

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

September 21, 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. Uhrin moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Grinch.

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

2. President Berry recognized the Park Street Intermediate School students that participated in a Study Trip to Hong Kong. They came to thank Council and Administration for their support in helping their group go to Hong Kong. They showed a quick DVD and presented the City with Park Street lapel pins and a stuffed mascot from Hong Kong.
3. The Chair read the agenda items they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-61-09 (Appropriate \$1,388,817.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of relocating, widening, reconstructing and improving Haughn Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey, City Admin., explained that this is related to the S.R. 665/1-71 Interchange. This is 95% assessed to SWACO, which they agree to.

Mr. Uhrin asked how the funding will take place. Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that we will issue Bonds and the vast majority of the Assessment will match the debt payment. The remainder will be the City's responsibility.

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

2. Ordinance C-62-09 (Authorize the Purchase of a Parking Lot from CSX Transportation, Inc. located on Park Street and Appropriate \$45,000.00 from the General Fund for said purchase) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey explained that after years of discussion with the railroad, we are very close to finalizing the purchase of the parking area/right-of-way next to the Bimco Building, which is now the home of Sound Communications.

Mr. Uhrin asked if this parking lot would belong to the City or Sound Communications. Mr. Honsey said it would ultimately be transferred to Sound Communications, as part of the Agreement.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-63-09 (Authorize the Purchase of 3374 Ventura Blvd. and Appropriate \$145,000.00 from the General Fund for said purchase) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey explained that this property is immediately adjacent to the Service complex. It will allow for the expansion of the Service Complex and provide better access to Windsor Park.

Mr. Uhrin asked if we obtained an appraisal. Mr. Honsey said yes. It came in just over the \$140,000.00 purchase price.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-64-09 (Appropriate \$200,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of joining the Central Ohio Risk Management Association Self Insurance Pool) was given its second reading and Mr. Uhrin moved it be Tabled; seconded by President Berry.

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

5. Ordinance C-70-09 (Appropriate \$37,872.42 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the 2009 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 05, 2009.

6. Ordinance C-71-09 (Appropriate \$69,872.00 from the Community Environment Fund for the Current Expense of Tree Installation) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 05, 2009.

Ordinance C-72-09 (Direct the Certification to the County Auditor of the expense for Cutting Weeds on Private Property) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 05, 2009.

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

1. Ordinance C-65-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with the Central Ohio Risk Management Association Self Insurance Pool) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Dale Dixon, City's Insurance Broker, explained that CORMA is an insurance Pool of municipalities that handle their own Risk and claims. They decided to grow their group with "like-kind", quality municipalities with solid claims experience. They asked Grove City to join. He said Grove City would be assuming some of their own risk. The Pool puts dollars into a fund to pay for those claims. In addition, access insurance is purchased when the amount exceed the amount of funding the City wants to assume. He said instead of transferring dollars to an insurance company to do this, the money is put into an account and gains equity. He said being part of a Pool like this allows the City to have more control of their costs and allows them to buy insurance at a better rate when the market is hard, like it is now. He provided a graph of CORMA's latest insurance areas. He said the carrier will not change for Grove City. The Pool will have the same insurance carrier as Grove City currently has. The coverage limits will increase for the city, and there will be cost savings for each municipality.

President Berry asked Mr. Turner if this is a better program. Mr. Turner said yes. He said we will receive more insurance, but the main reason for the change is because of the market and getting better rates. As Insurance rates change, we will be in a solid group to help secure better rates.

Mr. Honey commented that we will step up our risk management efforts and under the Pool structure, we will receive some financial benefits as we perform well with our risk. He noted that our current Agent also services this Pool, so that will also remain the same.

There being no additional Mr. Corbin 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. President Berry moved to remove Ordinance C-64-09 from the Table and place it back on the Agenda for discussion and voting; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

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

Mr. Turner explained that the term of the new Policy is different from our existing policy. He said we have paid the annual premium, which runs until February. This amount will pay for the annual premium for the new policy, which runs to October. We will receive a refund from our original policy for the cross-over months and will be put back into the General Fund.

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

3. Ordinance C-66-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Jackson Township for Dispatching and Communication Services) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage explained that this is an extension of our existing agreement. It would have renewed automatically, but the formality was pretty loose. This will strengthen the formality and have a discipline as to when it would be reviewed. It also has a \$60,000.00 increase in the fees to Grove City. He said they have met with the Fire Department and Township Trustees and believes it is a very fair Agreement.

