

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 4, 2013

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry 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 Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Steve Bennett Melissa Albright

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

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

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

- 1. Resolution CR-06-13 (Support the Preliminary Outline of the financial terms associated with the Relocation of the Library and Redevelopment of the current Library site in accordance with the Pizzuti Concept Plan) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett explained that this is a concept to allow the City to work a negotiation with Pizzuti and the Library to see if it is a doable project.

Mr. Chuck Bose, City Admin., said Mr. Bennett's comments are correct. He said the Outline has four basic components: 1) If the library was to move, it would move to a location that is mutually agreeable to both parties; 2) The Library would pay the City a one-time payment – to be determined; 3) The Library would take part in any debt service; 4) If the deal would go through, the Library would sign over all their assets to the City of Grove City.

Mr. Mark Shaw, Library Admin., was present to voice support for this resolution on behalf of the Library Board. He explained that the Library Board approved a similar resolution to support exploring this project of moving the library to a new location in the heart of the Town Center. He said the existing library is woefully undersized to accommodate the expanding City. The last addition took place in 1974. He said while they could expand the existing building, they don't believe this is a cost effective or ideal solution. Mr. Davis questioned Mr. Shaw on the current space issues and needs. Mr. Shaw said libraries are changing and moving away from being a book warehouse and offering much more. The library does need better space and meeting space. They think it will bring in 2,000 – 3,000 users each day. Mr. Berry said when we first talked about this many years ago; the Library was not as healthy as it is today. He commented that Library's are becoming more of a social space. Not just a book depository and creating a venue of a more social area is the most important part. He said at the Retreat last year this was the top priority in everyone's mind. He said there are no numbers associated with this now. What it says is we are

moving forward with the next step. Council can have a special meeting to review the next step, if needed.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

2. Resolution CR-07-13 (Approving a Classification Plan for the City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that the Code requires a Classification Plan be adopted, which outlines every position in the City. He said they have reviewed every job description in the City and are moving forward with redoing all the tests for each position needed. He said the Civil Service Commission did approve this Plan, which is also required by Code.

Mr. Bennett said a couple of issues came up late and moved that Exhibit A be amended to Add, under General – 101, Seasonal, U; and change 221 to U; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

Mayor Stage recognized Dr. Gardner, member of the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Smith explained that “seasonal” positions are for up to a nine month period. They are listed in a couple of areas, but wanted it to be available to all departments and thus the request to include it under General.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

The 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 second reading and public hearing.

Chief Robinette explained that there are two documents attached. One is an update from 1973 that allows for the sharing of resources in an emergency. The other allows communities to share equipment, resources, etc. in a non-emergency situation. He gave an example of being able to have a regional swat team if there was a riot, or if we wanted to combine investigations.

Mayor Stage commented that this is a model to use for other agreements we should have with Townships, the School District, etc.

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

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-08-13 (Repeal and Replace Chapter 155 titled Civil Service Commission) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 19, 2013.
3. Ordinance C-09-13 (Amend Section 1301.02 of the Codified Ordinances titled Model Codes Adopted) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 19, 2013.
4. Resolution CR-08-13 (Supporting the Implementation of a "Trace-Back" Program) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage explained that this is something that the Police have been doing. The Highway Patrol has teamed up with the Dept. of Liquor Control and can send out a Task Force to trace back where drugs or alcohol were obtained, particularly when it involves underage drinking. He said it is a statement to the community that we are going to do everything in our power, especially when juveniles are involved, that we are going to trace back and find out how it happened. He said this is more of a global statement rather than a Police enforcement issue. Chief Robinette said it also assists when there are accidents. Mr. Bennett asked about the statement in the Resolution that says "this will hold those responsible for a tragedy accountable". Chief Robinette explained that there still has to be probable cause and evidence. This is a statement that will use existing Law to trace back the source of that alcohol. If there is a foundation, they can pursue criminal charges. Mayor Stage said this isn't a Law; it is a statement of policy to our residents that we are taking this seriously.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-10-13 (Adopt and Implement the procedures set forth in Chapter 5722 of the ORC to facilitate the effective Reutilization of Nonproductive Land situated in the City and Authorize the City Administrator to Execute the Master Memorandum of Understanding) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 19, 2013.
2. Resolution CR-09-13 (Municipal Services that can be furnished to 0.5+ acres located at 3500 London-Groveport Road in Jackson Township upon its Annexation to the City) was given its reading and public hearing and Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

3. Resolution CR-10-13 (Municipal Services that can be furnished to 101.3+ acres located at 3650 London-Groveport Road in Jackson Township upon its Annexation to the City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Haughn, President of Team Gemini, was present to answer any questions. He explained that this is the piece to be developed into an industrial park with SWACO, as described at the last meeting.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Smith if he was allowed to vote on this. Mr. Smith said because Mr. Berry is an employee of OSU and OSU has a vested interest in this project, Mr. Berry asked for legal advice on his ability to vote on issues pertaining to this project. Mr. Smith said Mr. Berry would be able to vote on these items because it is just for services on a potential annexation.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

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

1. Mary Shaw, Juniper St., voiced concern over what is going to happen with Beulah Park. She wondered if the City has considered purchasing it and leasing it to developers. She suggested bringing that question to the voters. She also asked how zoning gets changed, who has a say, etc. She also asked how citizens can get involved.

Mr. Berry asked for an explanation of how zoning gets changed. Mr. Smith explained the rezoning process and how residents get notified and can be involved in the process. Mr. Berry said Council and the Administration did discuss the idea of purchasing the Beulah Park property in their Retreat last year. Mayor Stage said there are two things in our advantage as how the property can be managed. The first is through zoning. The second is through tax abatement. The way a developer keeps tax abatement is to stay in sync with the City on how the property is to be used. He said the property is private property and if they sell to someone who wants to use it under the current zoning, the City would have very little say. He said it is preliminary to be talking about it at this point.

Ms. Shaw asked how she, and others, can get involved in the development decision making process. It was reiterated that all meetings are open to the public and can attend to voice their opinions. Mr. Berry said there may be special meetings just for this project, if necessary. Mr. Boso suggested she utilize the website to check up on anything submitted for this project.

2. Mr. Ed Nelson, teacher at Park Street Intermediate School, explained that they are part of an International Exchange Program and introduced the Exchange students from Hong Kong who are here

to learn and have a cultural exchange. The teacher from Hong Kong thanked the City and the host families for being so welcoming. They presented a tripod and a calendar to the City. The Mayor and Council thanked and welcomed the students and their teachers.

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted a monthly report from the Clerk of Courts and the Building Division. Mr. Berry moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

He then announced that he is retiring from the Bank at the end of the week.

2. President Berry announced that the next regular meeting of Council would be held on Tuesday, 2/19, in observance of Presidents Day.
3. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Jami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted. A. Berry
Chair