

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 20, 2010

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Berry at 7:00 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:

Greg Grinch Maria Klemack-McGraw Ted Berry Steve Bennett Melissa Albright

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

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

2. President Berry recognized the Mayor who presented LifeCare Alliance with a check for \$15,000.00 for Meals on Wheels.

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-76-10 (Amend Various Sections of Chapter 161 of the Codified Ordinances titled Employment Provisions for City Employees) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Honsey, City Administrator, explained that this updates parts of Chapter 161 and includes new language for the new Heath Savings Account. He noted changes to the mechanic position, part-time salary ranges, and that the Captain salary is increasing so those working for him do not pass him in pay.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

2. Ordinance C-77-10 (Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the twelve months ending December 31, 2011) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage said the only change to what he submitted was the addition of \$1,000,000.00 for the Town Center Loan Program. He thanked Council for the comprehensive review and public hearing.

Ms. Karen Dover, Town Center Merchants Assoc., apologized for not meeting the contract deadline. They misunderstood and didn't think they needed one, since they didn't ask for any additional monies. She said there is a comprehensive list of their spending and a list of accomplishments. She read some excerpts from letters from Town Center Merchants, who have been helped by this program. She provided Council with their Annual Report. She thanked them for Council's belief in them. She said they have accomplished more than they ever thought they could. She said they have been very frugal with the Grant dollars and have received many volunteer hours. She said she has asked Mr. Honsey to extend their contact for another year.

Mr. Bennett stated that since the contract expires in March, what does Council need to do to make sure the funding stays in place. Mr. Honsey said they will work with Town Center Inc. to extend that contract and keep the existing purchase order, with the existing funding, open and available with that extension. He said they would keep Council abreast of their progress.

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. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes

3. Resolution CR-60-10 (Approving the Implementation of an Updated Cafeteria Plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Turner, Director of Finance, explained that with the Health Savings Plan addition to health options, they took the opportunity to review and update the entire Cafeteria Plan.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes

4. Resolution CR-61-10 (Authorize the City Administrator to Execute and File an Application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of Acquiring Matching Funds that may be granted by Housing and Community Development Block Grant Programs) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Jodi Lowe, Urban Forester, explained that Emerald Ash Bore's have come to Grove City and she received notice of a grant to assist with the expense of removing and replacing affected trees.

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

Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-73-10 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Motorcycle Services for Three Rednecks and a Dream, LLC located at 4346 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing and at the written request of the petitioner, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be withdrawn; seconded by Ms. Albright.

Mr. Grinch	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes

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

1. Mr. Bill Ferguson, thanked Don Walters for getting the IRS information to him so he can cut down the rumor mill. He said the only way to do this is to get the facts.

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

1. The Mayor submitted a partial Mayor's Report with Mayor's Court information. Mr. Berry moved to accept this partial report; seconded by Ms. Klemack-McGraw.

Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Ms. Albright	Yes
Mr. Grinch	Yes

He said they have a lot going on. A memo was sent out to Council late today to explain things.

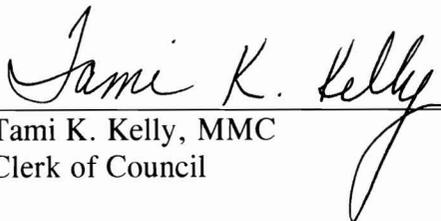
2. Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, reported on a Liquor Permit transfer for Fast Lane Drive Thru as asked if Council wished to request a hearing. Council said they did not want to request a hearing.
3. Mr. Mike Boso recognized his staff for receiving the first ever State Building Award.
4. Mr. Berry noted that Laura Laneese had to step down from the Park Board and the Mayor recognized her at their last mating. He extended Council's thanks for her service.
5. Mr. Bennett asked about the congestion on Stringtown Road and the blockage of intersections, east of I-71. He suggested the Police monitor that area a bit more during this holiday season. Mr. Honsey noted that the fixes to this area are very expensive and they are working on getting some grant monies. He said we have to work together as a community to get our voices heard at the Federal level.

Mr. Grinch recognized a local Boy Scout who was present working on his Citizenships in the Community Merit Badge.

7. Ms. Klemack-McGraw read an end of the year statement.

8. Mr. Berry announced that the 1/3/11 meeting of Council is cancelled. The next meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday, 1/18/11, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
9. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Ted A. Berry
President