

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 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 two meetings 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. Mayor Stage recognized Ms. Klemack. McGraw with a Proclamation for being selected to be one of the Who's Who in Latino Columbus. This is the Inaugural edition.

The Chair read the agenda items and Mr. Corbin moved to add Resolution CR-63-09, under Service; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

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

All other items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-92-09 (Appropriate \$15,000.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mayor Stage mentioned that an unsigned check was presented to Meals-On-Wheels. They are \$1 million behind in donations this year and this will help.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-93-09 (Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the Twelve Months ending December 31, 2010) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Uhrin noted that we had a Finance Committee meeting on 12/15 and made several amendments: eliminating the Christmas Luncheon, the General Government of \$250,000.00, GIS Data Maintenance of \$35,000. We added \$1,538. to Council Personnel. They also removed \$250,000. from the Capital Improvement Fund Lumberyard University Partnerships.

Mr. Corbin said he still disagrees with the removal of the \$2,000.00 for the Christmas luncheon. He said the employees do a tremendous job and this is a token of appreciation for them. He moved that \$2,000.00 be placed in the General Government Account for an Employee Christmas Party; seconded by Mr. Grinch.

Mayor Stage commented that one of the things that gets lost is that everything that the Finance Director does, in the way of disbursing city money, has to be authorized by Council. He said there are several people in our organization that have not have not had raises. They try to give as many benefits as possible without incurring additional costs and the Christmas lunch is one of those things. He said it isn't just a matter of throwing a fling, we have people who have sacrificed and he agrees with Mr. Corbin.

President Berry agreed that the City Employees do a wonderful job and is willing to donate personal funds towards this purpose, but doesn't feel it is appropriate to use tax dollars.

There being no further discussion on the motion to add \$2,000.00 to the General Government Fund, the roll was called.

Mr. Uhrin	No
Mr. Grinch	Yes
Mr. Corbin	Yes
Ms. Klemack-McGraw	Yes
Mr. Berry	No

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Uhrin moved C-73-09 be approved; seconded by Mr. Corbin.

Mayor Stage interjected and commented that the Mayor has a responsibility to submit an ordinance to Council which was done on Dec. 1. That ordinance did not have a salary for the Clerk of Council due to him waiting for direction from Council. Ms. Kelly explained that blanks were filled in by Council prior to this ordinance being introduced for it reading and public hearing. Mayor Stage said, as a point of clarification, he just wants to make it clear that this is Council's number. Council reviewed the amount shown in the ordinance and confirmed that this is what they have agreed to.

There being no further questions or comments, the roll was called.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-94-09 (Authorize the City Administrator to Execute the Central Ohio Health Care Consortium Joint Self-Insurance Agreement and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Honsey, City Administrator, explained that this is a continuation of our Insurance program for health benefits and are obligated to do under current contracts. He said he believes there are two kinds of emergencies – one is convenience and one is a drop-dead emergency. This is more of convenience and is requesting it be approved as an emergency, due to the effective date of the Contract being January 1. However, they could defray action until after January 1, if desired.

There being no additional questions or comments, Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

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

Ms. Klemack-McGraw moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Uhrin.

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

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

1. Resolution CR-63-09 Requesting a Hearing before the Division of Liquor Control regarding the Renewal of a Liquor Permit for Moneycraft LLC dba The Derby and Objecting to the Renewal of such Permit) was given its reading and public hearing.

Chief Wise explained that they have been working with their SERA model at this establishment since December, 2008. However, things are starting to pick up to the point that they have responded 4 times as much to this establishment than any other Bar in the City. This Bar have also been in Mayor's Court twice in the past month and paid a fine. This is why they are requesting the Resolution.

Mr. Smith, Dir. of Law, said this is the first step in the process and he will keep them up to date on that process.

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

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

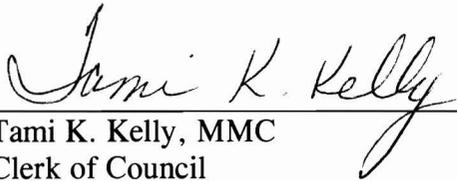
The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

1. Mr. Rutherford, resident, commented that the discussion over personnel was almost incoherent and should be done someplace else.

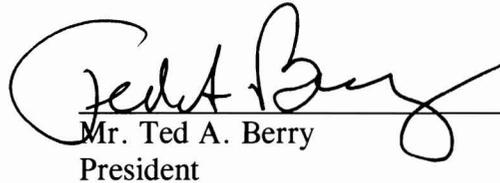
The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. President Berry, Mr. Grinch, Ms. Klemack-McGraw & Mayor Stage recognized Mr. Corbin and Mr. Uhrin for their service on Council. Each of them was presented with a City Flag and a framed Resolution commending them for their service to the community. Many well wishes were expressed to each of them by City Officials. Mr. Corbin and Mr. Uhrin gave farewell comments, thanking the residents, their staff and members of the Administration.
2. Christmas greetings and well wishes to Mr. Corbin and Mr. Uhrin were extended from Council and the Administration.
3. After additional comments from Council and Administrative staff members, a motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous consent.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, MMC
Clerk of Council



Mr. Ted A. Berry
President