

**GRANVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES
February 7, 2024
7:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hartfield called the Monday, February 7, 2024 Council meeting to order at 7:30pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Klein conducted roll call. Those present were Councilmember Demarest, Councilmember Keethler Ball, Councilmember Leithauser, Councilmember Mickelson, Councilmember Olbur, Vice Mayor Johnson, Mayor Hartfield, Manager Koehler and Law Director Mattes

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Mickelson made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Vice Mayor Johnson

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dan Bellman, 310 Summit Street, stated that he thought that Council should consider upgrading the materials that the roundabout is constructed with. He asked what the Village's share was for the cost of the roundabout.

Manager Koehler stated that the Village's cost share of the roundabout is between \$850,000 to one million dollars.

Dan Bellman stated that he thought Granville's roundabout should be at least the same quality as the City of Newark's or New Albany's.

Manager Koehler stated that materials have not been chosen yet, there is a pallette to choose from and should the Village choose a construction material above the standard then the additional expense would be the Village's responsibility.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RULES OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Councilmember Mickelson introduced and made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-11, second by Vice Mayor Johnson

Manager Koehler stated that he added number six in Section H, Miscellaneous to speak to the committee assignments. It was written in a way that it could be interpreted to be applied in the manner we made assignments the last two cycles.

Councilmember Demarest stated that he thought the number of Councilmembers needed to direct the Law Director to draft legislation should be raised to at least three members of Council.

Councilmember Mickelson stated that three is close to a quorum and felt that might be too restrictive.

Mayor Hartfield stated that about fifteen years it was changed from three Councilmembers to two.

Vice Mayor Johnson suggested that a compromise could be at least two members of Council are necessary to direct the Law Director to draft legislation or render a legal opinion, unless said legislation is opposed by two members then the threshold would be three.

Vice Mayor Johnson made a motion to amend Resolution No. 2024-11 paragraph C 1 to read as follows “At least two members of Council are necessary to direct the Law Director to draft legislation or render a legal opinion, unless said legislation is opposed by two other members, in which case it requires three.”, second by Councilmember Mickelson

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0

B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12 A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO ATTEND THE REQUIRED TRAININGS RELATED TO PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS AND SUNSHINE LAWS ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Motion by Vice Mayor Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12, second by Councilmember Mickelson

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0

- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13** A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MEMBER TO THE GRANVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

Motion by Councilmember Keethler Ball to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13, second by Councilmember Olbur

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0

- D. **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES

Vice Mayor Johnson introduced Ordinance No. 02-2024 and set the public hearing for February 21st, second by Councilmember Demarest

- E. **ORDINANCE NO. 03-2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO GRANT A GENERAL USE PERMIT TO ALICIA WILSON, TO LICENSE THE USE OF THE VILLAGE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 133 SOUTH MAIN STREET

Councilmember Olbur introduced Ordinance No. 03-2024 and set the public hearing for February 21st, second by Councilmember Mickelson

- F. **ORDINANCE NO. 04-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1135, DEFINITIONS, CHAPTER 1167, COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT, PERMITTED AND CONDITIONAL USES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GRANVILLE, REGARDING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT

Councilmember Demarest introduced Ordinance No. 04-2024 and set the public hearing for February 21st, second by Councilmember Olbur

Councilmember Mickelson stated that she had heard that the location on Westgate Drive may not be a permanent location for GCA and asked if it was going to be a permanent or a temporary part of their overall expansion plan.

Dan Keiser, board member of GCA, answered that it may be temporary, but he couldn't really answer that at this time. He referenced the presentation at the last Council meeting where they shared a master plan of having one location for K-12, and stated that the LMH properties on Westgate Drive may be the permanent location for their master plan because that they are looking at that property as well.

Councilmember Mickelson stated that she did not agree with the proposed definition of "private school." Referencing the Ohio Department of Education's classification of public versus non-public school. She further suggested that staff

expand the definition to “non-public school” instead of “private school.” She offered alternate definitions.

Law Director Mattes asked Councilmember Mickelson to share the definitions she had for further review to be incorporated into an amended version to be presented at the public hearing in two weeks.

Manager Koehler stated that staff’s proposed definition came from the Planner’s Dictionary that provides definitions for commonly used terms in municipal government.

Councilmember Mickelson stated that she thought that the intent of the Community Service District should also be reviewed given the recent appeal Council had related to the Short-Term Rental Code. She would like the intent section expanded to all uses including education and residential. She also stated that she was not necessarily opposed to the school, she just wanted to get the intent and definitions right.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the Village Council Meeting of January 17, 2023

Motion by Councilmember Mickelson to approve the minutes, second by Councilmember Keethler Ball

Councilmember Keethler Ball stated that the minutes should be amended to reflect that Marla Krak was reappointed to the Arts Commission.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended passed by a vote of 7-0

8. COMMITTEE / COMMISSION / BOARD REPORTS

Granville Community Foundation (Olbur) stated that they are a good group of people with a lot of energy and they are prepping for the next grant cycle.

Granville Recreation District (Johnson) stated that they are working on dates for Concerts on the Green.

Planning Commission (Mickelson) stated that there was an approval for an addition to the house at 635 Newark Granville Road, this is a family property and he is doing the addition in the same historic style the house is in to preserve it. He is the grandson and knows of the original owners. They also mentioned wanting to have an alternate for the Planning Commission, they understand it takes a Charter amendment.

Vice Mayor Johnson stated that if we do amend the Charter to add an alternate for the Planning Commission, we should also consider doing it for the BZBA too.

Granville Arts Commission (Keethler Ball) stated that the next meeting isn't until the 19th.

Bryn Du Commission (Demarest) – No Report

Open Space Committee (Johnson) – No Report

Tree & Landscape Commission (Leithauser) – No Report

Union Cemetery (Demarest) stated that he is going to have coffee with Lyn Boone who was going to inform him about the Union Cemetery Board.

Environmental Sustainability Committee (Mickelson) – No Report

9. OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Olbur stated that the art work in the front window of Village Hall looks good.

Mayor Hartfield stated that Fred Abraham and Tim Flynn have started a hanging basket initiative. They are going to get flowers and baskets from Timbuk at wholesale which will be the Village's cost towards the initiative. They are going to be responsible for all maintenance of the baskets.

10. OTHER STAFF MATTERS

Manager Koehler reminded Council to submit their retreat surveys by Friday if possible.

- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G) (3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. **8:08pm**

Motion by Councilmember Mickelson to enter into executive session, second by Vice Mayor Johnson

Mayor Hartfield called for a roll call vote. Councilmember Demarest (yes), Councilmember Keethler Ball (yes), Councilmember Leithauser (yes), Councilmember Mickelson (yes), Councilmember Olbur (yes), Vice Mayor Johnson (yes), Mayor Hartfield (yes)

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0

Motion by Councilmember Demarest to leave executive session, second by Councilmember Olbur

Mayor Hartfield called for a roll call vote. Councilmember Keethler Ball (yes), Councilmember Leithauser (yes), Councilmember Mickelson (yes), Councilmember Olbur (yes), Councilmember Demarest (yes), Vice Mayor Johnson (yes), Mayor Hartfield (yes)

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0 8:55pm

12. ADJOURNMENT- 8:56pm

Motion by Councilmember Demarest to adjourn, second by Councilmember Olbur

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0



Autumn Klein, Clerk of Council



Melissa Hartfield, Mayor