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Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 27, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Lance Westcamp called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Director of Finance, Kurt Blevins - Police Captain, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

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

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Blevins led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Shawn Cleary, Jean Ann Hilbert, Scott Lockett, Abdullah Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, and Jamie Hise

V. Approval of Minutes

The July 13, 2026 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted

[#175-2026](#)

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Attachments: [2026.07.13 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**A. David Mooney**

Resident David Mooney addressed Council regarding traffic and safety concerns on Oak Alley. Mr. Mooney reported a significant increase in cut-through traffic on the alley since the closure of Main Street, estimating daily vehicle counts had risen from approximately 30 to upwards of 100 vehicles. He expressed concern about speeds he observed reaching 30-35 miles per hour in the alley, noting safety hazards for pedestrians-including his grandchildren-as well as physical damage to his property caused by vehicles encroaching off the roadway when passing in both directions. Mr. Mooney formally requested that Council consider designating Oak Alley as a one-way street, recommending a

southbound direction from Main Street to Elm Street.

Mayor Westcamp and Administrator BJ King acknowledged the concern and noted that a comprehensive traffic study had previously been discussed. However, Administrator King advised that it would not be appropriate to conduct such a study while Main Street and other roadways remain closed, as current traffic patterns are not representative of normal conditions. Council Member Lockett concurred, noting that other locations in the city-such as the intersection of Main and College-would also warrant review as part of a broader study. It was agreed that a traffic study encompassing all city alleys and relevant intersections should be included in the following year's budget. In the interim, Mayor Westcamp noted that Captain Blevins and the Police Department would be made aware of the speeding concerns on Oak Alley for increased enforcement attention. The administration confirmed that speed bumps are not recommended city-wide as a matter of policy.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[Ord. 2026-027](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF THE PERSONNEL PRACTICES AND POLICIES HANDBOOK OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-027 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

[Ord. 2026-027 Exhibit B.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Hise, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

B. 2nd Readings

[Ord. 2026-028](#)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GROVEPORT, OHIO AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Sponsors: Ansar-Barsa

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-028 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

[Ord. 2026-028 Exhibit B.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon requested that Council consider suspending the rules as to the three readings and the effective date so that the ordinance could be passed immediately as emergency legislation, as immediate adoption would allow police officers to take enforcement action, particularly as it relates to the updated traffic and criminal codes.

A motion was made by Council Member Ansar-Barsa, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Ansar-Barsa, seconded by Council Member Hise, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

[Ord. 2026-029](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2005-053 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GROVEPORT'S PICK UP OF THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT PURSUANT TO IRC SECTION 414(h)(2).

Sponsors: Lockett

This Ordinance was read by title

[Ord. 2026-030](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 143, EMPLOYEES GENERALLY OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-030 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read by title

[Ord. 2026-031](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF FULL TIME ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR, ACCEPTING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION AND PAY GRADE THEREFORE

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-031 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was read by title

C. 1st Readings**[Ord. 2026-032](#)**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), IN THE MATTER OF THE WIDENING OF US 33 FROM TWO LANES TO THREE LANES IN EACH DIRECTION FROM I-270 TO GENDER RD (SR-674) PROJECT, ALONG WITH OTHER ASSOCIATED WORK AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Fraser

Staff requested that the rules as to the three readings and effective date be suspended to allow passage as emergency legislation on first reading. Council Member Cleary inquired about the city's financial obligation for this project. Mr. Shannon clarified that per the ordinance, the state would bear 100 percent of the cost of the improvement, and that any enhancements specifically requested by the city would be solely the city's responsibility-though no such enhancements were anticipated. Discussion also clarified the geographic extent of the city's section of US 33, which is a relatively small stretch beginning at the Groveport corporation limit east of Hamilton Road.

A motion was made by Council Member Fraser, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Fraser, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

[Ord. 2026-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AS TO APPROXIMATELY 16.78 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF A TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 0 GROVEPORT ROAD, COMPRISED OF A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBERS 185-002772, 185-002773, 185-002774, AND 185-003040, FROM PLANNED INDUSTRIAL PARK (PIP) TO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL (LI), AMS LAND ACQUISITIONS, LLC, APPLICANT

Sponsors: Hise

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-033 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission

[Ord. 2026-034](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AS TO APPROXIMATELY 1.86 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF A TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED AT 5610 GROVEPORT ROAD, COMPRISED OF A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBERS 185-002773, 185-002774, AND 185-003040, FROM PLANNED INDUSTRIAL PARK (PIP) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC), AMS LAND ACQUISITIONS, LLC, APPLICANT

Sponsors: Ansar-Barsa

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-034 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

B. Administrator - BJ King

Administrator King provided the following updates:

Road Construction: Asphalt paving was anticipated to begin during the week of the meeting, with Main Street expected to reopen to two-way traffic by the end of that week. The city's road program was nearing completion, with work remaining on alleys and final items. Front Street at the Main Street intersection was expected to close shortly thereafter for an additional period of construction, with full completion of both Main and Front Streets anticipated around Thanksgiving.

Facility Remodel: The downstairs remodel of the Municipal Building was progressing, with new carpeting having been installed on the day of the meeting.

City Newsletter: Administrator King reported that a biweekly electronic newsletter was in development. He and Communications Manager Bodhi Ebright were meeting later that week to finalize the format and publishing platform. The newsletter will be opt-in via email subscription and will feature updates from each city department on ongoing projects and upcoming events, rather than statistical council reports. Council Member Hilbert expressed strong support for the initiative.

Pedestrian Safety / School Start: In response to a question from Council Member Fraser regarding pedestrian routes during the

upcoming Front Street closure, Administrator King confirmed that students would be directed to use Elm Street to reach the lit crosswalk. He noted that the school district had been consulted and was also working on alternative busing solutions. The first day of school was confirmed as August 11th.

Elm Street Closure: In response to a question from Council Member Lockett regarding closing Elm Street once Main Street reopens to two-way traffic, Administrator King recommended waiting until all construction is fully complete in November, as Front Street's closure will still necessitate Elm Street as a through route in the interim.

C. Chief of Police - Mark McDonough

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

F. Development Director - Michael Loges

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

Mrs. Fraser reported that the Groveport-Madison school district had successfully resolved its school resource officer contract matter, with a new agreement approved by a 3-0 board vote, and that officers would be returning to the schools under the new contract.

Mr. Cleary noted a recent concerning incident in another Municipality and raised the matter of facility security, having communicated his thoughts to the administration via email. Administrator King confirmed that discussions with Chief McDonough had taken place and that the city would be reviewing measures to improve security at city facilities.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

I. Standing Committees

IX. Other Business

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hise to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

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.