

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 02, 2007

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-McGraw            Rich Lester            Richard Stage            Ted Berry*

1. President Lester recognized the Mayor, who assisted the Chief of Police in awarding this years Officer of the Year to Mike Reber, Civilian of the Year to Emily Graham and the Blue Shield Award to Officer Pat Shaw. Also participating were members of the Kiwanis, who have sponsored the Officer of the Year Award since 1982 and Betty Evans, Evans Floral.
2. Ms. Klemack-McGraw 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. President Lester read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-29-07 (Appropriate \$26, 915.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Development Incentives) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 16, 2007.
2. Ordinance C-30-07 (Appropriate \$45,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Storm Water Engineering) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 16, 2007.
3. Ordinance C-31-07 (Appropriate \$7,800.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Repair of City Property) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 16, 2007.

**The Chair recognized, Mr. Berry, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.**

1. Ordinance C-26-07 (Determining to Proceed with a Public Improvement in the City of Grove City, Ohio to be Paid for in part by Special Assessments, to wit; Widening, Reconstructing, and Improving State Route 665 between North Meadows Drive and Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rich Simpson, attorney for City, was present to answer any questions.

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

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

2. Resolution CR-18-07 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the Buckeye Ranch for Additional Improvements to be made in conjunction with the S.R. 665 Project) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Reichard, City Administrator, explained that this would provide for a contract with the Buckeye Ranch that includes the City's commitment to include a deceleration in the S.R. 665 Project, to be fully paid by the "Ranch". The City will pay them for a Temporary Easement for two years; however, if the easement is released earlier than 24 months, the city will be reimbursed for each month it is not used.

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

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

3. Resolution CR-19-07 (Waive the Provisions of Section 529.07(b)3 of the Codified Ordinances for the Parade of Homes Event from June 8 – 24, 2007) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Reichard explained that this would allow the sale of alcohol in a very small area for the Parade of Homes event.

Mr. Steve Bennett, resident and former council member, commented that he had been asked by many people to attend and speak on their behalf this evening. He voiced support for the Resolution. He said it shows that we are a mature community. They have faith and trust in the Police Dept. and the adult mentality of this community to act as responsible adults and drink responsibility. It shows that we are in the forefront of proper thinking and the modern age of city life. He said other communities, such as Columbus & Dublin, also set aside their ordinance to allow alcohol for special venues and restricted situations. He asked what the Mayor's views were on this and encouraged Council to vote in favor for this issue.

Mr. Jim Hiltz, BIA, stated that they take this very seriously. They have a confined area and their security staff makes sure no one leaves that area with an alcoholic beverage. He said based on their past experience there is not a lot of alcohol consumed at the Parade of Homes.

Mayor Grossman explained that through the request of the BIA she is the originator of this legislation. She is comfortable, based on her discussion with the Chief of Police, with this confined area, as proposed. Mr. Berry asked Chief Deskins if this request meets all his concerns. Chief Deskins said yes. Mr. Berry asked if there would be an officer at both entrances. Chief Deskins said they are still in the planning

stages of the details for this event. Mr. Hilz said there would be police officers at the entrances/exits.

Mr. Lester commented that when this issue came up for the downtown event, he did not support it. He said he did struggle with this a little bit because it is a different event, however, for his consistency it is still sales and consumption in a public right-of-way.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-27-07 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Drive-Thru located at 4450 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Lonnie Maxon, acting agent for petitioner, explained that the Planning Commission denied this request based on circulation. He said they believe there is no circulation problem and requested approval.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Boso, Dir. of Develop., if there was anything that could be done to correct this problem. Mr. Boso said no, as it is a site with multiple uses.

Mr. Jim Higgenbotham, property owner, explained that the existing businesses basically operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Beverage Drive-Thru would operate from Noon to Midnight. He believes there are no traffic issues with parking or circulation. *President Lester* asked what the proposed circulation is. Mr. Maxon showed a map of the property and explained the proposed circulation pattern, with access off of Broadway and Ventura. He indicated that they had signed statements from the two contiguous property owners supporting this business. *Mr. Berry* suggested Council take time to go visit the site before deciding on this matter.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Berry moved it be postponed to 4/16/07; seconded by Mr. Stage.

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

2. Resolution CR-20-07 (Approve Amendments to the Development Plan for The Pinnacle Club located south of White Road as approved by Res. CR-24-04) was given its reading and at the request of the petitioner's agent, Mr. Corbin moved it be postponed to 5/7/07; seconded by Mr. Stage.

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

Mr. Berry Yes

- 3. Resolution CR-21-07 (Oppose the Rezoning of 75+ acres located east of S.R. 104 in Jackson Township from Rural District to Excavation & Quarry District) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Grossman explained that the Administration has been active in communicating with the Jackson Township Trustees and the property owners. She said they could not support this use and shared their concern for the health, safety and welfare for the residents. She asked for Council’s support of this resolution.

Mr. Stage commented that he, Mr. Lester and Mr. Holt (Planning Commission Chair) attended the Township Zoning meeting on this issue. He said he was surprised that no one from the Administration was present to voice opposition at that public meeting. He stated that one of the City’s largest employers is directly across the street from this site. He felt the Administration should have been present, not to tell the Township what to do, but to voice our concerns.

Mr. Berry voiced his full support. He said there is an environmental concern with the Scioto River and said we need to do what we can to protect it.

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

Ms. Klemack Yes
Mr. Lester Yes
Mr. Stage Yes
Mr. Berry Yes
Mr. Corbin 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. The Mayor submitted the Mayor’s Monthly Report and Mr. Stage moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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

In closing, the Mayor reported on a collapse in Orders Road. She and Council expressed congratulations to those who received awards tonight and to the Kiwanis & Betty Evans for their sponsorship.

- 2. Ms. Reichard, City Admin., read a letter she gave Council during the Caucus tonight. The letter was a response to Ms. Klemack’s comments at the previous meeting concerning the Huntington Building renovations. It provided a timeline of the special meeting and communications the Administration have had with Council over this renovation. Ms. Klemack thanked Ms. Reichard for the letter, however, she stated that her point was – the Administration asked Council to purchase the building in

order to move the Parks & Rec. office. After she gave her support for this purpose and the building was purchased, the Administration changed who would move into it.

Mr. Stage commented that he sent the Mayor an e-mail on this subject stating that he would support the money for the improvements, but did not support moving the Development Dept. out of City Hall. In his research, this Dept. is always found in City Hall. He has never received a response.

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

Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

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Richard D. Lester  
President