

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 02, 2014

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

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

Jeff Davis Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Steve Bennett Laura Lanese

1. Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approved as written; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

2. President Berry then recognized Mayor Stage and Ms. Klemack-McGraw who read a Joint Proclamation proclaiming the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month and presented it to Ms. Melissa Huffman.

President Berry recognized Mr. Davis who presented a Joint Resolution to Shane Richardson, Central Crossing High School student, who won the Regional, State, and National competition for Graphic Art Design. He showed the winning entry and then showed his latest creation for Eat614 Event. This is part of the internship his is working. Mr. Davis said he is excited to celebrate Shane's talent.

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-24-14 (Accept the Donation of \$3,000.00 from Grove City Tomorrow and Appropriate same for the Current Expense of Trees & Benches in Breck Community Park) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

2. Ordinance C-25-14 (Approve a Loan for MKOB Properties, LLC, under the Town Center Loan Program and appropriate \$200,000.00 for same) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Matt Yerkes, petitioner, was present to answer any questions. He asked that Council approve this as an emergency so he could get started immediately in renovating the building, begin creating jobs and improve this part of the Town Center.

Mr. Smith, Dir, of Law, pointed out that there are two stipulations from the Loan Review Committee and reviewed each. Mr. Yerkes agreed to these stipulations.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved to amend Section 3 to read: "This ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure for the health, safety and general welfare of the community in that immediate approval of this loan will allow for the renovation and creation of additional jobs to begin promptly."; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mayor Stage noted that Mr. Yerkes has agreed to work with the City to improve the alley/walkway between Mr. Yerkes' building and Tossed-N-Grilled. Mr. Yerkes confirmed his cooperation with this effort.

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

1. Ordinance C-30-14 (Authorize the Charitable Solicitations Board to issue a Permit to the Ronald McDonald House per Section 371.06(b)(2) of the Codified Ordinances) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held June 16, 2014.

The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting under said Committee.

1. Ordinance C-22-14 (Rezone 4302 Broadway from C-1& C-2 to C-2) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Sigmund, property owner, was present to answer any questions and requested approval.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

2. Ordinance C-26-14 (Approve the Plat of Meadow Grove Estates Section 3, Part 2) was given its second reading and public hearing and Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes

3. Ordinance C-27-14 (Approve the Plat for Margie's Cove, Section 2, Part 3) was given its second reading and public hearing and Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

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

1. Ms. Mary Shaw, resident, said she has been coming to Council meetings for a year and a half and has never heard or seen an approval for the fencing that is now at Demorest Road & Southwest Blvd. She asked how many Members have seen this fence. She asked for someone to explain how this happened. She said it is ugly, poorly constructed, boards are warped, it is made of railroad ties and wants to know why it got put in her neighborhood.

Mr. Chuck Boss, City Administrator, explained that this is actually not a fence, but a guardrail system that meets ODOT specifications. It was part of the intersection improvement included in the Capital Projects. He said it will be stained black and this same type of guardrail has been constructed in other areas of the City.

Ms. Shaw asked why it is needed at all. Mr. Keller, consulting Engineer, explained that when the intersection was improved and the new culvert box installed, the guardrail was required due to ODOT requirements.

Mr. Berry asked why there is still an open ditch there anyway and asked if it could be enclosed. Mr. Keller explained that the ditch is identified as a jurisdictional stream and cannot be enclosed without environmental permits and regional permission.

Ms. Shaw asked all members of Council to go look at this guardrail and asked them if they would like to see one in their neighborhood. She said she also takes care of the Westgrove Entrance feature and the construction work has torn this up. They have damaged flowers that they personally purchased; there is clay in the bed; and it is a mess. Mayor Stage said that will be fixed. She said it appears to her that the City is anticipating more truck traffic. Why else would something that industrial strength be built? She said she is not very happy. It is not aesthetically pleasing and she would like to see it torn down and something else put there.

Mr. Boso stated that this construction was selected over the steel guardrail system that is seen on the freeway. Mayor Stage noted that they put this same type of guardrail down White Road.

Ms. Lanese asked when it will be painted/stained. Mr. Spring, Dir. of Service, said the contractor requested some dry time before staining it, but he has actually rejected the guardrail. The contractor needs to make repairs and then stain it. He hopes it will be complete by end of June.

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

1. Mayor Stage reported on events and meetings he attended. He also commented on the Monthly Financial Report.

Ms. Lanese asked where we are with Pizzuti. Mayor Stage said they had a meeting with Joel Pizzuti. The issue is the elaborate financing and they are waiting on a proforma to show that the financing will work. It is different when there is public ground involved. She asked about Continental. Mayor Stage said there is nothing new there. She then asked about the Library. Mr. Boso explained it is moving forward but are looking at the issue for Columbus Street to coming through. She asked what the goal was for groundbreaking. Mr. Boso said late this year, as it has to come through the City's planning process for approval. The architectural service involved may take 6 - 8 months.

2. Mr. Turner announced that Director Amanda Davis of the G.C. Visitors & Convention Bureau did submit their financials and are in compliance.

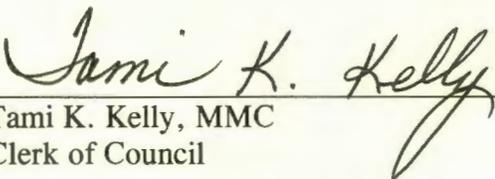
3. Mr. Bennett and Ms. Klemack-McGraw voiced support for Columbus St. going though, per the approved Greenframe Plan.

4. Mr. Berry asked for an update on the Dreamfield ball diamond. Mayor Stage said it is a public/private partnership. The GC Little League Board is fundraising and donations are coning in.

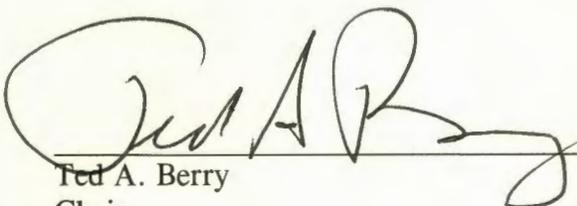
Mr. Berry then announced a special work session on June 9 @ 6:30 p.m. to review Town Center items.

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

Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
Chair