

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 02, 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 Mr. Bennett.

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

2. President Berry recognized Mayor Stage for a Presentation. The Mayor recognized Mr. Greg Winslow, of Mid-Ohio Food Bank, and declared it Hunger Action Month.

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-48-14 (Appropriate \$50,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Big Splash Operations) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks and Rec., stated that this would supplement the pool operations for the rest of the season. She explained that the pool is weather dependent and attendance was down this year. She said staff does take steps to close early and reduce costs. Mr. Turner, Director of Finance, stated that he projects the deficit to be about \$20,000.00 based on an average from past years but he asked for \$50,000.00 just to be safe. Any remaining monies will be carried over to next year for start-up costs.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-54-14 (Amend the Payment Schedule in Section 2 of Ordinance C-13-14) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 9/15/14.

3. Ordinance C-55-14 (Reauthorize an Agreement between the City of Grove City and the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the City, in order to Participate in the Franklin County, Ohio Department

of Housing & Urban Development Entitlement Program and Abide by the Covenants of that Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 9/15/14.

4. Resolution CR-44-14 (Declare Eligibility and Designate Banking Institutions to receive Active and Interim Funds of the City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that every five years we are required to sign agreements with banking institutions that will allow us to make deposits with them. He said these are the banks that offered agreements.

Mayor Stage noted that Heartland Bank has been added to the list this time, which is a local bank.

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

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

5. Resolution CR-45-14 (Authorize the City Administrator to Seek Financial Assistance from the State Capital Improvement Program/Local Transportation Improvement Program for the Funding of the Gantz Road Improvement Project) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Boso, City Admin., explained that the City has been blessed with receiving grant monies from this Program. Mr. Keller, EMH&T, provided an overview of the improvements for the Gantz Road project. He said it is estimated to cost \$2.4 million and we will be asking for \$1.5 million from the Grant Program.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-47-14 (Establish Section 505.16 of the Codified Ordinances titled Bees) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Davis explained that they have been tasked with putting together a piece that addresses the multiple needs of the different constituencies. He said they tried to find the parameters that would guide responsible beekeeping and offer a remedy for neighbors where there may be a nuisance. He said they have attempted to find the most responsible balance. He said they will be replacing the ordinance tonight with a new version that takes into consideration the comments Council has already heard to date. They want to allow time for all those concerned to be able to review this new language and take feedback. So, they will not vote this evening and encouraged those interested to read over the latest version.

Mr. Davis moved to replace C-47-14 with C-47a-14; seconded by Mr. Berry.

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

Mr. Davis moved to postpone C-47a-14 to 9/15/14; seconded by Mr. Berry.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-49-14 (Accept the Annexation of 0.505+ acres located at 2290 White Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing and Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

2. Ordinance C-50-14 (Accept the Donation of 0.36 acres and to Thank Jon G. Kepler and the Family of Eugene Kepler) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage explained that a long-time Grove City family has donated this piece of property. He said the City has met with the Hoover Park Homeowner's Association in an attempt to extend of the bike trail from Windsor Park to Fryer Park. He said they contacted Mr. Kepler about this piece and he said he would give it to the City. The Mayor said they would send a letter of thanks.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-51-14 (Approve a Special Use Permit for The Dawg Shoppe, LLC for a Dog Grooming business located at 3965 Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Christina Hoover, owner, said they are looking to relocate to have more space.

Mr. Bennett asked if she has already signed an agreement. She said yes. Council asked if she knew there was a 30 day grace period before it becomes effective. Ms. Hoover said yes.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-52-14 (Approve a Special Use Permit for AT&T Mobility & Rubex Realty Inc for an Antenna Tower located at 3709 Grove City Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw noted that the petitioner called the Clerk today to explain he was sick and could not be present. If there are concerns, he asked if Council would postpone the item until the next meeting. Mr. Bennett clarified the location.

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

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

5. Resolution CR-46-14 (Proposing the City provide the Library with the Resources and Funds promised to Build the New Southwest Public Library on their Current Site) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Lanese explained her reasons for introducing this Resolution. She said she has attended all the Library Board meetings and heard their concerns, so she wanted to give them another option. She said she has also heard from residents who think the Library should stay put. She noted that one reasons for moving the library to Broadway was to increase walkability and green space, but one resident said it removes the walkability and pulls them further away from the Town Center; a Land Planner told her that you want different points of interest so people go to all points in your Town Center; she also voiced concerns over extending Columbus Street and the cost; she also believes it would be safer for the Library to stay on Park Street and resolve the safety issue.

Mr. Roger Burket, owns property in Grove City, grew up in Grove City, and considers himself a Grove City dude. He said there has been much controversy about the Library location and the current site is in the Historical Preservation Area. He said there is nothing less historical than a new building. He said old homes have been torn down already. He said more homes may need torn down to expand parking and the expanse of walkways to Park Street. He said one Library Board member said it needs a weasel clause with the City in case of any undesirable development. He said the entire plan appears to not have any cares to the cost. He said the current plan sows a tower. He asked if they want to build a library or a monument. He said quit tearing down houses; forget the tower, leave Columbus St. alone, take the money that would have been spent and send it back to the taxpayers. The Library should stay where it is.

