

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 01, 2009

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry 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            Ted Berry            Mike Uhrin            Greg Grinch*

1. Mr. Grinch moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

2. President Berry recognized members from the Central High School Marching Band, who presented the City with a plaque and thanked them for their donation to purchase rain ponchos for the Band.
3. The Chair read the agenda items and all items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-21-09 (Appropriate \$160,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Renovating the Huntington Building) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey, City Admin., explained that bids have been received and those results were summarized in a memo to Council. Of the \$160,000.00 budget, \$146,000.00 will go toward asbestos removal and remodeling. The low bidders are within the 10% Engineering Estimate and those will be awarded.

Mr. Steve Jackson, Co-President of SW Historical Society, said he thinks we can pay back, pay to the present and pay to the future by continuing with this project. He believes that this town has a long and distinguished history. A museum in the Town Center will direct attention to the accomplishments of this town and how it relates to Ohio history. He said there are lots of artifacts to be preserved and displayed in the Museum. He also believes this will pay to the present in helping to revitalize the Town Center and become part of many activities. It can also pay to the future by educating our children. He believes this will be a great asset in many ways.

Mr. Jim Hale, Dir. of the Visitor's & Convention Bureau, said they feel fortunate to be one of the occupants under consideration to be in the Huntington Building. It will give them an opportunity to expand their services and enhance their marketing efforts.

Mr. Uhrin commented on the enhanced parking area and asked the Mayor to explain. The Mayor showed an aerial map of the building and explained the improvements. Mr. Honsey explained the

parking improvements and the enhanced offices for the VCB, Town Center Merchants Assoc., and the Historical Society.

Mr. Berry asked about additional parking opportunities with adjacent property owners. Chief Wise said they have had some discussion. The Mayor noted that we own other properties in area and have opportunities to move further north.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

2. Ordinance C-22-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into Lease Agreements for the former Huntington Bank Building located at 3378 Park Street) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Uhrin moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

3. Ordinance C-34-09 (Appropriate \$124,338.94 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Current Expense of Reimbursing certain Public Improvements completed in the Pinnacle Tax Increment Financing District) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey, City Admin., explained that this is the last payment to the Developer for Buckeye Parkway and other public improvements in the Pinnacle development.

Mr. Chuck Boso, explained that this project was estimated at \$44,000,000.00. To accomplish this, the City contributed \$8,250,000.00 from the tax improvement financing. This is the last payment.

Mr. Honsey further explained that this came from the tax improvement financing that was levied on those properties in Pinnacle and not the entire community. As an outsider, he said this is the finest example he has seen to finance such a project.

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

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Ordinance C-36-09 (Appropriate \$212,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Safety Facility Renovations) was given its first reading and Mr. Uhrin moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes

Mr. Uhrin moved that this ordinance be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-37-09 (Amend Section 529.02 of the Codified Ordinances titled “Sales to and Use by Underage Persons; Securing Public Accommodations”) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 15, 2009.

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

1. Ordinance C-35-09 (Approve a Special Use Permit for The Breeze Custom Rides located at 4350 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Steve Sauls, petitioner, offered to answer any questions. Mr. Grinch reviewed the stipulations set by Planning Commission and Mr. Sauls agreed to them.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

2. Resolution CR-23-09 (Approve the Sign Request for Dreaming Tree Galleries located at 3968 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Rebecca Cummings, petitioner, was present to answer questions. Mr. Grinch noted that this approval will allow for the phone number to be included.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

3. Resolution CR-24-09 (Approve the Development Plan for Candlewood Suites located at 3962 Jackpot Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Brian Hagemeyer, representative for Candlewood, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Grinch asked if they agreed to the six stipulations set by Planning Commission. Mr. Hagemeyer said yes.

Mr. Honsey showed renderings of the buildings and how it will compare to the surrounding buildings. He also noted that they have received a variance for the height requirement.

Mr. Uhrin asked if this was all suites. Mr. Hagemeyer said they have a mix of suites and regular rooms.

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

Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Resolution CR-25-09 (Approve the Sign Request for Coldwell Banker/King Thompson located at 4011 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bruce Sommerfelt, Signcom, was present to answer any questions.

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

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes

5. Resolution CR-26-09 (Approve an Amendment to the Development Plan for Parkway Centre North located on Stringtown Road, as approved by CR-40-03) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Dustin Mondrach, rep. for petitioner, was present to answer any questions. He said the railing and furniture will match the adjacent space.

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

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

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

1. Ms. Kathy Bright, representing the Southwest Public Library Trustees, explained that they sent a letter to the Mayor and Council on May 23, 2009 about their loss in revenue due to the economy and State Budget. She read the letter, which requests that the City consider assisting them by providing Police coverage and rebating the amount of city income tax collected by Library employees back to the Library. She said the only other way for them to receive revenue is to ask for a Property Tax Levy and they don't want to do that now and compete with the Schools. They hope their revenue will approve when the State budget improves, but their need is immediate.

President Berry said they did receive the letter and will review it. He invited her to attend the next Caucus to hear any discussions on their request.

2. Mr. Chris Johnson, resident, voiced his support for the next SWCS Levy. He said he understands there may be an Ordinance in the works to provide financial support. He can't voice his support enough for this levy and this proposed ordinance. At times like these, we need bold leadership and an ability to act on that leadership. He believes we have a fine Council and Mayor with great leadership.
3. Mr. Steve Feucht, resident, voiced his concern for this community. He asked if there was a way for Council to support this community, and its School District. He said there are black clouds on the horizon and they scare him. He said there are many questions to be asked and the answers can fall either way. He said he doesn't agree with all the ways the District has acted, but it is essential that this School Issue pass and he asked Council to consider helping.

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

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

In closing, the Mayor reported on the opening of Net Flix; an article on Joe Cimminello as having one of the top golf courses in Central Ohio; and other articles featuring Grove City. He also commented on the School Levy and believes we need to step up to the plate.

2. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, commented that they have a final draft of the Economic Development Agreement on the Lumberyard Project. They will get that to Council for review and may meet with each of them before submitting it for approval.
3. Ms. Conrad submitted a list of upcoming events for June. She then read a letter about the affect the failure of the school levy has had on their dept. programs and now they will adjust to accommodate as many as possible.
4. Mr. Corbin announced that he will not be seeking election for Council in November. He has enjoyed his time, but has decided to stay away and travel with his wife.
5. Council voiced their support for the passage of the School Levy on Aug. 2, 2009. It is imperative for the health and welfare of the City and the School District for it to pass.

6. Mr. Uhrin announced the Girls Fast Pitch Softball Tournament this coming weekend. There will be about 1,000 people here for it. He also announced that he will be running for Ward 3 Council seat in November.
7. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
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Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Ted A. Berry  
Chair