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Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 21, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Committee of the Whole

Mayor Lance Westcamp

*Council Members - Shawn Cleary, Jean Ann Hilbert, Scott Lockett, Abdullah
Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, Jamie Hise*

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Dildine called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Michael Loges - Economic Development Director, Mike Poirier - Chief Building Official, Steve Farst - City Engineer, Eric Reed - Parks and Facilities Superintendent, Rachel Ricker - Clerk of Court

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

Committee Chair Dildine asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Absent: 1 - Rupp

Present: 5 - Dildine, Hutson, Lockett, Hilbert, and Cleary

V. Approval of Minutes

The June 16, 2025 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

[#142-2025](#)

June 16, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2025.06.16 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**A. Madison Township Representative**

Madison Township Administrator Susan Brobst thanked Council for the wonderful July 4th Parade and activities surrounding that day, and thanked the Mayor for inviting and including the township's police. She also informed Council about the Public Health Tire Drive. Over 600 tires were collected and Franklin County Public Health was very pleased. She then reported that the trustees officially reclassified Vic Boyd as their police chief, and Nick Tiller as their Commander. She invited Council to

the National Night Out - August 5th, from 6-8. This is a joint event with Canal Winchester. Groveport PD is participating by bringing cruisers.

VII. New Business

VIII. Unfinished Business

IX. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[Ord. 2025-023](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ACCURATE MECHANICAL, INC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION CENTER UNDER THE OHIO STATE TERM SCHEDULE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PLAN, THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Hilbert

Administrator King explained that this is phase one of replacing original HVAC equipment. Parks and Facilities Superintendent Reed informed Council that the total estimated cost of both phases over the next three years is \$800,000. Council Member Cleary asked what the timeline for completing both phases of the project would be. Mr. Reed answered that it takes about 8-10 months to get the equipment, and installation should take seven weeks with minimal disruption to the Recreation Center.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Edward Dildine, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, Jean Ann Hilbert, and Shawn Cleary

[Ord. 2025-024](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RESERVATION OF THREE (3) VALET PARKING SPACES FOR LITTLE ITALY RISTORANTE AT 480 MAIN STREET, IN FRONT OF THE WIRT'S GROVE BUILDING.

Sponsors: Cleary

Avery Ward, owner of Little Italy, spoke of the parking issues that have been affecting his business, and shared the benefits to his business and the city at large if Council would approve of this ordinance. The restaurant would cover about 80% of the cost, and he expects the customers to pay about \$5. Mr. Ward has spoken with the church nearby, and they have

agreed that if both the parking lot next to Little Italy and the valet lot Little Italy owns is full, Little Italy can park cars on their lot so long as it is not Sunday morning or Wednesday night.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to recommend approval to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Edward Dildine, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett, Jean Ann Hilbert, and Shawn Cleary

B. 2nd Readings

X. Financial Report

[#143-2025](#) Financial Report

Attachments: [Financial Report.pdf](#)

XI. Other Business

XII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator King updated Council that this morning, there was a meeting with a new insurance broker, and there will be mandatory staff meetings in August to get the employees comfortable with the new insurance company. Mr. King is very confident that staff will get plenty of support and customer service from the new company. The new insurance broker will not go into effect until January. Mr. King also informed Council there was a meeting this afternoon on the Wirt-Main project. There will be aggravation during this project, but it will be wonderful when it is all completed. He shared the former Kids Space is supposed to be torn down early August, but some building questions have come up that need to be resolved before demolition. He shared that there will be a meeting for to plan for the 2026 July 4th celebration. He shared, that the HR department are beginning to vet the applications for the new Communications Manager position. There are currently over 140 applicants.

Mr. Dildine asked if any other municipalities have this same insurance broker, and Mr. King informed Council that many do, including New Albany and Hillard. They are very professional and will be available for

staff questions. He believes they will be much more responsive compared to the current insurance broker.

C. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams shared that in the next few days, multiple agencies will be doing active shooter trainings. Mr. Lockett asked Chief Adams about the statistics in his Council Report, and if the officers receive this information. Chief Adams informed Council about where he gets those numbers from, and shared that the officers do receive this report as well.

[#144-2025](#) PD Council Report

Attachments: [PD Council Report.pdf](#)

F. Economic Development Director - Michael Loges

Economic Development Director Loges reported that there was a successful community open house last week about the future of Groveport Plaza, and there is another open house scheduled for Wednesday. They received good community feedback at the open house and from the online survey. Dining and retail were some of the larger suggestions. He invited Council to attend this upcoming open house. There are plans for hosting another open house for businesses and the schools that will be affected by the Wirt-Main project sometime at the end of the summer.

A discussion took place on the commercial benefits that can be found in the plaza.

Economic Development Director Loges, Chief Building Officer Mike Poirier, and City Engineer Steve Farst updated Council on development projects in the city. The projects included Main Street activity, industrial projects, residential projects, and real estate. A discussion took place on these properties and parcels.

During this discussion, a separate tangential conversation took place regarding the various concerns of Angela Leist, business owner at 645 Main Street. She was told to reach out to BJ with all of her concerns.

[#145-2025](#) EDEV Council Report

Attachments: [EDEV Council Report.pdf](#)

G. Public Services Director - Brian Strayer

[#146-2025](#) PS Council Report

Attachments: [PS Council Report.pdf](#)

H. Chief Building Official - Mike Poirier

[#147-2025](#) B&Z Council Report

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I. Director of Golf - Tom Walker

[#148-2025](#) GOLF Council Report

Attachments: [GOLF Council Report.pdf](#)

J. Recreation Director - Seth Bower

[#149-2025](#) REC Council Report

Attachments: [REC Council Report.pdf](#)

K. Community Affairs Director - Jessica Wyke**L. City Engineer - Steve Farst**

[#150-2025](#) ENG Council Report

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City Engineer Steve Farst gave an update on the street program.

M. Director of Transportation / Senior Services - Bob Dowler

[#151-2025](#) DOT Council Report

Attachments: [DOT Council Report.pdf](#)

N. Personnel Director / Human Resources - Joyce Myers

O. Director of Information Technology - Chris Snyder

[#152-2025](#) IT Council Report

Attachments: [IT Council Report.pdf](#)

P. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

Q. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary, Becky Hutson, Scott Lockett and Jack Rupp

Mr. Cleary shared his concerns about potential future retirements of some directors, and wants to make sure there are plans in place to have people trained to take over these positions. Mr. King responded that we are looking into housing these individuals in the Municipal Building, with plans for renovations to the building, as well as making sure there is appropriate funds in place for new hires.

XIII. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Edward Dildine, President Pro Tem

Mindy Kay
Clerk of Council

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.