CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

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

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, roll was called and the following members were present:

Laura Lanese *Roby Schottke* *Jeff Davis* *Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Davis moved to excuse Mr. Bennett; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Mr. Davis moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous regular and special budget meetings and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

3. President Schottke recognized Mayor Stage for a presentation. Members of the Little League Board presented the City with a check for $103,303.33 and a check for $25,000.00 for the Buddy Ball program and Dream Field. The Mayor expressed great gratitude for their five (5) years of service and their vision in making it all happen.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-103-16 (Appropriate $7,500.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage explained that this is from the Golf Outing. There will be a luncheon this week at the Evans Senior Center and a check will be presented to Meals-On-Wheels at that time.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Ordinance C-105-16 (Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the twelve months ending December 31, 2017) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Berry highlighted the amendments from the Budget meetings.

Ms. Lanese commented on the addition of a grant for a Train Station replica. She feels this will be a great attraction for the City. She said there has been a movement to get a train station out at Century Village for a long time and believes this will improve tourism to that location, as well as serving our residents with the preservation of our history.

Mayor Stage commented that the City puts its budget and finances under scrutiny. We are blessed to be able to fund items and have a balanced budget. He said when you add all funds together we have appropriated over $63 million. He commented that there is a responsibility to manage expectations. There are a number of projects being done at the Grant Homestead and Century Village. Mr. Ed. Merritt, Asst. Dir. of Parks & Rec., has been instrumental with the Historical developments. He is leaving to become the Parks & Rec. Dir. in Obetz, so that adds to the challenges but they will write up a Grant for the Train Station. He asked Council to approve this budget, as amended.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, commented on the statements made by Mr. Ferguson at the last budget meeting. He stated that there are inaccuracies in Mr. Ferguson's figures on costs, debt and security. He said the City produces a comprehensive annual financial report every year. Within that report, there are specific statements that fairly represent the financial position of each TIF in Grove City. He said Mr. Ferguson claimed that there is no transparency with regard to TIF's, yet just this summer, Mr. Davis held a special meeting on 8/8/16 that focused almost entirely on TIF's with each one discussed and details provided. In addition, there is a map of every TIF in the City on our website. He said TIF's are regulated by the State of Ohio and all TIF's in Grove City are based upon strong economic foundations. Each one has performed up to their expectations. He said he believes TIF's are the strongest economic tool we have and have been utilized to best benefit the residents of Grove City.

Mr. Davis commented that the Budget is one of the most important pieces of legislation Council passes. He said they expect everyone to defend their requests, including Developers. He said this year was a little different and he thanked each Dept. Head for defending their budgets. He said one of the best things a City can do are the basics. He complimented the Mayor, City Admin., and City Staff for all they do for a community of about 39,000.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Lanese, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-104-16 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement for Dispatching and Communication Services with Jackson Township) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained this is a renewal agreement. We have been providing this service since 1986. He said there is no increase in fees for the next three years.

Mayor Stage said a couple of Trustees have contacted him about wanting revenue sharing. He explained that we do reduction expense sharing. This contract is an example. He said in 2013, the Radio Contract covered 13% of the radio room's expenses. This contract will cover 11%. He said they are liberal with the way they expense things to the Township. Mr. Boso noted that the Township did approve this contact at their last meeting.

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

Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, in absence of Mr. Bennett, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Resolution CR-73-16 (Approve the Development Plan for Trivium Grove City Medical Office Building located west of North Meadows Drive and North of State Route 665) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tim Spencer, Developer, was present. Mr. Rauch, Dir. of Dev., explained that there is one tenant currently - that being the Veteran's Administration. The rest of the building will be leased for other businesses. Mr. Spencer noted that the Veterans Administration is more there doubling their current space. He said Central Ohio Urology will take space and they have many letters of intent.

Mr. Berry asked if they thought of adding another story. Mr. Spencer said yes, but, there were lending circumstances and competition with Mount Carmel and Ohio Health to consider.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

2. Resolution CR-74-16 (Approve the Development Plan for Columbus Jack/Regent Warehouse Facility located at the Northeast Intersection of Gantz Rd. and Southpark Pl.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rick White, representing petitioner, was present to answer any questions. The tenant will be Columbus Jack, who makes jack for airplanes. They did receive approval from the BZA for the center of the building to be higher than Code in order to be able to test the jacks.

Mr. Berry asked if the surrounding residents were notified. It was confirmed that notices for the request to the BZA were sent to contiguous property owners as required by law. Mr. Rauch noted that the development plan had extensive landscaping along Gantz Road and Southpark Place to shield the building. Mr. Boso, Chief Building Official, said notices are mailed to property owners and a legal notice is placed in the newspaper. In addition, there is a 21 day grace period before the variance is effective. Any aggrieved resident may file an appeal in that grace period, which would then go to Council for a final decision.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

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

1. Ms. Lanese submitted a letter of resignation, effective 1/2/17, due to being elected to the House of Representatives - District 23. She said she is leaving with a sad heart and has been blessed to represent her constituents. Mr. Davis moved to accept the letter of resignation, effective 1/2/17; seconded by Mr. Berry.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

President Schottke, Mayor Stage and the members of Council recognized Ms. Lanese for her service on City Council and presented her with a framed Resolution collage. All wished her well at the State House.

2. Mr. Berry announced that he and Ms. Lanese had a resolution put together concerning Senate Bill 331, which deals with, partially, Pet Stores and overrides municipal law. He said they did not ask for it to be added because the Governor signed it into law today. He read a portion of that resolution and expressed his disappointment over a company bullying a local Council and the State stepping on Home Rule. He hopes to see other charges that can combat this.

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

1. Mayor Stage reported on three of our businesses that were chosen as the best in Columbus in the CBUS magazine. He reflected on 2016 and said there was a lot accomplished. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wishes 2017 is just as blessed for the City.

2. Mr. Schottke announced that Council will accept resume's from interested persons desiring to fill Ms. Lanese' unexpired term. He asked that resume's be sent to Ms. Kelly. He also announced that the next regular meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017 in observance of New Years Day.

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

Council adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

Roby Schottke

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Chair

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

December 19, 2016

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

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items and discussed the Ohio Senate Bill 331 that had a provision in it about pet stores.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

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