

# CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

## COUNCIL MINUTES

August 01, 2016

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Schottke 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:

*Laura Lanese*      *Steve Bennett*      *Roby Schottke*      *Jeff Davis*      *Ted Berry*

1. Mr. Davis moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meetings and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

2. President Schottke recognized members of the 2016 Southwest Leadership program, who presented a check for the Gold Star Memorial that was their Class Project this year.

Next, President Schottke recognized Ms. Thea Walls, MORPC, who provided a transportation update for the Grove City and surrounding area. She answered questions from Council Members.

3. The Chair read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-65-16 (Appropriate \$36,500.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Higher Education Investment Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 15, 2016.

Ms. Lanese asked that the following questions be answered for her before the next meeting: 1. she asked to see examples of other programs in other cities; 2. Is one of the goals of this program to show any economic advantage or are there other reasons; 3. Are there any other challenges, similar to the religious one, in any type of program from a municipality point of view; 4. She wants to know how much time and money has been spent on this program so far; 5. She wants to know how we are going to track the success of this program. She summarized: why are we giving this money, what we are looking for, and how are we going to measure it.

Mr. Schottke asked if we the scholarships are being given to the individual students and not to the college. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said the scholarship will be to each student, but the check will be sent to the college on their behalf. He said it was decided to do it this way in order to make sure the funds were spent properly. He noted that the only reason we required the name of the Institution is to verify that the college meets one of the criteria. Mr. Schottke asked if the money was for tuition only and not books. Mr. Holt, Chair of the Committee, came forward and said he would like to double check and will be ready to answer that question at the next meeting.

2. Ordinance C-66-16 (Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Increment Financing Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of \$15,000,000.00 for the purposes of: Refunding all of the City's Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2006; Paying the costs of additional improvements to Stringtown Road; Paying the costs of a Bus Stop Lane and Shelter on Parkway Centre Drive; and Paying Financing costs of the Bonds; and Authorizing various related documents and instruments) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 15, 2016.

Mayor Stage commented that Staff has been working on this for about nine (9) months. He said it is good timing to refinance this and the next ordinance. He said it will save about \$900,000.00 and decrease a little bit of our cash flow. He said there are no losers, except those who hold our bonds. The next ordinance may save us about \$800,000.00. Mr. Turner noted that these Bonds were issued in 2006 and had 10 year call provisions. Now is the perfect time, because they are callable Bonds. We can save money and take money out of the first TIF to do some improvements.

3. Ordinance C-67-16 (Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Increment Financing Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of \$7,000,000.00 for the purposes of: Refunding all or a portion of the City's Pinnacle Club Drive Construction and Improvement Bonds, Series 2006; and Paying Financing Costs of the Bonds; and Authorizing various related documents and instruments) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 15, 2016.

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

1. Ordinance C-57-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a Drive Thru for Gateway Retail located on Meadow Pond Court) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smiley, applicant, was present to answer any questions. He said this is the catch 22 with the clients they have. They have no interest in moving forward if the Special Use cannot be secured. He said they will have a Development Plan coming forward, but this is a timing issue for them.

Mayor Stage said the trash dumpster area needs spruced up. Mr. Smiley said he understands and will work on it. Their challenge is due to the high tension wires that run across this property, but will work on it. Mr. Bennett asked about safety. Mr. Smiley said these are all raised patios with bollards and fencing.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-58-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Gateway Retail located on Meadow Pond Court) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smiley, applicant, was present to answer any questions.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-59-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Gateway Retail (Starbucks) located on Meadow Pond Court) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smiley, applicant, was present to answer any questions.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-60-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Sales for Parkash & Prashar, LLC located at 3088 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tom Clark, attorney for petitioner, was present and provided a little background on the owner and property. He requested that the stipulation from Planning Commission be removed. He said there have been no problems with this establishment for eight years. He said he only sells ice and propane outside. He said they would like to leave the ice machine where it is and move one propane box to the side, with the other in front. They feel moving them to the side will prevent any sales. He referenced the approvals for outdoor sales given at their previous meeting. He said they are asking that Council give this owner the opportunity to sell his goods.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Berry moved to amend Section 1 to removed "contingent upon the stipulation set by Planning Commission" and replace with "as submitted"; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

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

Mr. Bennett moved it approved; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

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

5. Ordinance C-61-16 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Sales for Meijer Gas Station located at 2859 London-Groveport Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Scott Compton, Store Director, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Bennett asked if they have come to an agreement with the City. Mr. Compton said they would like to sell salt outside, but do not have a problem moving those inside the store. Mr. Rauch said there were discussions with the applicant to reduce the number of items being sold outside. His Department looks at these for safety and obtained agreement with the applicant to clear out some of the items. Mr. Schottke voiced objection to allowing any sales between the pumps. Mr. Davis asked about the softener salt. Mr. Compton said it is a convenience for the customer. He said they won't sell it at the gas station if it needs to be inside. He conceded that they do have some theft. They are happy to do whatever they need to do.

Mr. Schottke said he would like to be more consistent in their approvals of these issues. Council is allowing some things for some businesses and not for others. He would like to land on something that they can all live with – such as car related sales.

Mr. Compton asked if they consolidated the items and moved them along the side of the building, if that would permit the salt. After further discussion over what to allow if this store and a desire to see recommendations for Code changes so consistency can be imposed, a suggestion to postpone this item was made.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be postponed to 8/15/16; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

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

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

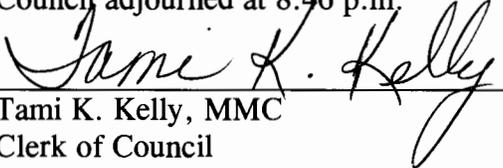
**The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. Mayor Stage submitted the Mayor's Court Report and Mr. Bennett moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Davis.

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

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

Council adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

  
Tami K. Kelly, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
Roby Schottke  
Chair

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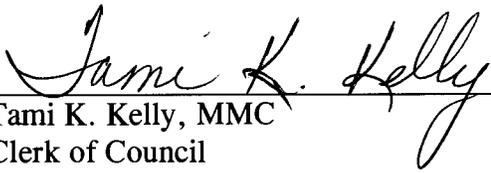
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Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Caucus Room, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Council Members reviewed the Agenda items.

Mr. Smith presented a Liquor Permit request for Walgreens, which Council had no objection to.

Council retired to the Chambers to begin the Regular meeting.

  
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Chair