

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 15, 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. Corbin 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 the Mayor and Chief of Police, who awarded the Policeman of the Year Award to Casey Grassel, and the Civilian of the Year award to Niki Mathes. Also awarded was the Lifesaving Award to Courtney Duncan, Dispatcher.
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-38-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Purchase Agreement for 5100 Jackson Pike and Appropriate \$155,000.00 from the Street Fund for the Current Expense of said purchase) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 6, 2009.
2. Resolution CR-27-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Jobs Grown Incentive Agreement with Welspun USA, Inc.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Phil Honsey, City Admin., explained that this assists the city in retaining this company, which is one of the largest textile companies in the Country. They will also be expanding their facility. He said in Economic Development, one of the most important parts of the job is to retain the industry we already have.

Mr. Chuck Boso, Dir. of Dev., explained that under this agreement, the existing jobs are unaffected and the city will receive 100% of the income tax. Only the new jobs will receive a credit for the first two years.

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

3. Resolution CR-28-09 (Approve the Appointment of Delegates to the Regional Income Tax Agency Regional Council of Governments) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey explained that this provides for our Finance Director and Tax Administrator to become part of the RITA Board, which we use for income tax collection.

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

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

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

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 second reading and public hearing.

The Mayor stated that because of the test by the Courts, we felt it necessary to change the language to reflect what has been determined to be a crime.

Mr. Stephen Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that we are only changing one word from unknowingly to “negligently”, which eliminates the ignorance defense. It will assist the officers in dealing with these types of situations.

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

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

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

Ordinance C-39-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with the Franklin County Engineer for the White Road at McDowell Road Improvement Project) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 6, 2009.

2. Resolution CR-29-09 (Endorse Issue 2, the South-Western City School 8.2 Mill Operating Levy on August 4, 2009) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage commented that the closing of all the SWCS buildings has diminished the programs that our Parks & Rec. Dept. can offer. From an economic standpoint, as with Welspun, we need to retain these jobs. He said we have already lost some revenue. We need to keep jobs and keep this community as viable as possible. He referenced an advertisement in the Dispatch from Pickerington that entices our residents to move to their community. He said you never recover from those residents that move away; the companies that never come; etc. He said we need to educate the public and ourselves over the implications that another failed Levy would have on the City.

President Berry noted that the Administration provided a copy of the ads they intend to run and thanked the Mayor for sharing them with Council. He read one of the Ads for the audience.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-33-09 (Approve the Rezoning of 0.20 acres located at 4068 Gladman Avenue from R-2 to PSO) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Dr. Craig Oiler, petitioner, was present to answer any questions. He explained that this is for the expansion of parking.

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

2. Ordinance C-40-09 (Approve an Addendum to the Pre-Annexation and Development Agreement with M/I Homes of Central Ohio, LLC and Pinnacle Development Company of Grove City, LTD as approved by Ordinance C-124-03) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 6, 2009.

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

1. Mr. Terry Jones voiced his opposition to the CIC approving funds for the Pro SWCS Levy campaign. He read a statement voicing his opposition on this point and to the Levy itself. He said

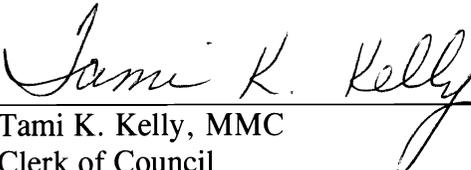
S.W.A.T. has an economic argument for why it shouldn't be passed. He said if Issue 2 is successful, property owners will see an additional \$396.00 per year added to their mortgage payments (on a \$150,000 home). When the 9.7 mill levy passed in 2005, yearly mortgage payments on a \$150,000 home went up \$456.00. If Issue 2 passes, that will be \$852.00 within just 4 years. He said that is money people won't have to support our local businesses. People are already tightening their budgets. He believes it will have a devastating effect on the homes in Grove City. He said the community won't be bullied. He demand half the funds allocated from the CIC for their campaign against the Levy. He said the Mayor only represents half the community.

2. Mr. Dick Rutherford clarified that the CIC is a quasi government and the City has contributed to their funds. The Mayor confirmed this. Mr. Rutherford pointed out that when you come right down to it, their money came from the citizens. He said he supports the Levy and the School District. However, he thinks the City is moving in a direction that it should not move in. The City has an obligation to serve all the citizens. Once your start supporting one group over another, you aren't serving the whole community. He believes they are setting a precedent that shouldn't be set. Many people are giving up food and medicine and can't afford any more. He said they also deserve respect.

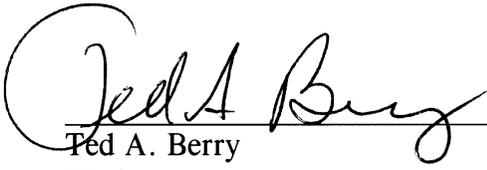
The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage commented that Relay for Life is this weekend and encouraged every one to participate. Also, we received a grant from Ohio Public Works for \$4,750,000.00 for S.R. 665.
2. Mr. Honsey and Mr. Ed Merritt, gave a presentation on the latest improvements for Windsor Park, which includes a new entrance off Broadway, new ball Diamonds, and much more. Mr. Merritt showed a Power Point presentation on the phasing of these improvements. Mr. Honsey noted that lighting would be in the second phase. Mr. Keller provided engineering estimates for the some of the improvements.
3. Council voiced their support for the Levy and their concerns for the community if it doesn't pass. Mr. Uhrin announced his personal contribution to the campaign and challenged all elected officials within the SWCS District to make their own donation.
4. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
Chair