course with carts as you would in the rest of the community.

Mr. Berry said he agreed to limiting the low speed vehicles to streets 25 mph and lower. He said he understands the difference with the Pinnacle subdivision, but doesn't want to allow carts on bike paths. Mr. Smith said restricting the use to a road 25 mph and under may restrict the use too far, since they are being used to go to a park, the store, etc. He said they grappled with limiting these carts when a bicycle can be on any road. Mr. Davis said if disrupting traffic is not an issue, then this is fine. He thinks there is a big difference between a bike and a golf cart.

Ms. Houk said one of the sticking points was seeing the carts on the bike paths. If you limit the roadway usage, and they are not permitted on the bike paths, it may make the problem worse.

Mr. Davis questioned the eight (8) requirements. Mr. Schottke suggested including motorized scooters before they get to the City. Discussion continued as to whether this should be postponed or not.

Mr. Robinette moved to postpone this ordinance to 10/21/19; seconded by Mr. Berry.

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

2. Ordinance C-47-19 (Amend Section 1131.03 of the Codified Ordinances of Grove City Ohio to Define "Stockade or Palisade Fence") was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that there was a discussion many weeks ago where stockade fence was used in a Text and had no definition for it. This is a definition for Council to consider.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-54-19 (Amend Various Sections of Chapter 143 of the Codified Ordinances titled Historical Commission) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 10/21/19.
2. Resolution CR-45-19 (Amend Exhibit "A" of Resolution CR-37-19 to incorporate the Skilled Labor Award Criteria) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Berry explained that during the 2019 Goals and Objectives meeting, Council discussed how to address the deficit of skilled tradesmen. He said residents and developers are having a hard time finding skilled labor, which is driving the cost of projects up. He said there has been much discussion on how to integrate an award for Skilled Trades into the Higher Education Investment Program. He explained the requirements and qualifying uses for this program.

Mayor Stage commented that the State of Ohio is launching "Tec Cred", which is the same concept for technology jobs. He said this also dovetails into the Workforce Development 2050 Team, which the City is developing with Columbus State, SWCS, and GCAChamber partnerships. He said we are doing a lot of the right things and are on the front end of the efforts.

Mr. Davis said typically he is skeptical of putting City money into these types of things. However, if this invigorates the interest and a passion for the Trades, then he is all for it. He said we have probably done a disservice to children over the past generation by making them think they need to go to college when there are viable work opportunities.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-48-19 (Appropriate \$20,000.00 from the Rockford Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the Current Expense of Borror Road Improvements) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk explained that this is a payment due to Rockford under the TIF agreement. She mentioned that Mr. Turner said to expect another \$60,000.00 in the 2020 budget for Borror Road improvements.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-49-19 (Enact Section 139.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Grove City titled Schedule of Fees) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk explained that this new Section will provide for an annual review of the various Fees for City services by the City Administrator and Dir. of Finance. It will be approved by Council as part of the Budget and be on file with the Departments of Finance and Clerk for Clerk of Council.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-50-19 (Authorize the City Administrator to Exercise the Option set forth in Section II (D) of the Development Agreement approved by Ordinance C-23-19 to Purchase Property within the Beulah Park Area for a New School site and Authorizing a Note of the City to finance the acquisition of such Real Property Interests and other documents related thereto) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage spoke on this and the following four (4) ordinances, as they are all related. He said this is an historic event. This is similar to Central Crossing High School, as it was not going to be in Grove City originally. He said they City has been working with the School District for two years to keep Brookpark Middle School inside the city limits. He said the School District needed 18 acres for the new school. He said through a lot of effort, that acreage has been assembled. An agreement with the School District has been reached, which includes the City's use of the existing Brookpark Middle School building and property. SWCS has already approved the agreement. He said keeping the school in the city limits secures the 2.0% income tax coming to the City. It also is a benefit to school employees, as the income tax in Columbus is 2.5%. The construction of the school will generate about \$300,000.00 in income tax and it is a springboard for the improvement of Demorest Road. He said a school in this area will provide points in obtaining future grants and it opens up the school property on Holt road to build a new Pleasantview Middle School. He said the appraisals on the properties substantiate the purchase prices. He said while it took some time, the short of it is, the city is purchasing 18+ acres and assigning it to SWCS and the City will be able to use the existing Brookpark school property - with certain advantages given to us as a partner. He thanked everyone involved and offered to answer any additional questions of Council. *Mr. Robinette* asked if there is a value for Brookpark. Mayor Stage said a value could be placed on it, but placing a monetary value on it doesn't show the value of its location next to the City's swimming pool. He said we now have a complex with the pool, baseball diamond, football field and a 90,000 sq. ft. building. *Mr. Schottke* commented that he is excited for the community aspect, as students will still be able to walk to school in this location.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-51-19 (Authorize the Purchase of Property within the Beulah Park Area for a New School Site; Appropriate \$100,000.00 from the General Fund for said purchase and related expenses; and Authorizing a Note of the City to Finance the Acquisition of such Real Property Interests and other documents related thereto) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk explained the five sites being purchased with this ordinance.