Mr. Mark Shaw, Director of Library, said he was speaking on behalf of the Southwest Public Library's Board of Trustees. He expressed the Boards support for the Resolution presented by Council Member Lanese. He said this doesn't mean that SPL is ready to walk away from the Broadway site without seeing the latest detailed site plan, but a lot has changed since the first public announcement of the location. Over the last seven months, a large number of their patrons have expressed their opinion on the matter. Many feel that the Library should not locate on Broadway. With the extension of Columbus

Street and the development of Beulah Park, it is felt that the Library would be surrounded by busy streets, rendering it unsafe for patrons. He said the SPL Board takes no position on the development of Beulah Park. Their concern is to build a library that is safe and functional, and provides effective library service to their patrons for decades to come. He said Mrs. Lanese's Resolution provides a distinctive alternative that the SPL Board would like to explore. He said both ideas have advantages and drawbacks that the SPL Board would like to investigate. He said the Board is asking them not to dismiss this Resolution as a viable alternative to the Broadway site.

Mayor Stage shared a chronology of events with the Library that actually goes back to 1998. However, the Pizzuti Plan from 2012 agreed to explore many ideas, including a new Library. That Plan became four projects. He reviewed each project. He reviewed the finances for the Library at Grant and Broadway. He said now we are going back and revisiting the Library's current site. He said there is a tremendous amount of energy and effort in what is currently planned, and hopefully agreeable to the Library, at Grant and Columbus Streets. He said they should stay the course for now, and continue with the plan at Grant and Broadway.

Mr. Bennett said he appreciates the thought and angst that been brought about by trying to get this project done right. While he agrees in some context of Park Street being a good location, he wondered if there has been any thought to reinvigorate the option of placing the Library behind City Hall and creating a public area with plenty of parking and ease of access. He said they could put retail at Broadway and Grant. He said essentially, it is up to the Library Board to tell the City what they want and where they want to be. Mr. Shaw said if they send them this proposal, they would consider it. Mayor Stage said the work that has been put in to the Broadway/Columbus site, needs to play out and feels this would be premature. Mr. Berry agreed with the Mayor. He said we should wait for the Library's report and take one step at a time.

Mr. Davis said he appreciates Ms. Lanese's offering, but he has spent years on the Library. We've known for a long time that we need a new library. He said he believes there are merits about having the library on Broadway. It was the design. It has been talked about for two years. It is not new. He said he is heartbroken by the process, but we are where we are and feels we need to let this play out for a bit longer. He said if it falls apart, for whatever reason, he said he would support a Resolution to place the library on whatever site that they want. He said there is real, live, energetic benefit to a library on Broadway in his mind.

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

Mr. Davis	No
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	No
Mr. Berry	No
Mr. Bennett	No
Ms. Lanese	Yes

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

1. Ms. Theresa Thomas, Rensch Rd, commented on the article she read in the Columbus Dispatch about a secret meet and greet at the Pinnacle. She said she believes extending Columbus Street negatively impacts the Library's original plan. It appears that the Council has an agenda that they are working with. She said it is frustrating and appears that the Library should grovel for any bone that is thrown their way. She agrees that the Library should stay where it is or give them the lot next door and the money promised. She doesn't understand why it is a hard concept to grasp.

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

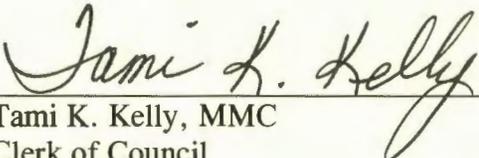
1. Mayor Stage provided two statistical reports from Mayor's Court. Mr. Berry moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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

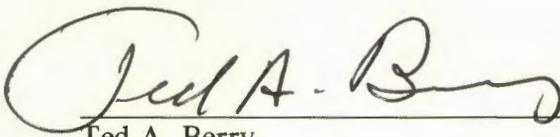
Mayor Stage commented that Tesla Motors is hoping to place a recharging area near Giant Eagle. He commented on the Jividen Property. He explained that part of the contract said that if there were any funds left after paying for Mrs. Jividen's expenses, the City could use them for, what he is suggesting, is improvements to the property. He said they have a company developing a list of suggestions. Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, noted that \$200,000.00 has been given to the Jividen Family for charitable contributions, per the contract. They have also paid for the living expenses. To date, they have spent about \$205,000.00 of the \$360,000.00. The Family has agreed that there are no other bills coming in from the Estate.

2. Ms. Conrad announced the opening of a Disc Golf Course in partnership with the Nazarene Church and an Eagle Scout project, this coming Sunday. She also announced that the Little League Board is hosting, on 9/13/14 at 9:00 a.m., a "Challenger's Buddy Ballgame" for the promotion of the Dream Field.
3. After comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
Chair