

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 06, 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 Ted Berry Steve Bennett Laura Lanese

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

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

2. Mr. Berry moved to excuse Ms. Klemack-McGraw; seconded by Mr. Davis.

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

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-56-14 (Appropriate \$70,000.00 from the Convention Bureau Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Dir. of Finance, explained that they budgeted for a quarter of the monies from this fund. The remaining monies collected from the Bed Tax need appropriated for the Convention Bureau.

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
Mr. Berry	Yes

2. Ordinance C-57-14 (Accept a \$1,000.00 Donation from Wal-Mart and Appropriate Same for the Division of Police Crime Prevention Program) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, explained that this is a donation received that needs to be appropriated. The ordinance is also a Thank You to Wal-Mart. Mayor Stage noted their exceptional corporate partnership.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-58-14 (Accept a \$1,000.00 Donation from the Columbus/Grove City Elks Lodge 37 and Appropriate same for the Division of Police Dare Program) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Lanese.

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

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

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

Mr. Davis explained that after the last meeting, he and Mr. Bennett asked the three members who have been involved in this ordinance to meet with them, and they did. All parties came together to come to this agreement. He voiced his appreciation to all for their collaboration and cooperation.

Mr. Bradley Frick, attorney representing Mr. Shannon Arnett, who voiced agreement except for the perimeter fence. He feels it could be cost prohibitive for someone to fence in their back yard. He said on the whole, it is responsible. He also feels it should be a civil penalty only. Overall, they support this ordinance. He thanked all for their efforts.

Mr. Smith responded and clarified that the height requirement is for the boxes. He explained that the penalty section has two components. One section is the standard criminal section that exists for any other animal charge in this Chapter. The second set of penalties is to address the nuisance provisions. This was written to give both the person filing the complaint and the bee keeper due process. In that set of penalties, it is a fine only.

Mr. Bennett commented that this time of the year has a lot of bee activity. He reminded everyone that most are not honey bees.

Mr. Davis moved to amend C-47a-14 as follows:

Section 505.16(b) (4) There shall be no more than two (2) hives on any one parcel measuring under one acre, with a height not to exceed five feet (5'), ~~from grade~~ and not exceed 16,020 cubic inches per hive. A Parcel measuring one acre or more shall have no more than two (2) hives per acre, with a height not to exceed five feet.

- (5) The Colony's shall have Restrictive Access by either 6' perimeter fencing or a solid 6' hedge row on or contiguous to the hive owner's property, except for parcels having one (1) acre or more.

Section 505.16 (c) shall be removed in its entirety and all enumerations below shall be adjusted accordingly.

Seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

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

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

2. Resolution CR-54-14 (Support Issue 38 – The Fire and Emergency Services Levy on November 4, 2014) was given its reading and public hearing.

Chief Rick Davison, Jackson Township Fire, voiced support for this Resolution. He said it has been since 1991 since they have asked for a Levy. He said they have gone as long as the can and as far as they can with the existing funds. He said these funds are required to allow them to provide the necessary services to the community.

President Berry and Mayor Stage voiced support for these efforts. Ms. Lanese stated that she struggled with this Resolution because it does raise taxes and will hurt a significant portion of our community. However she did speak with Township Administrator Mike Lilly and came away with a more positive opinion.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-53-14 (Approve the Rezoning of Lot 26 of Grant's Beulah Addition located North of Park Street and West of Curtis Avenue from R-2 to D-1) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Kevin Knevel, petitioner, was present to answer any questions. He is proposing a two-story duplex for the lot, with off street parking. He shared the latest drawing of the proposal that he just received from his architect.

Mayor Stage asked how he found the lot and if the tax abatement had any affect in the decision to buy it. Mr. Knevel said he and his son have been buying properties here, because it is such a solid community. He didn't know about the abatement until after the purchase, so it didn't have any affect in his decision.

Ms. Wendy Spister, daughter of Sharon Sharrod who lives right next door. She said this is a very narrow lot and the stakes are very close to her mother's property line. She shared her concerns over the design and setbacks. Mr. Knevel said he will conform to all building standards. He agreed that the stake looks very close but believes it is more visual than actual. He said he can't and won't deviate from the setbacks. Ms. Lanese asked if Ms. Spister if she got her questions addressed. Ms. Spister said yes.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-60-14 (Approve the Use for an Electrical Vehicle Charging Station for Tesla Motors located at 2161-2263 Stringtown Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Andrew Levy, Tesla Motors, was present to answer any questions. He said they are placing charging stations throughout the country to enable their owners to travel long distances and Grove City is one of the locations chosen. Ms. Lanese asked why Grove City. Mr. Levy said their cars go about 260 miles per charge, and they are designing their network to be closer than that. Grove City is a good location for that network. There will be one in Dayton, Lima, Cincinnati, and all the major cities in the area.