Mr. Uhrin asked if there were any major upgrades to the system anticipated. The Mayor said we have had continuous upgrades to the system. He mentioned the 911 upgrade, which has placed quite a load on the system. He said we are supposed to get reimbursed from the \$0.10 that everyone pays on their bill. They are still working on getting our money from the County from that 911 Fund.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-73-09 (Amend Section 543.02(f)(2) of the Codified Ordinances titled Weeds Prohibited; Notices; Noncompliance; Remedies; Costs) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 05, 2009.
5. Ordinance C-74-09 (Authorize the Charitable Solicitations Board to issue a permit to the Ohio Newsboys Association, Inc. per Section 371.06(b)(2) of the Codified Ordinances) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 5, 2009.

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

Ordinance C-68-09 (Consent to the Transfer of Territory in the City of Grove City to the Township of Jackson) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tom Clark, attorney for petitioner, explained that Mrs. Corwin has three parcels. One is in the City and the other two in the Township. She would like to combine all three into one parcel and to do that, the parcel in Grove City needs to go back into Jackson Township. He said it's quite a

process to detach and they will go to the County next to petition for all this to be done. President Berry asked how something like this happened. Mr. Clark said that when his client purchased this acreage from the Milligan family, there was no Planning Commission and the Engineer had authority to approve lot splits. He said they presented the Deed and it was approved and that's how we got this parcel.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-75-09 (Accept an Easement from Shirley E. Chaffin for the Orders Road improvements) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 5, 2009.
3. Ordinance C-76-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to purchase necessary Land and Easements for the Orders Road Improvement Project) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 5, 2009.

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

1. Mr. Steve Funk voiced his concerns over the upcoming SWCS Levy. He explained that his daughter and her family are strongly considering moving because they believe the majority of the district doesn't value education. With that, he decided to get more involved and become more knowledgeable about school funding. He called and met Bill Phyllis, who got the state funding deemed unconstitutional and is the Executive Director of the Ohio Coalition of Equity and Adequate of School Funding. Mr. Phyllis introduced him to John Stanford, who is the Executive Assistant for the Education Policy for the State of Ohio. He said between these two gentlemen, he got a crash course about our school system. He said our District is in great need of hearing the facts. He said it is time to stand up for our children, our community, and our future. Its time to stand up so we can leave a positive legacy for the next generation. He said because Council and the Mayor were willing to stand up for our children, our community and our future, more city voters became educated about the Levy and after that, about 56% of Grove City residents voted yes. He said we made a difference. He said November is the last time that the District can get approval this year. If it fails, the District will have to make many more cuts that will affect basic education and devastate our community. He asked them to, once again, stand up and support Issue 47. He thanked them for everything they did with the last Levy and knows it is a passionate issue for many.

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

1. Mayor Stage recognized SWCS Superintendent Bill Wise and Board Member Greg McCarty. He also recognized Andy Furr, who coordinated the Parade Saturday.

He then shared the Mayor's Court monthly report and a Monthly Financial Spreadsheet and noted that our Income Taxes are within one half of one percent of where they were in 2008. President Berry moved to accept these reports; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

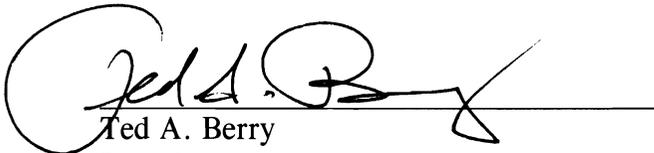
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Uhrin	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

Mayor Stage mentioned that we are in the running to receive up to \$275,000.00 for Town Center/Windsor Park Bike Trails, and Ms. Conrad held up a design plan to show the area. He also noted that the School District was mentioned in Sports Illustrated.com. He said it was a very human story, but it certainly sheds light on the situation we are in. He said we are now in damage control mode and he has some plans, through Mr. Walter's office, to do some positive things. Finally, he noted that the State Supreme court has ruled that video slots must go to the voter's. He said the Lumberyard Project is still a go. The only difference is the potential leverage that could have happened with a TIF to expend some funds from that source.

2. President Berry asked how we were coming along with the Demorest Road Bike Path, connecting to Westgrove. Ms Conrad said that it will be coming to Council in the Budget. Council thanked the group from Park Street for their presentation; and to all those involved in Arts-in-the Alley.
3. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 9:06 p.m.


 Tami K. Kelly, MMC
 Clerk of Council


 Ted A. Berry
 President