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

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

5. Ordinance C-52-19 (Authorize the Purchase of Properties within the Beulah Park Area for a New School Site and Appropriate \$406,000.00 from the General Fund for said Purchase and related expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk explained that this is for the purchase of portions of three properties.

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

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

6. Ordinance C-53-19 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the South-Western City School District for the Development of a New School Site in the City and for Use of the Brookpark Middle School Site) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Houk explained that the School District has already approved this Agreement. She said it is a 10 year lease agreement. The City will be responsible for the maintenance of the existing school property. She commented that she believes the City will be able to recoup its investment quickly on this project.

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

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

7. Resolution CR-46-19 (Authorizing the Use of Public Funds for the planting of Trees on Private Property; Declaring it to be a Public Purpose; and Authorizing the City Administrator to enter into Agreements with Private Owners to maintain such trees) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage stated that this is somewhat of an experiment. He said he grew up walking up and down Broadway and seeing the big trees. He said a tree with a six foot circumference got cut down today. He said it is time to revisit the trees along our main corridor. He said this would put a shade tree on private property, with the property owner taking care of the tree. He said they would like to test this and see how it works. *Mr. Berry* said aside from the beautification aspect, there are a number of benefits for having enough trees in the city.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Ms. Houk	Yes
Mr. Robinette	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 submitted the Mayor's Court Report and Mr. Schottke moved it be accepted; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

The Mayor congratulated Ms. Fitzpatrick, Dir. of Service, and Officer Schmidt on the birth of their children. He reported on Harvest Day; October Fest; the CIC meeting, where they approved a grant to Cultivate for the funding of a "How to Start a Business" program; a presentation by Complete Count Census committee; and the upcoming meeting of the Sustainability Committee.

2. Ms. Houk announced a Special Meeting of Council for 10/12/19 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the upcoming 2020 Budget and Council Goals and Objectives.
3. Mr. Schottke stated that the newspapers are being thrown all over his neighborhood again and asked the rest of Council to check their Wards. He said we have an ordinance for this now and it needs to be addressed. Mr. Smith stated that the contact with the Dispatch has left and he and Mr. Vedra are working to address the situation and enforce the new ordinance.
4. President Robinette moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending court action; seconded by Ms. Houk.

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

5. President Robinette moved to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Berry.

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

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

Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Steven R. Robinette
Chair

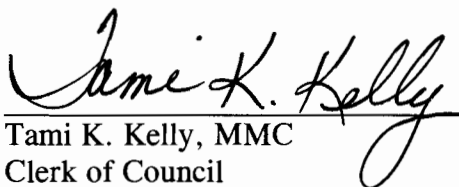
CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

October 07, 2019

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.


Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council


Steven R. Robinette
Chair