CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 02, 2017 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:

Steve Bennett *Steven Robinette* *Roby Schottke* *Jeff Davis* *Ted Berry*

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

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

3. President Schottke recognized Weblos Troop 82 for attending meeting for their Community Merit Badge.

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

1. Ordinance C-49-17 (Appropriate $6,000.00 from the SR665 Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the Current Expense of Making Payments in accordance with the Jackson Township Compensation Agreement) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mayor Stage commented that next year, the rough estimate of reimbursement to the Township will be $360, 000.00 as a result of TIF's in the City.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

2. Ordinance C-50-17 (Appropriate $374,000.00 from the Scioto Township Joint Economic Development District Fund for the Current Expense of Making Payments in accordance with the JEDD Contract) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Davis said this is following the requirements of the contract.

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. Ordinance C-51-17 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Lightower for Dark Fiber) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hurley, Dir. of Info. Systems, explained that we currently have a contract with Lightower for connectivity to the Fire Station 201, the Safety Complex, Jackson Township Administration and Station 202. This service is no longer needed and they have agreed to forgo the last two yeas of that contract for this new one. This will allow us to more our service from the Data Center. It will allow us to move our current infrastructure to the expedient Data Center. That will give us better power and enhances services. It will allow us to cancel the two commercial providers to that service. That will provide a savings of $750.00 per month. Mr. Hurley also gave a brief explanation of Ordinance C-54-17. He said SWACO does have the Master Service Agreement and they are scheduled to act on in next month. The School System is already on-board with the new system.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes

4. Ordinance C-54-17 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Expedient for Co-location Services) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 10/16/17.

The Chair recognized Mr. Robinette, Chairman of Safety, took the floor for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-46-17 (Amend Various Sections of the Codified Ordinances to Prohibit Cultivation, Processing or Retail Distribution of Medical Marijuana) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Robinette explained that this ordinance does what it says. It does not preclude anyone from using marijuana for legitimate, medical reasons as it is prescribed.

Mayor Stage commented that a year ago, Council was asked for a one-year prohibition. This replaces that prohibition. He said from a policy standpoint, encouraging cultivation within our City is not the thing to do now.

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, to explain the Ohio distribution points. Mr. Smith explained that within Ohio, there will be 60 dispensaries and five 5) will be located in Franklin County.

Mr. Davis commented that he does not desire to have cultivation or processing in Grove City, but, he is empathetic to those with chronic pain. Action has been taken to allow this to legally happen. He believes that we should be empathetic to those who need medical marijuana that is legally prescribed. He said we may not want to be first out of the gate to have a shop set up in Grove City for the sale, or philosophically we don't agree with it. However, we never talk about this piece of the puzzle. We only talk about the structural pieces. He said if they don't want to travel outside of Grove City and it is possible to obtain it here, he doesn't feel we should be prohibiting that.

Mr. Berry said there are still some unknowns over this and once the State smoothes out the issues, he believes this can be reconsidered and evaluated later. He said there is a time frame that Council is dealing with on this and asked Mr. Smith to explain. Mr. Smith said the Moratorium is set to expire on November 06, 2017. If Council does not want to have a gap, this is the only regular meeting available to act. Mr. Berry asked the Mayor if he would look at this again in a year's time. Mayor Stage said this is a dynamic situation. There is a time to be a pioneer and times not to be. He said they think today is not that day to endorse the cultivation of this product in the City. He said this is a policy decision they feel is good for the City and he is empathetic for those who have pain.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	No

The Chair recognized Mr. Berry, Chairman of Lands, took the floor for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-52-17 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Stringtown Road and I-71 Northbound Ramp Intersection Improvement) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boss explained that this Agreement has to do with the I-71 Ramp improvement in front of Roosters. This states that the City is in charge of the aesthetics pieces of the project, such as fencing, pillars, etc.

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

Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Bennett, Chairman of Lands, took the floor for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-53-17 (Approve a Special Use Permit for an Automotive Dealer and Repair Services for RCD RV Supercenter located West of Seeds Rd. & South of S.R. 665) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Brad Haire, representing RCD, was present to answer questions.

Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. Haire for the tour of their existing facility and addressing his concerns. He moved to amend Section 1, to include the following stipulation: *1. a Development Plan for RCD RV Supercenter must be approved within 90 day of the effective date of this ordinance for property to retain this Special Use Permit*; seconded by Mr. Schottke.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes

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

Mr. Schottke	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Robinette	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

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

1. Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, shared the 2018 Revenue Estimates. He said they would present Capital at the next Council meeting and then start budget hearings in November. He explained that the Revenue Estimates are the bases for the budget. He said that we can only appropriate monies that we have left at the end of the year, plus the Revenue Estimates. He showed all the Funds involved in the Revenue Estimates. He explained that any dollar that comes in that does not go into a specific Fund and restricted for a specific use, falls into the General Fund. The General Fund dollars can be used for any proper public purpose that Council declares. He said these are estimated figures and will change over the next few months. He said we budget conservatively. If we receive significant increases, we can adjust our Certificate of Estimated Resources.

   Council asked a few questions, including the bed ax revenues. Mr. Turner said income tax is the lion's share of the General Fund and he has estimated a 2.5% increase for income tax for 2018. This is less, due to the new State Laws that reduce the City's ability to collect this tax, including the elimination of the Throwback Provision, which will result in a reduction of $800,000.00. Mr. Davis confirmed that this already adjusts for the shortfall. Mr. Turner said yes. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Turner for the first session in the Budget process.

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

1. Mayor Stage shared that the all-purpose playground is complete, by the Buddy Ball diamond. He provided updates on State Bills and upcoming events.

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

Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Roby Schottke
President

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COUNCIL CAUCUS NOTES

Oct. 02, 2017

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.

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Chair