

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

May 17, 2010

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 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:

*Greg Grinch Ted Berry Steve Bennett Melissa Albright*

1. Mr. Berry moved to excuse Ms. Klemack-McGraw; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry    | Yes |
| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |
| Ms. Albright | Yes |

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

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| Mr. Berry    | Yes |
| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |
| Ms. Albright | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |

3. 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. Ordinance C-31-10 (Appropriate \$228,243.75 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Tanglebrook Street Lighting Improvements) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey explained that this is the next area in the street lighting program. It has been engineered to have sufficient lighting for safety. Mayor Stage commented that this is an ongoing project to catch those areas that didn't require street lights as part of the original development. He said that doesn't mean every street will get lights.

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

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| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |
| Ms. Albright | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry    | Yes |

2. Ordinance C-32-10 (Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Wayslik, Safety Director, said they are recommending a three-year contract. There was good

dialogue on both sides and each recognized the needs of the other. He said Mr. Smith has provided a summary of the contract changes. He pointed out that there is no retroactivity to wage increases in the contract. He said they were able to adjust the steps for a new officer, which will save the City some money in the first five years of service.

Mr. Jeff Simpson, FOP rep., commented that the officers have voted to accept this contract. He said they are pleased to have come to an agreement without a third party and believe it is fair. He encouraged Council to approve this contract and remember the officers as they protect the City. They deserve the best.

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

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| Ms. Albright | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry    | Yes |
| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |

3. Ordinance C-33-10 (Appropriate \$79,000.00 from the General Fund and \$15,350.00 from the Police Pension Fund for the Current Expense of Implementing a Contract with the FOP, Capital City Lodge #9) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 7, 2010.
4. Ordinance C-34-10 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1116, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 7, 2010.

**In the absence of Ms. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Lands & Zoning, the Chair recognized Mr. Grinch, for discussion and voting under said Committee.**

1. Resolution CR-25-10 (Approve the Exterior Building Modifications to DART Automotive located at 3586 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

A representative for DART was present. Concerns over other aspects of the property were shared.

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

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| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry    | Yes |
| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |
| Ms. Albright | Yes |

2. Resolution CR-26-10 (Approve the Sign request for Grove City Dentistry located at 4104 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Trent Soles, representative for the Dentistry, was present to answer any questions.

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

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| Mr. Berry    | Yes |
| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |
| Ms. Albright | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |

3. Resolution CR-27-10 (Approve the Portable Sign Request for Tammy's Pizza located at 3984 Broadway in the Central Business District) was given its reading and public hearing.

A representative for Tammy's Pizza was present. Mr. Grinch review the stipulations set by Planning Commission, which were agreed to by the representative.

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

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| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |
| Ms. Albright | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry    | Yes |

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

1. Mr. Bob Whittier, Farmbrook resident, voiced opposition to the plan for Disc Golf at Gantz Park on behalf of himself and other neighbors. He said they came to the Park Board meeting and voiced there opposition there. He said he just learned two hours ago that this project has now been cancelled. He said they really appreciate being listened to, having someone coming out and looking at their concerns and changing their minds.

Mayor Stage said this was an interesting exercise. He said the area that was of most concern was around the gazebo. He said that spot didn't work and could see where flying disc's would be a problem. However, this concession doesn't come without a price. He said the Park needs help and asked that the Homeowners come back with a plan on how they can help keep the park maintained. Mr. Whittier said he would do that. They have a good core group of home owners that mow and spray for weeds now. He said they would discuss it.

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and Mr. Berry moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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| Ms. Albright | Yes |
| Mr. Grinch   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry    | Yes |
| Mr. Bennett  | Yes |

In closing, the Mayor announced upcoming events. He said the Mayor's Golf Outing for meals-on-wheels was today. It was cold and wet, but they made it and the proceeds go to a very good cause.

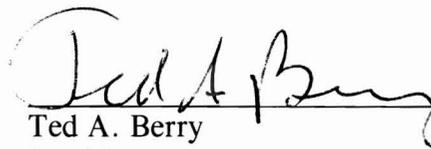
2. Mr. Turner provided a Fund Balance Report.
3. Ms. Albright read a statement about her request to have a special meeting to hear from the colleges that have shown interest in being in the Town Center. A few days later, Mr. Bennett voiced his opinion on the matter citing that this could be done at a regular meeting. Ms. Klemack-McGraw and Mr. Berry agreed. She said this project is a concept and no one knows what the concept really is because we aren't hearing the same thing at the same time. She said she asked for this meeting so that Council can come together as a group. To her, that means having more communication and brainstorming in the Council session.

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

Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry  
President