

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

February 21, 2006

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Lester, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

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

Larry Corbin Maria Klemack Rich Lester "Ike" Stage Ted Berry

1. President Lester recognized Mayor Grossman who introduced the Ohio Radio Control Society. Mr. Terry Nitch and Dave Peckenpaw explained that they have an area off Young Road and have been there for over seven years. He said they are a Non-Profit Organization and through their events, have received monies that they would like to donate to the Parks & Recreation Dept. to be used for youth services. He gave the Mayor a check for \$500.00. The Mayor thanked the Society and stated that the Parks & Rec. Dept. has a Scholarship Program that they will put this in and promised it would go to a wonderful cause. The Mayor then administered the Oath of Office to Brian Kitko as our newest Police Officer. The Chief said they are very excited to have Brian. He is the 59th officer on the force.
2. Mr. Corbin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Stage.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Stage, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-03-06 (Appropriate Outstanding Fund Balances and Certain Project Funds for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Behlen explained that these are Project Funds that don't regularly have money in them. This will appropriate monies coming forward into the new year.

There being no additional questions or a comment, the vote was called.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

The Chair recognized, Ms. Klemack, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-06-06 (Amend Section 1101.08(a) of the Codified Ordinances titled Plan Content) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be 03/06/06.

Mr. Travis Escue, Summer Glen Dr., expressed support for this ordinance. He said that due to what has happened with Hoover Park and Hoover Crossing, he feels that Homewood Corp. deceived them, and doesn't want any other residents to go through this.

2. Resolution CR-12-06 (Authorize the City Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc., Police Dispatchers) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Dan Guttman, attorney and Chief Negotiator for the City, explained that this is a three year contract, which will be retroactive to October 1, 2005. He said they negotiate economic and non-economic issues. On the non-economic side, they reached agreement on operational issues, such as internal investigations, clarifying the arbitration and departmental hearing process. On the economic side, they negotiated a wage increase at a rate lower than other municipalities around Central Ohio. They achieved a 3%, 2.75%, and 3% for each year. In addition, insurance will be at a 90% - 10% split; the prescription drug cap was removed; the automatic wage increase that moves with inflation was removed; the tuition reimbursement amount was increased by \$250.00 (\$3,750.00 total); the longevity bonus was increased by \$75.00; the shift differential rate was increased by \$0.15. He said both sides believe this is a fair and responsible contract. He requested that Council approve the Resolution.

Mayor Grossman thanked the Dispatchers Union, Vikki Stoneking, Mr. Guttman and Capt. Wise for their efforts. She said this has been an outstanding negotiation and a win/win contract.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Behlen, Dir. of Finance, if it fit within the budget. Mr. Behlen said yes. Mr. Berry asked if it saves us money or exactly what was budgeted. Mr. Behlen said because negotiations were going on at the same time the Budget was being put together, he believes they budgeted accurately.

Mr. Stage commented that this is a great contract and all members of the negotiating teams are to be commended.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack moved it be approved; seconded by President Lester.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

The Chair recognized, Mr. Corbin, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-02-06 (Rezone 4976 Grove City Road from SF-1 (residential) to PSO (Profess. Offices)) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Dr. Peter Feldkamp, contiguous property owner, reminded Council that Planning Commission recommended denial of this petition. He said they have signatures from over 70 adjacent home owners and hopes that Council will oppose this request and vote no.

President Lester asked Mr. Holt, Chairman of Planning Commission, or Mr. Boso, Dir. of Dev., asked why Planning Commission recommended denial. Mr. Holt stated that the vote was 4 – 1 to deny the request. He said everything around this parcel is zoned residential. They felt it was spot zoning and felt it should be kept residential. President Lester asked what uses would be permitted and if the petitioner had any plans for a specific use to develop the property for. Mr. Boso listed some of the uses allowed (doctor's office, veterinarian, real estate, dentist). He indicated that he didn't believe the property owner had anyone interested in the property yet. He questioned the signatures on the petition, stating that the one he saw had signatures from Pataskala and noted that a possible gas station could be placed there, which it could not. He said the Development Department recommended approval, as it is a good use for the property. President Lester asked if was too soon in the planning to have a Preliminary Plan for the property. Mr. Boso said a preliminary plan is not required, or submitted, under the PSO zoning classification.

Mr. Berry asked what the current Long Range Plan suggested for this area. Mr. Holt said he believed it showed residential.

Ms. Jolene Fraley, Holt Road resident, voiced opposition to the rezoning. She said when they purchased their property, they bought knowing it was residential. She said there is too much traffic on the road now. She said she doesn't think it is fair to the other property owners for Mr. Thomas to rezone his property so he can sell it for more money. She said when you buy property in a residential area you have an obligation to your neighbors. She said she has vacant property on Grove City Road that she could sell too, but wouldn't do that to the other neighbors. She said she doesn't want that done to her. President Lester asked where she lived. She explained that her home is on the west side of Holt Road, third house down. The property she owns on Grove City Road is between Feldkamp and Cordray.

Mr. Stage commented that he is somewhat in agreement with Mr. Boso, as he considers this soft zoning. He said he would look at it different if it were a PUD request and had something to know what would be going on the property. However, he would also categorize this as "spot zoning" too, at this point, since there are a number of acres north of this site zoned commercial.

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

Mr. Stage	No
Mr. Berry	No
Mr. Corbin	No
Ms. Klemack	No
Mr. Lester	Yes

2. Resolution CR-13-06 (Accept a Sanitary Sewer Line Easement Dedication for Parkway Centre East) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Stage.

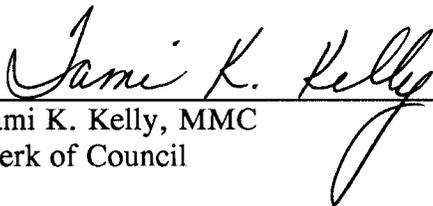
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

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

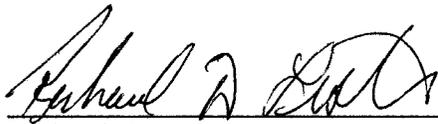
The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Grossman welcomed and congratulated Officer Brian Kitko. She thanked the Ohio Radio Control Society for their donation. She announced the State of the City address, which will be Tues., 2/28 at St. Johns Church. She also encouraged everyone to participate in this year's Relay for Life, this weekend.
2. Ms. Kim Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., also thanked the ORCS for their \$500.00 donation to their Scholarship Program. She said the gentlemen forgot to pass out gifts they brought and she has them for everyone after the meeting.
3. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Richard D. Lester
President