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

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

3. Resolution CR-48-14 (Approve the Development Plan for the Tesla Motors Recharging Stations located at 2161-2263 Stringtown Road) was given its reading and public hearing and Ms. Lanese moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

4. Resolution CR-55-14 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for the Grove City Library located at 3959 - 3963 Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage said the property the Library will sit on, is City-owned property. He shared an overview of the overall vision for the Town Center and how the Library is incorporated.

Ms. Jennifer Sidler, architect, reviewed the footprint of the Preliminary Plan. She said there is now an entrance on Broadway and one at the rear. There is little impedance on the width of the lot. Some sketches were shown to reflect different views from several directions.

Ms. Lanese asked how many additional buildings need purchased to accomplish the plan. Mayor Stage said one house and Mr. Ciminello has an option on Mr. Stout's property. For future development, there may be one more. There are other properties, a few that will be involved, but no demolition. Mr. Berry asked how many parking spaces will be captured behind the Library. It was shared that 95 should be captured. Ms. Lanese asked if those additional properties have been appropriated for and the realignment of Columbus Street. Mayor Stage said they will be close on the appropriation, maybe \$300,000.00 off. There is money (\$600,000.00) budgeted for the Realignment but, they are looking at doing an OPWC Grant for the realignment too. Mr. Berry asked how many utility lines will be buried. It was said six or more.

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Ms. Rosemary Barks, resident, and Board member for Town Center, Keep Grove City Beautiful, The Women's Civic Club, and Friends of Library. She said the Civic Club is eager to help Grove City bring a state-of-the-art Library to the community. She said a proposal has been made, the collective voice of the people has been heard and it is time to move forward with no more stalling.

Ms. Jill Billman-Royer, SWCS Board of Trustee, said this has been a long process, but the dedication, persistence and patients by all partners have brought us to this point. With Council's approval tonight the Trustees will have clear direction for their meeting on Oct. 14, as to what is being presented and what they should consider at this point.

Mr. Berry thanked everyone on their efforts. He asked if the City will have signed agreements from the Library within 30 days of this approval. Mr. Smith said he has had discussions with the Library's attorney and Mr. Boso, City Admin., said they would hope to have them within 30 days.

Mr. Bennett asked if the architects have been given the HPA requirements from the Code. Mr. Boso said yes.

Mr. Davis said he has never wavered in his belief that we need a new library and that this is the appropriate site. He said coupled with the residential and this property, it will do wondrous things for our community.

Ms. Lanese said she struggles with voting yes because she doesn't want to put a stamp of approval on this process. She said she doesn't want compromise after an agreement has been made. She doesn't like the plan and doesn't like Columbus Street going through, even though she does want the Library to happen and wants it downtown, because that is what was agreed to with our partners.

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

Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Lanese	No

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

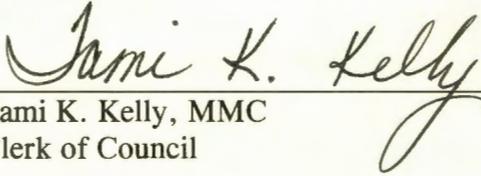
1. Mr. J.R. Rucker, owner of Grove City Lanes, asked why we have to wait for the Library before Pizzuti gets started with their apartments. Mr. Berry said the ideas projected several years ago, included many parts and there must be a sequence before each piece can occur. Mr. Rucker also asked for the flow around Plum Run to be reviewed.
2. Mr. John Jones, resident, said he is one of those Bee Keepers and already has a five foot fence. A six foot fence will be a hardship on his fixed income.

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

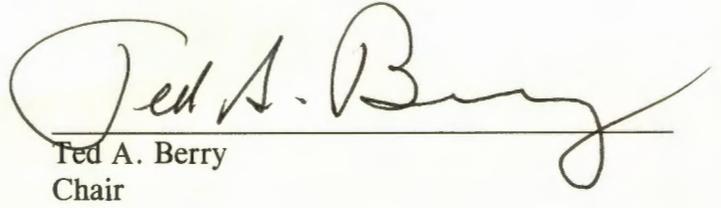
1. Mayor Stage reported on the Old Time Harvest Event; the next Dreamful game is this Saturday @ 9:00 am; the Street Smart program was held last week with the Police; he thanked Council for their Resolution for him regarding the Elks Roast.
2. Mr. Turner submitted the Monthly Financial Reports.

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

Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
Chair