

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 5, 2006

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                  Rich Lester                  "Ike Stage                  Ted Berry*

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

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| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |

2. President Lester recognized the Mayor who introduced Mr. Marty Saperstein, Saperstein & Associates, to present this year's Community Attitude Survey. Mr. Saperstein explained their process and then reviewed the responses compiled this year. This is the seventh report done on the City and a yearly comparison was provided for each question. Those percentages have not fluctuated very much through the years. The conclusion of the report showed that: Overall, the impression of the Grove City area is positive; Long-Term residents believe that the quality of live is better today than five years ago; Residents are pleased with Public Service, performance of City Officials, parks and public facilities for recreation; jobs and housing continue to attract new residents; most common concerns involve public schools, local taxes, traffic and development; most residents would register "online" for Parks & Rec. programs if offered; there is a strong interest in having a bookstore in town. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Saperstein for this Report.
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-33-06 (Authorize the Issuance of Notes in the amount of not to exceed \$8,327,000.00 in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of improving Stringtown and White Roads by widening, repaving, and constructing drainage improvements and related infrastructure with landscaping, traffic control devices, lighting, and appropriating funds therefor, retiring notes previously issued for such purpose, approving the form of Official statement and declaring an emergency) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting Period waived; seconded by President Lester.

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| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |

Mr. Stage moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by President Lester.

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| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |

2. Ordinance C-34-06 (Appropriate \$2,000.00 from the General Recreation Fund for the Current Expense of the P.A.R.K. Art Program) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |

3. Ordinance C-35-06 (Appropriate \$4,078.00 from the Drug Law Enforcement Fund for the Current Expense of Police Equipment) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

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| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |

4. Ordinance C-37-06 (Appropriate \$1,360.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Training) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 6/19/06.

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

1. Ordinance C-36-06 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Creative Mobile Interiors located West of Seeds Road for Motor Vehicle Services) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jim Dreiss, representing petitioner, explained that this company creates custom mobile homes and is desirous of expanding their operation on Seeds Road. They currently have 40 employees and hope to expand to 120. Mr. Berry asked how many of those would be management positions. Mr. Dreiss stated possibly 60.

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

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| Mr. Corbin  | Yes     |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes     |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes     |
| Mr. Stage   | Abstain |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes     |

2. Ordinance C-38-06 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Integrity Plus Auto Body Collision and Specialties for Motor Vehicle Services located at 6137 Enterprise Parkway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 6/19/06.

3. Resolution CR-31-06 (Approve the Development Plan for Creative Mobile Interiors located at 6497 Seeds Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jim Dreiss, CMI, was present to answer any questions. President Lester asked if they have satisfied the Fire Dept., as stipulated in the Resolution. Mr. Dreiss stated that they have had several meetings with the Fire Dept. and that their final drawings will meet their requirements.

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

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| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |

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

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| Mr. Lester  | Yes     |
| Mr. Stage   | Abstain |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes     |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes     |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes     |

4. Resolution CR-32-06 (Approve the Sign Request for Victor Casasanta Realty located at 3848 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Amy Morrissey, representing petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

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

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| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |

5. Resolution CR-33-06 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Exterior Modifications to 3105 Park Street located in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Corbin moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

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| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |

6. Resolution CR-34-06 (Approve the Development Plan for Spence-Miller Funeral Home Addition located at 2697 Columbus Street) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage requested to be excused from voting due to a conflict of interest. President Lester moved to excuse Mr. Stage from this vote; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

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| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |

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

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| Ms. Klemack | Yes     |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes     |
| Mr. Stage   | Abstain |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes     |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes     |

7. Resolution CR-35-06 (Approve the Development Plan for Capital Park South, Building #4 Trailer Parking Expansion) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Brian Marsh, developer, was present to answer any questions. President Lester asked if they agreed to the three stipulations set by Planning Commission. Mr. Marsh said yes.

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

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| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |

8. Resolution CR-36-06 (Authorize the City Administrator to Contract for Design and Construction Services for the Creation of a Skate Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage commented that the Administration shared the expenditures, to date, for this project in general. He voiced his opposition to this resolution for two reasons. One is financial and the other is the site itself. He explained that while he understands that the City has had an environmental, phase II, review completed on the site, he visited it last week and there is a quite a bit of debris and a smell. He said he is opposed to the site because it was a former wastewater treatment facility for the City. The other reason is because he believes the cost is too high. He estimates that, all total, it is close to \$800,000.00. He said he is not against the skate park, but is against placing it at this site. He feels there are other sites available and thinks it's a risk to put it on the Hoover site.

Mr. Berry asked the Mayor for a little history of this project and why we are back at this location. Why the other locations didn't meet the need. Mayor Grossman commented that the process began in 2002, as a result of numerous requests. More recently, the City received a letter from the Town Center Merchants requesting a facility to get the skateboarders off the curbs, benches, etc. downtown. Community meetings were held and sites were narrowed down to three (Hoover Park site, Windsor Park & Fryer Park). It was determined that Windsor Park was already too busy and it didn't really compliment the Senior Center. There was a major drainage problem with the area in Fryer Park that would have been available for the skate park and an overall Plan for Fryer has been adopted by the Park Board, so this site was eliminated. The Hoover Road site is unusable land in its current state and the Administration believes that the responsible thing to do is to remove the underground structures and make it usable. The merits to this location for the skate park are its proximity to the Fire Station (with 24 hour service), and the versatility in being able to use the site for a Youth Services station and a Storage Facility for the Police Dept. The Safety Dept. supported this location, due to its high visibility.

It is also easily accessible to a major portion of the skateboarders in the community. She said when you look at the amounts, it is split into three projects, not just a skate park. Mr. Berry asked if the EPA has approved the land. Mayor Grossman said yes. Mr. Berry asked if it would be lit at night. The Mayor said no, as it is not intended to be open in the evening.

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

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| Mr. Stage   | No  |
| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | 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.**

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

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

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| Mr. Berry   | Yes |
| Mr. Corbin  | Yes |
| Ms. Klemack | Yes |
| Mr. Lester  | Yes |
| Mr. Stage   | Yes |

She then reported on the Lumberyard development, stating that the Committee has met with all the proposed developers and will be making a recommendation to Council soon. She noted that the Dispatch completed a survey on the best and worst. Grove City was listed under having some of the best ball diamonds at Fryer Park. She said she is very pleased with the Community Survey results, as the city strives to service the community in all directions.

2. Council Members and Administration congratulated Ms. Klemack on her recent marriage.
3. After additional comments from the Mayor, Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

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Richard D. Lester  
President