

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 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

1. President Lester recognized the Mayor who presented Captain Joe Wise with the Mayor's Civic Achievement Award. She then recognized the Tree Commission and presented them with a Proclamation for Arbor Week. Finally, she recognized Building Division and presented Mike Boso and his staff with a Proclamation for Building Safety Week. Mike announced that there would be a Building Expo on May 5, with collaboration from the Fire Dept., SWACO, Franklin County Board of Health, and others. They will also be raffling off a Playhouse that the Bldg. Div. built, with donated materials from the Home Depot, for the Grove City Food Pantry.
2. Mr. Corbin moved to excuse Mr. Berry; seconded by Mr. Stage.

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

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Corbin	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 second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Chuck Boso, Dir. of Development, explained that the State Statute requires a 50/50 split of income tax between a city and a school if there is no agreement. In this case, there is no agreement with the schools. This is the only Enterprise Zone agreement the City has. Mr. Stage asked how many jobs this company has. Mr. Boso said between 55 – 60. Mr. Stage said this is a great company to have as a corporate neighbor.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-30-07 (Appropriate \$45,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Storm Water Engineering) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage moved that this ordinance be amended to change the amount to \$49,400.00; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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

Mayor Grossman explained that the goal was to have FEMA consider revisions to the Flood Plain Maps so that some of our residents could be removed from the floodway and not be required to keep flood insurance. This is a result of a request as well as changes made on floodwater planning and management on behalf of the City.

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

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

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 second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hughes, Dir. of Service, explained that this is to repair the wall on the corner, in front of Hoggy's restaurant. The money will be reimbursed by the Insurance Company, but they wanted to get it repaired immediately due to the Parade of Homes.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-32-07 (Appropriate \$10,937.00 from the Community Environment Tree Fund for the Current Expense of Tree Installation) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 5/7/07.
5. Ordinance C-33-07 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract for the Operation of Concessions for the Big Splash at Evans Park) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 5/7/07.

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

1. Ordinance C-22-07 (Accept the Annexation of 0.50 acres located at 3188 Ventura Blvd.) was given its second reading and Mr. Corbin moved it be postponed to 5/7/07; seconded by President Lester.

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

2. 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. Stage requested that he be allowed to abstain, due to a business relationship.

Mr. Lonnie Maxon, acting agent for petitioner, was present to answer any questions. President Lester asked if the eastern property line would be screened. Mr. Maxon stated that there would be fencing and landscaping. He said he had letters from the two affected residents saying they didn't have a problem with the drive-thru, nor do the other businesses in the Center.

President Lester moved to excuse Mr. Stage from voting; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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

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

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	No
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Abstain

Legislation failed.

3. Resolution CR-22-07 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for Beavers/National Auto Lease located at 4401 & 4407 Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Steve Bowshier, attorney for petitioner, was present to request approval of the Preliminary plan. He said they still have to submit a Rezoning Request and a Development Plan. There is still some detailed work to do.

President Lester moved to excuse Mr. Stage from voting; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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

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

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Abstain
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	No

Resolution passed.

4. Resolution CR-23-07 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Design Agreement with Stonehenge/Bird Houk Collaborative) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Karen Dover, resident, voiced support for Stonehenge as the developer and for the project to move forward. She voiced concern that there is no Town Center Plan and with moving forward with this project without that information. She did support approving this Resolution and giving Mr. Dioun some piece of mind that he is not wasting his time and money. However, she feels this should be done with a caveat that the project would wait until the Town Center Master Plan is complete. If we don't know ourselves what we want, we can't give him good direction.

Mr. Stage asked if the referenced detailed plans would include a parking garage. Mr. Elliott, Dir. of Law, and Mr. Boso said it would include everything. It would have to follow the city's development procedures. Mr. Stage said he didn't see any trigger dates that would indicate that certain items had to be submitted at a certain time. Mr. Elliott, Dir. of Law, stated that he left that open intentionally. Mr. Boso elaborated by stating that we do not have a signed Development Plan Agreement yet. He said there are a multitude of negotiations happening and it will all come back to Council for final approval.

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

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

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

1. Ms. Ruth Yorston, Economic Dev. Coordinator for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, updated Council on their efforts to assist the Defense Finances & Accounting Service (DFAS) in recruiting employees. This company is a tenant at DSCC and is expanding. They are in need of 900 employees for accounting and finance positions. In 2005, all the communities joined together to save this base from closing. She asked that we assist with their new efforts by posting a link on our website to help recruit employees for DFAScolumbusjobs.com.

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

1. The Mayor and Council congratulated Captain Joe Wise and recognized the Building Division for Building Safety Week and the Tree Commission on Arbor Week. The Mayor announced a public meeting concerning the S.R. 665 Improvements at the 665 Jackson Township Fire Station on Thurs., April 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Hughes announced that Columbus Street is scheduled to start at the end of June, with a 60 day turn

around time. It will have one direction closure.

3. Mr. Stage announced that May 3 is National Prayer Day and St. John's Lutheran Church on Columbus Street is hosting the event this year at 6:30 a.m.
4. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council

Richard D. Lester
President