

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

November 19, 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:

Maria Klemack-McGraw Rich Lester Richard Stage Ted Berry

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

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

2. Mr. Stage moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous two meetings and approve as written; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

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

3. President Lester recognized Ms. Rosemary Barks of the Grove City Women's Civic Club. Ms. Barks introduced the members of the Civic Club present and stated that they were here to recognize the Mayor for her 12 years of service to the community. She said she has been a visionary, a dedicated leader among many, and a woman who has become an inspiration and role model. She then introduced Civic Member Ms. Sandy Reddig who presented a gift - a legacy to the City of Grove City - to Mayor Grossman with an original painting of the Mayor created by her. The Mayor expressed her deep gratitude.

4. 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-89-07 (Appropriate \$152,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the City Hall Renovation Project - Phase II) was given its second reading and Mr. Stage moved it be withdrawn; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

President Lester asked why this should be withdrawn. Mr. Stage said there may be a difference in philosophy with some of the changes. President Lester asked if the appropriation amount in this ordinance was less than the original estimate. Dr. Whitney said yes. President Lester asked if this difference in philosophy would be more or less than the appropriation amount requested. Mr. Stage said he didn't know. He said this has had many facets and feels there may be a better way to change the basement that would make it more effective in how it can be utilized.

There being no additional questions or comments, the vote was called.

Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	No

2. Ordinance C-90-07 (Amend Section 161.10 of the Codified Ordinances titled Compensation Plan; Employees and Officers) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage explained that this is to address the procedure on how Collective Bargaining Agreements are approved in the future.

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

Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	No
Mr. Stage	Yes

3. Ordinance C-95-07 (Appropriate \$130,450.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of a Town Center Plan and Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract for said Plan with Lincoln Street Studio) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/03/07.
4. Ordinance C-96-07 (Appropriate \$180,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Slide Improvements at The Big Splash) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/03/07.

Mr. Stage noted that Ms. Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., provided Council with additional information on this purchase this evening.

5. Ordinance C-97-07 (Approve a Then & Now Certificate for the payment of \$119,010.15 for The Groves Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 12/03/07.

At this time, Mr. Stage moved that Ordinance C-98-07 be added to the Agenda; seconded by Mr. Berry.

President Lester asked why it should be added since it came in after the deadline. Mr. Stage said there is a transition in the City taking place and it is in the mind of those taking office in January that there are personnel matters that need to be taken care of to make for a smooth transition. It also needs to be included in the upcoming budget. It is not an emergency or requiring a vote this evening. It is simply an introduction for open discussion and review. President Lester voiced his objection to adding this item, as there is a deadline for items to be placed on the agenda and he has adamantly opposed these types of additions. The Clerk of Council should have an honest deadline to work with. He said this needs to be reviewed carefully by Council and doesn't see why it cannot wait another two weeks before its introduction.

After additional comment, the vote was called to add Ord. C-98-07.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	No
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

Mr. Stage moved to add Ordinance C-99-07; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

President Lester voiced the same opposition.

The vote was called to add C-99-07.

Mr. Lester	No
Mr. Stage	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

- Ordinance C-98-07 (Amend Various Sections of Chapter 161 of the Codified Ordinances titled Employment Provisions for City Employees) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on December 3, 2007.
- Ordinance C-99-07 (Amend Chapter 133 to Add a New Section titled Deputy City Administrator) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on December 3, 2007.

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

- Ordinance C-92-07 (Approve a Special Use Permit for a U-Haul Truck Rental service for Grove City Marathon located at 4441 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tim Askee(?), U-Haul, was present to answer any questions. President Lester noted the two stipulations from Planning Commission, which Tim agreed to.

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

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

- Ordinance C-93-07 (Approve A Special Use Permit for Drive-Thru windows for Chase Bank located at 1571 Stringtown Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. David Youse, Chase Bank, was present to answer any questions. President Lester noted there were no stipulations.

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

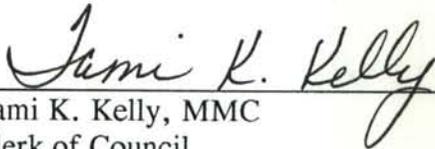
Mr. Berry	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Lester	Yes
Mr. Stage	Yes

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. The Mayor reported on events of the last two weeks. She thanked the members of the Grove City Women's Civic Club and she, as well as Council & Staff wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
2. Chief Wise reported on an incident involving a drug overdose that occurred earlier this year. They were able to determine who sold the heroine and tracked the pipeline to Mexico. They were able to make an arrest and manslaughter charges were filed this week.
3. Mr. Stage commented on the two ordinances that he requested be added this evening. He believes that our organization does not make it clear who is in charge when the City Administrator is gone and he feels it is important to address this. He said he is also interviewing for the Safety Director and Finance Director positions and is being asked about the operation of the city. He noted that this additional position should be revenue neutral
4. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Richard D. Lester
President