

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 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 approve as written; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	Yes

2. President Berry recognized the Mayor, who turned the floor over to Mr. Don Walters. Mr. Walters introduced Kathy Gill & Julie Camp of City Scene Magazine. Ms. Kathy Gill said they started a readership survey three years ago and Grove City has won two years in a row for Best Suburban fireworks. This year they also have the following winners: Best Wine Event was GC Wine & Arts Festival; Best Cupcake was Capital City Cakes; Best Pizza was Tammy's Pizza; Best Local Winery was Plum Run Winery; Best Charity was Mid-Ohio Regional Food Bank; Best BBQ was City BBQ. Representatives from each winning business was present to receive their plaque.
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-40-14 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with TechColumbus and Appropriate \$50,000.00 from the General Fund for related expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

President Berry moved to excuse Ms. Lanese from discussion and voting due to a potential conflict of interest; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Stephen Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that Ms. Lanese's husband is a minority owner of a business that does business with TechColumbus. Although it has not received and direct financial ties, this ordinance does appropriate \$50,000.00 that her husband's company's clients could benefit from. So, he advised Ms. Lanese to recuse herself.

There being no questions or comments, the vote was called.

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

*Editor's Note: At this time, Ms. Lanese left the Council Chamber.

Mr. Tom Walker, President 5 CEO, was present to answer any questions. He explained that this partnership allows TechColumbus to work with entrepreneurs in Grove City. They will have full access to their advisory and expert network services, as well as potential invest capital. For the City, it is an important relationship. It allows them to network with corporations in our region and bring them into their network. He said as they grow companies and they need different office/manufacturing space, they are a potential referral source for the City.

Mayor Stage said we want to be the first City they call to receive business prospects. He welcomed them to town any time and appreciates the partnership.

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

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

Editor's Note: Ms. Lanese returned to the meeting.

2. Ordinance C-41-14 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into multi-year Agreements with Time Warner Communications for Data Connectivity) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Todd Hurley, IT Director, explained that these Contracts have been pre-bid by the State. There are three connections - the Big Splash, Kingston School, and upgrading/moving the City Hall connection. He noted that they brought the Grant House on board also.

Mr. Berry asked if these contracts include strengthening the WI-FI in the Term Center. Mr. Hurley said they are working on an issue with one of the access points, but a few weeks ago there was an access point added at Grant Street & Broadway. They will be adding another at Grove City Road & Broadway. He said they are trying to address that issue by relieving some interference we are getting in the Town Center.

Mr. Bennett asked if this was bid or researched with other providers. Mr. Hurley said yes. He explained that we currently we deal with three providers (AT&T, WOW & Time Warner). The circuit at City Hall was still under contract, but they are allowing us to move that circuit. The other two locations already have existing fiber. With the other two providers, it would require a build-out and they are defraying that cost. Mr. Bennett said \$2,500/mo. is a lot of money for 100mb system. Mr. Hurley said we are currently at \$1,870.00/mo and this is doubling the capacity, along with moving the circuit. He said we are also shifting services to cloud-based, hosted services rather than servicing them in-house.

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

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

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

1. Resolution CR-36-14 (Authorize the City's Consulting Engineer to prepare Plans, Specifications and Cost Estimates for the Construction and Repair of Sidewalks on Richard Ave., Woodgrove Dr., Clark Dr., Stoner Dr., Billman Place, and Dawn Drive) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Spring, Dir. of Service, explained that this will allow the City to capture 48 properties and finish out the sidewalks in The Groves subdivision.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-42-14 (Accept the Annexation of 0.505 acres located at 2374 White Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tom Clark, attorney representing petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-43-14 (Amend Section 1137.05(e) & (f) of the Codified Ordinances titled Yard Obstructions and Fences) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/21/14.
3. Ordinance C-44-14 (Approve the Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Wendy's Restaurant located at 1920 Stringtown Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/21/14.
4. Ordinance C-45-14 (Approve the Special Use Permit for a Drive-Thru Window for Wendy's Restaurant located at 1920 Stringtown Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 7/21/14.
5. Resolution CR-37-14 (Approve the Development Plan for Wendy's Restaurant located at 1920 Stringtown Road) was given its reading and at the request of the petitioner's agent, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be postponed to 8/4; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

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

1. Mr. Berry noted that several people were present who had questions about the Southwest Blvd./Demorest Road intersection improvement. He asked Mr. Spring to provide an update. Mr. Spring said the City has not accepted that project, nor is that project completed. He said they have rejected all the guardrails. Material had to be reordered for them. He said once it is complete, the City will review the work and compile a punch list once the project is completed. He said he knows someone voiced concern over a low spot in the sidewalk. He explained that it was designed that way and is supposed to grade right into a drain that is there. The silt fences will be up until the Fall to allow the vegetation to re-establish. The bags on the curbs are there to collect debris and keep it from going into the sewer. Mr. Berry asked if we clean those basins and bags. Mr. Spring said the Contractor is supposed to do it.

Mr. Shaw questioned the dip in the sidewalk and asked if it was designed to hold water, because that is what is happening. He said this will be a problem in the winter and be an ice spot. Mr. Berry asked if that was changed from the original design/build. Mr. Spring said there was very little changed and believes this was part of the original plan. Mr. Berry asked how we get this fixed. Mr. Spring said it appeared to be working when he was out there, but they would review it. He said he heard the concern for freezing and if it is a safety hazard, they will fix it.

Mr. Berry said in Caucus a couple meetings ago, Mr. Keller agreed to put together a plan to address Southwest Blvd. Mayor Stage said that was more of a macro view for Southwest Blvd. This particular project was very specific. Mayor Stage said if it's not right or a problem, it will be fixed. It will be made right or we won't accept it until it is.

Mr. Berry asked if Rockledge Street & Tanglebrook is going to be put on the pavement list. Mr. Spring said yes. He said it is at the top of the 2015 list. Mr. Berry asked if Corona Ct. has been paved. Mr. Spring said yes.

2. Mr. Brian Grove, resident, asked for an update on any Beehive legislation. Mr. Bennett said he is working on a piece of legislation that makes the most sense for the community.
3. Ms. Mary Shaw asked for an update on Beulah and if there has been any discussion with Continental. Mr. Boso said they haven't talked with Continental in a couple of weeks. When they did talk to them last it was more about contact information. Ms. Shaw asked if they have seen any of their plans. Mr. Boso said yes. Ms. Shaw asked if the plans include what's on the Dodge Report, which she read. Mr. Boso said their plans showed no retail commercial. She asked if there were warehouses. Mr. Boso said there was some industrial. She asked about the Southwest Blvd. improvements. Mr. Boso thanked her for bringing the guardrail to the City's attention, and it is being addressed.

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

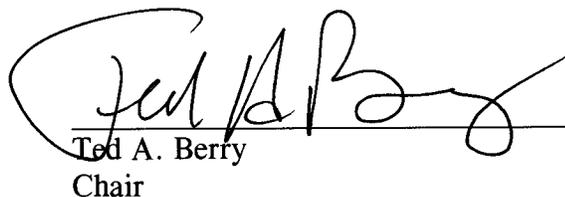
1. Mayor Stage said there will be fireworks next year - just to dispel that rumor. He gave an update on - He announced that Homecoming is this weekend. He congratulated all the award winners.

2. Ms. Lanese asked Mr. Boso when we would hear back about the library analysis. Mr. Boso said it is in the works and might be discussed at the next Council Meeting. She then asked about the Lumberyard. Mr. Boso said he sent Council a copy of the Memo of Understanding that outlines the financials. He said they requested a meeting with Council to review that Draft document.
3. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
Chair