

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

January 22, 2013

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Clerk Kelly 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:

Jeff Davis Steve Bennett Melissa Albright

1. Ms. Kelly opened the floor for nominations for a Temporary Chair.

Ms. Albright moved to appoint Mr. Bennett; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Ms. Kelly closed the floor for nominations and a vote was taken on the nomination for Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

Ms. Kelly turned the floor over to Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett moved to excuse the Mr. Berry & Ms. Klemack-McGraw; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

2. Mr. Bennett moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous two meetings and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. The Temporary Chair recognized Mayor Stage who administered the Oath of Office to Paul Alexif as a member of the Audit Committee. He also administered oaths to members for the Keep Grove City Beautiful committee and Tree Commission, in mass.

The Temporary Chair recognized Captain Pearson for a presentation by NASTA – Mr. Jim Scanlin, explained that they provide police and military training throughout the world. He announced that officer Kevin Holstein has been chosen as the 2012 NASTA Award of Excellence winner. It is given to one law enforcement officer per year that demonstrates leadership and excellence in their duties. He said Officer Holstein is one of those 24/7 cops that every officer strives to be.

Council and Mayor Stage presented the GCHS Marching Band with a Proclamation for winning the Fiesta Bowl Parade Competition. Band Members brought their trophy's to share.

The Temporary Chair recognized the Weblo Scouts present. Mr. Davis noted that he and Ms. Klemack- McGraw attended their meeting last night and spoke to them. It was most enjoyable.

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

The Temporary Chair recognized himself, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-03-13 (Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9 and to declare an emergency) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Chris Emmelhainz, officer and member of the negotiating team was present to answer any questions. He said this contract was approved by the collective bargaining unit. He said they agree to the change in the insurance and appreciate positive negotiations that took place.

Mr. Davis commented that the Police Division does a wonderful job. The officers are dedicated and proud to serve Grove City. He read a statement over the process and the contract; the rate of increase of cost per officer over the years; and the effects of the declining economy. In short, he said there has to be a balance between the cost of these contracts with the other services and projects needed in the City. He said the City would not be able to sustain this rate of increase for much longer. He asked that whatever was passed in this budget, we live with this year.

Mayor Stage commented that there was some additional money in the Budget for contract negotiations. However, the amount was not disclosed since final negotiations were not complete. He also noted that State Highway Patrol officers did get a raise last year.

Mr. Bennett asked the Administration to explain the timing of the contract. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that the Ohio Revised Code dictates the timing of these contracts. They cannot begin negotiations before 90 days prior to the expiration. In this case, it falls during Budget time. It was noted that no other bargaining unit happens at the end of the year. He said he received the contract on Christmas Eve and both parties worked to get it complete as soon as possible.

Mr. Bennett moved to remove the emergency language and replace with the regular ordinance effective date language; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

2. Ordinance C-04-13 (Authorize the City Administrator to Execute an Amended Multi-Year Lease Agreement for the Cell Tower site located at 3730 Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this Lease agreement updates and cleans up the Lease. It protects our revenue stream and prolongs the term of the agreement.

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

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-07-13 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into Countywide Mutual Aid Agreements for Law Enforcement) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 4, 2013.

The Temporary Chair recognized Ms. Albright, in the absence of Ms. Klemack-McGraw - Chairman of Lands & Zoning, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-71-12 (Amend the Zoning Text for 625.92 Acres located South of White Road and East of I-71, as adopted by Ord. C-126-03) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jack Reynolds, attorney w/ Smith and Hale, and Mr. Jason Francis, MI Homes, were present. Mr. Reynolds explained that this change actually changes the product back to the traditional units that were originally approved in 2004. He said it increases the density slightly over the amended version.

Mr. Boso, City Administrator, pointed out that while the density is higher than the amended version, it is still lower than the original density approved in 2004.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

2. Ordinance C-06-13 (Accept certain parcels of Real Estate and Dedicate such Parcels for Public Use) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this is a follow-up to the Mt. Carmel agreement and allows for the road improvements to move forward.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

3. Resolution CR-41-12 (Approve Amendments to Subarea E of the Development Plan for the Pinnacle Club of Grove City located South of White road as approved by Res. CR-24-04) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jack Reynolds explained that this amends the Development Plan to coincide with the revised Zoning Text.

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

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Resolution CR-05-13 (Supporting Harrisburg Station, LTD. in conjunction with Colonial American Development Corp. to Rehabilitate 60 Rental Units for Preservation of Affordable Housing) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. John Kostival, builder and developer of property, explained that they are submitting a request to the State for tax credits for upgrading the interior and exterior of these units.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

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

1. Mr. Doug Haughn, representing Team Gemini, provided an update to the recent contract awarded to them by SWACO. He provided a PowerPoint presentation. He explained that they plan to build a recycling building where all trucks will enter and dump the trash, rather than driving up the hill and dumping into the landfill. Waste will be received and sorted to reduce the waste from the landfill. On the north side of S.R. 665, they hope to bring in a recycling industrial park that will maintain an advanced greenhouse; plastics to oil plant; etc. He said it is a privately funded development and have started the process for annexation and rezoning.

Mr. Denny Hall, OSU, explained that they will be sponsoring this organization and their efforts to bring this industry to Ohio and Grove City. He said what Team Gemini is producing is very exciting and changing this industry. He said it will take years for people to appreciate the power of this business and its sustainability.

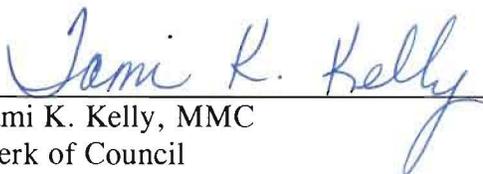
The Temporary Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Mayor's Court report for December. Mr. Bennett moved to accept same; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

2. After additional 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


 Steven M. Bennett
 Temporary Chair