

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 15, 2007

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Lester at 8:04 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 Rich Lester Richard Stage

1. President Lester moved to excuse Mr. Berry; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

2. President Lester read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-80-07 (Appropriate \$7,900.00 from the Community Environment Fund for the Current Expense of purchasing Recycle Bins) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage noted that the recycle bins are made from 25% recycled material. President Lester also noted that the bins are recyclable. Ms. Rosine, recycling coordinator, confirmed both of these points.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Stage moved it be approved; seconded by President Lester.

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

2. Ordinance C-81-07 (Appropriate \$17,550.00 from the Recreation Development Fund for the Current Expense of Security Cameras at the Grove City Skate Park) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage noted that the City has worked out an arrangement with Jackson Township and it is a better deal for both parties. Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., noted that she had requested an additional \$600.00 for better cameras and shared that the Township would be paying an additional \$400.00 to cover that extra cost.

Mr. Stage moved that the amount be amended to be \$18,150.00; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

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

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

3. Ordinance C-86-07 (Appropriate \$27,140.00 from the Community Environment Tree Fund for the Current Expense of Tree Installation) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 5, 2007.

The Chair recognized, Ms. Klemack-McGraw, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-87-07 (Amend Section 1103.05(a)14 of the Codified Ordinances titled Street Lighting Requirements, Mailboxes and Fire Hydrants) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 5, 2007.
2. Resolution CR-54-07 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into a Contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jim Gilbert, President of Capital City Lodge #9, consisting of 27 agencies - one being Grove City. He explained that they have been negotiation with the City of Grove City, in good faith, for the past 10 ½ months. He said they believe they have the best contract available for the officers. He said the Grove City Police Dept. is one of the premier law enforcement agencies in Franklin County. It needs to be very competitive in order to obtain and retain competent, well trained officers. He said they believe both parties are getting a good contract. The City's attorney has also stated that it is a fair and equitable contract. He said the officers have been very patient over the last 10 ½ months and 14 meetings. He hopes that Council moves forward and accepts the package in front of them.

Mr. Stage asked what could have been done differently so Council would have received the information more timely. Mr. Gilbert said he doesn't believe the FOP has anything to do with that. They brought the tentative agreement to their members and they voted and ratified it last Thursday. They announced that to the City as soon as possible. Mr. Stage commented that he agrees it is a good contract. Unfortunately, he feels something broke down in the process. He asked if the City's attorney was going to speak.

Mr. Ron Linville, attorney negotiating for the City, commented that he gave Council a packet of information in Caucus. He noted that there are two bargaining units - officers and sergeants & above. They are both part of the same labor contract. He described the negotiations as very good give and take, with mutual respect. At the same time, very tough bargaining occurred. On Sept. 19, they moved to a compromise and felt like they had reached a tentative agreement. That meeting was put on paper and a Marked-draft copy of the Contract was sent to the City on October 5. After 10 1/2 months of bargaining, both parties wanted to get it to their members and Council as quickly

as possible for it to be ratified. He didn't realize that Council did not have a marked-up version and upon request on Friday, a summary was put together for Council. The City was notified on Thurs., 10/11/07, that the members did accept the Agreement. Under Chapter 4117, they have an obligation to bring the agreement to Council within 14 days of the date they have a tentative agreement. Under the State Statue, Council must accept or reject the agreement as a whole within 30 day of that date. For as long as he has been involved, the agreement has always been done at the first available meeting after the document is prepared and done by Resolution. In the event it is rejected, the next step in the process is Fact Finding. If either side rejects the Fact Finder's decision, there would be binding reconciliation. He said they didn't mean to rush Council and want to give them the appropriate amount of time to review it. However, at the same time they did their best to get it to Council at the first available meeting, per the FOP request. As far as the actual deal, Mr. Linville reviewed the revisions, noting this is a three (3) year contract - retroactive back to April 1, not Jan. 1. He covered all the salary increases, and other related increases, as well as the insurance change which requires all members to pay 10% of the total cost, in line with the rest of the City. The cap was also raised on prescriptions. He said he believes it is a fair contract that allows the city to continue to recruit the best officers.

Mr. Stage commented that he believes we have the best agency in Ohio. He outlined a chronology of when he received information on this contract, which came clear up to 4:36 this afternoon. He said he was never told there was a sense of urgency for this contract. He said he believes it is a good contract, but it was done in a crunch situation. He thanked the negotiating team.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw asked if anyone on Council had received an endorsement by the FOP. President Lester stated that he had received such an endorsement. He said before the question is asked, he has already checked with the Ethics Commission and has been told that he would be in violation if he has received financial support. He said he has received no money from Lodge #9 and has no conflict of interest. So, he will not be asking to abstain from tonight's vote. He said if the FOP feels that he should abstain, please say so. Mr. Gilbert commented that this is a process that takes place every year. It is done by Committee and there is a political screening process. He said they are constantly negotiating contracts and those talks do not stop for any of those screening processes. He said politics has nothing to do with the work that has been done for the last 10 1/2 months. President Lester said he doesn't believe there is anywhere in the contract that would have financial implications for him and feels it is a moot point.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

In the absence of Mr. Berry, the Chair took the Service Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-82-07 (Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Agreement Creating the Central Ohio Transit Authority) was given its second reading and public hearing.

President Lester noted that the only change in the Agreement was to include the City of Dublin as a member.

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

Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

The Chair recognized, Mr. Corbin, Chairman of Lands, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-84-07 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Automobile Services for Classic Resurrection located at 2168 Southwest Blvd.) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. David Efall, architect, explained that this is a restoration business. The term automobile service is probably not the right term. He said they are works of art. They do not service cars on a day-to-day basis. They take a vehicle down to its frame and recreate it. He said there will be no outside storage due to their value and age. They have a national client list with a one year waiting list.

Mr. Corbin noted the three stipulations set by Planning Commission and Mr. Efall said they agreed to all of those.

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

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes

2. Ordinance C-85-07 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Outdoor Seating for Parker's Tavern located at 3998 Broadway) was given its second reading and at the request of the petitioner, Mr. Corbin moved it be postponed to 11/5/07; seconded by President Lester.

Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

3. Resolution CR-55-07 (Approve the Development Plan for Gordon Food Services Marketplace Store located on Out Lot 39 in Parkway Centre North) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rick Morgan, GFS Real Estate Manager, explained that they have the most easterly lot on Stringtown Road in Parkway Centre North, under contract. They came to the City in 1999 for a similar project on Broadway, but changed their mind because they had just opened a store in Hilliard and wanted to give it more time before opening another store in the market. During that time, there has been tremendous residential and commercial growth. He reviewed the details of the Development Plan.

Mr. Corbin reviewed the seven stipulations set by Planning Commission and Mr. Morgan agreed to all of them.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes

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

1. President Lester asked Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, about the latest training she attended. Ms. Kelly stated that House Bill 9 requires all elected officials to attend training on the Open Records and Open Meetings laws and obtain certification. She said Council had appointed her as their "designee" and she attended and received the Certification necessary. She said they are all now in compliance.

Mr. Stage noted the memo that Ms. Kelly wrote to explain that training and asked that it be included in the Minutes.

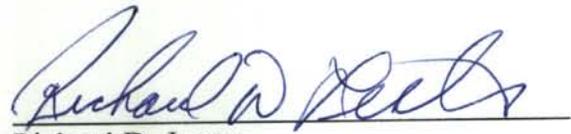
The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mr. Stage commented that he intended to draft an ordinance that would require Labor Contracts to have two readings.
2. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Richard D. Lester
President