

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 3, 2013

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      Melissa Albright*

1. Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous special and regular meetings and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Albright.

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

2. Mr. Berry moved to excuse Mayor Stage; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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

3. President Berry recognized Ms. Conrad, Director of Parks & Rec. for a presentation. Ms. Conrad recognized the Big Splash Staff for receiving the 2012 Ellis Platinum Award for excellence. Mr. Tim Baker explained the way the pool is audited in order to receive this award. He also announced that Nicole Brewer was awarded the Golden Lifeguard Award, the first ever for Grove City.

4. 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-30-13 (Appropriate \$19,135.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Replacing a Police Vehicle) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Chief Robinette explained that this is the insurance money received for a damaged Police vehicle.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-31-13 (Approving and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Joint Economic Development District Contract between Scioto Township, the City of Grove City, and the Village of Commercial Point, and Authorizing the City Administrator and other City Officials to Execute Documents necessary for the Creation of the Joint Economic Development District) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Trevor Clark, Staff Counsel for the Ohio DRC, working directly for the Director, voiced opposition to this JEDD. He shared four (4) points to support his opposition. He stated that this JEDD does not comply with all of the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. First, a JEDD is to be created for the purpose of facilitating economic development to create or preserve jobs and employment opportunities and improve the economic welfare of the State and area of the contracting parties. They believe the purpose is clearly not met, when only one (1) acre in the JEDD district is available for development. Second, this proposed JEDD territory is not zoned appropriately for the purpose and function of the proposed district. The Law calls for property zoned commercial or industrial to create jobs and new tax revenue. He said this fails because 1316 of the 1318 acres is State property and not subject to commercial or industrial zoning. Absent any economic development, it is clear to them that this is being created for the sole purpose of generating tax revenue from income taxes against the DRC employees. He stated that the ORC stipulates that none of the electors should reside in the proposed JEDD area. There are six (6) electors residing in State housing within the proposed area. This should disqualify it. Additionally, they believe there is a conflict of interest when the majority of the land owners that must sign the petition are also two of the contracting parties. They have also been told that the Scioto Township Trustees do not intend to submit their Resolution to the electors of the Township for approval. They believe this also violates the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Davis said he appears to be reading his comments and would like to have a copy. Mr. Clark said he has notes on the document that are privileged and refused to provide a copy.

3. Mr. Allen West, Corrections Officer at Facility, voiced objection. He read from the legislation that this proposed JEDD is supposed to create jobs and economic growth. He said there is only one acre. He said you can put a gas station on one acre. He doesn't understand how you can develop any of this ground a create job growth. He explained that the Ohio Department of Corrections cancelled a contract with Scioto Township for EMS services. That contract charged \$600,000.00 for services. The new contract ODRC has with a new contractor is \$150,000.00. He believes they are trying to recoup the money lost from a cancelled contract. He believes if any entity could save that kind of money, they would do it. You are not going to pay \$450,000.00 more for a service, and misspend tax payer dollars, if you don't have to. He said Scioto Township bought elaborate fire trucks and now they can't pay for them. Now, they want to make him pay for them through this tax.

Mr. Berry asked Mr. Smith if he would put together a bullet point to explain what JEDD's are and how they work or what they are meant to do for the public. Mr. Smith agreed.

Mr. Davis asked if the first speaker was here representing the Director of the DRC. Mr. Clark said yes. He said he has spoken with the Director and they have other staff members at the other public hearing in Commercial Point and this is his position. He said the Director has stated on many occasions that we do not support this because of the direct effect on our employees. Mr. Davis commented that he had many comments that were a bit hard to follow and asked for a copy of his remarks. Mr. Clark said he is here filling in for Counsel that is out of town. He said he understands that a meeting is being set up with Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, and believes additional information will be provided at a later date.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that he has had contact with Mr. Gray and Mr. Young. They have asked for a meeting and a date just hasn't been set yet. He said many have questions and he

hopes they can be addressed through that meeting. He noted that one of the reasons he is requested a postponement to July 15 is at the request of Messrs Gray & Young, due to a scheduling conflict. He said he would get a bullet point sheet put together for everyone.

At the request of the Director of Law, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed to July 15; seconded by Ms. Albright.

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

3. Resolution CR-29-13 (Accept the Battle Cross and Fallen Soldier Memorial in Memory of Master Sergeant Shawn Hannon at Henceroth Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett read the resolution in its entirety to commemorate this special occasion.

Eagle Scout Brandon Weber, shared his project with Council and why he chose this project. He recognized his sponsor's. Finally, he showed the video clip from Channel 6 news.

Council members applauded Brandon's efforts and the recognition for Master Sergeant Hannon.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-32-13 (Accept the Annexation of 101.3+ acres located at 3650 London-Groveport Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 17, 2013.
2. Ordinance C-33-13 (Accept the Annexation of 24.1+ acres located at 3385 & 3395 London-Groveport Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 17, 2013.
3. Ordinance C-34-13 (Accept the Annexation of 0.5+ acres located at 3500 London-Groveport Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 17, 2013.
4. Ordinance C-35-13 (Accept the Annexation of 4.4+ acres located at 2050 Holton Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 17, 2013.

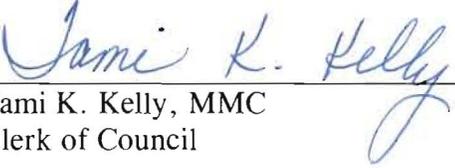
**The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.**

1. Mr. Bill Ferguson, commented that author Dave Maple put together a book about the History of Grove City Basketball. It is the second edition and is being sold as a fundraiser for the Library. It is \$20.00 and is available at the Library or from Basketball parents.
2. Mr. Wise, Superintendent of SWCS, provided an update on the replacement of the many school projects in the district. Mr. Dingedine shared a presentation on their goals and how they plan to build these new structures. All but one will be on the existing site. They will also be much more efficient. They put their designs on-line and allowed the residents to comment and help design them. They are designed to be welcoming but also secure.
3. Mr. Scott Belcastro, Traybell, spoke about electric aggregation. He provided some new information and asked if Council has any interest in pursuing this for the Grove City District. He shared that these have been successful in the areas they have done these in. Mr. Berry said the proper process would be to discuss this with the administration first. Mr. Belcastro said he did take Council's prior suggestion and contacted Mr. Boso but hasn't received a call back, so he came tonight to touch base. Mr. Boso said he, Mr. Turner and Mr. Smith met last week to begin discussions on the options. Mr. Belcastro said it is a large effort to get this on the ballot and the deadline is coming up. He would like to have a conversation to see if he can be of assistance.

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

1. Mr. Turner submitted the monthly financial report.
  2. Ms. Klemack-McGraw thanked several Dept. Heads for meeting with some residents in her Ward to address some concerns.
- President Berry reminded everyone of the Open House Pizzuti is hosting Wednesday night from 4:30 – 7:30 to review their latest ideas for the Town Center.
4. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Ted. A. Berry  
Chair