

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

January 17, 1995

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Grossman 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:

<i>Mike Milovich</i>	<i>Todd Hurley</i>	<i>Cheryl Grossman</i>
<i>John Schreck</i>	<i>Jeff Warner</i>	

1. Mr. Warner moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Schreck.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Hurley, Chairman of the Lands & Zoning Committee for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Resolution CR-64-94 (Support a Concept Plan) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hurley stated that Council met with Mr. Frank Elmer prior to their last meeting of council. they reviewed this plan and discussed concepts.

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

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Schreck, Chairman of Safety, for discussion and voting of items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-2-95 (Amend Section 351.13 of the Codified Ordinances of Grove City, Ohio titled "Parking on Public and Private Property") was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schreck explained that he was absent for the first reading due to illness and after hearing some of the comments in caucus, feels that it might be prudent to Table this ordinance for possible amendment.

Mr. Robert Riemer, Hunter's Crossing - stated that he was a resident before and after 22 years, he is back again. One of the things that brought him back was the Council and Mayor's definite concern for the streets and by-ways. He said we have a very good looking city and one of his concerns is parking of recreational vehicles. The developer is getting ready to turn the property

over to the owners for administration and they want to adopt a very restrictive code for "special purpose vehicles". He said he hopes the City will establish a Code that they can follow. He feels that there is nothing more degrading to the aesthetic value of property than these types of vehicles that are seasonally abandoned on land. He fully appreciates the concern shown by this piece of legislation and would like to see the City adopt some restrictive covenants with regard to parking on private and public land. Mr. Milovich asked if the Condo Association has had any pre-meetings. Mr. Riemer said no, they are not that far along. Mr. Schreck voiced his appreciation for Mr. Riemer's comments.

Mr. Jim Hane, 4032 Cypress Ave. - said that one of the things he looked for when deciding where to move was a community that allowed parking of his boat on or close to his property. When he checked with Grove City, he found this to be true. Since building here, he has extended his concrete drive to the side of his home - behind the building set back line - and stores his boat there. He feels that having it on a hard surface and behind the building set-back line is enough. It does not obstruct views or provide a safety hazard. Mr. Hurley asked how far from the property line the paved area to the side is? Mr. Hane said approximately one foot. President Grossman commented that one of the proposed amendments would be to allow for parking on the side yard, behind the building set-back line.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Schreck moved this ordinance be tabled; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

2. Resolution CR-4-95 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, Capital City Lodge #9) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schreck moved to be excused from voting; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes

Mr. Schreck moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Abstain

The Chair recognized Mr. Milovich, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting of items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-3-95 (Amend Chapter 161 of the Codified Ordinances of Grove City, Ohio and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Milovich explained that contained within the 1995 Budget were employee wage increases and in an effort to update employment provisions, titles and various sections due to the enactment of Federal Statutes, an emergency exists for the health, safety and welfare of the community.

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Milovich moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

Mr. Milovich moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

2. Ordinance C-4-95 (Appropriate the Outstanding Fund Balances and Certain Project Funds for current expenses) was given its first reading.

Mr. Milovich explained that the City has established certain project funds for the accounting of the specific project costs. The City had appropriated monies for these specific projects and it is necessary to appropriate all encumbered funds to be used to pay project costs. He then listed the nine project funds.

There being no questions or comments, the second reading and public hearing will be held on February 6, 1995.

3. Resolution CR-3-95 (Authorize the Administrative Assistant to advertise for bids and award contracts) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Milovich explained that contained within the 1995 Appropriation Ordinance are numerous expenditures which require legal advertising before contracts can be awarded. Procedures for awarding contracts must be done in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

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

1. Mr. Tom Nicholini, representing the American Legion, informed Council that the members of the Legion and VFW have unanimously approved a design for the Memorial and he introduced Mr. Carmon Manduni of Columbus Art Memorial. Mr. Manduni expressed his enjoyment about working with the Veteran Groups on this design. He showed a color rendering of a similar monument and pointed out that the main difference is that an eternal flame will be placed on top of the monument. President Grossman asked what kind of time frame was being projected? Mr. Manduni said it would be nice to do for Memorial Day, but, that would take immediate approval. Meeting a date for Independence Day or Veteran's Day would be no problem. President Grossman asked about maintenance. Mr. Manduni said the granite has a lifetime guarantee. It should require no maintenance, as the rate of deterioration is 1/4" every 2000 years. The only part that would need some attention would be the eternal flame and it should get an annual cleaning. Mr. Milovich asked what the Columbus Art Memorial needed to start the project. Mr. Manduni said they needed someone to sign a contract and commit to payment. The current proposal lists two sizes - the large is approximately 16' high and the small is approximately 11'6" high with the flame on top, bring the total height to approximately 13' - which he felt would work out nicely. Mr. Milovich asked if the smaller height would be safe? Mr. Manduni said yes. The monument is designed with safety in mind. The granite is polished and it is put together so that it is virtually impossible to get a foothold and climb it.
2. Mr. William Ferguson, 2371 Quail Meadow Drive, asked if the Mayor is planning to step down in the near future? The Mayor answered No.
3. Mr. Gary Patton, voiced concern over the way the Baseball Association is being run. He said he has been a Board Member in other communities and feels something needs to be done. This Association has a 15 member board and only 5 members show up and make decisions for the Association. He wanted to know why player fees were going up \$10.00 per player when there is a \$37,000.00 balance in the bank. He said they ask for volunteers and board members, but, when he volunteers and offers to be involved, they don't call or show up for meetings they set. Mr. Babbert, Director of Parks and Recreation, responded by saying that the Grove City Baseball Association is a non-profit organization within the community. They utilize City fields. These are problems of the "Association" and the Association must work them out. He said that he and the Mayor did meet with the Association about a month ago, but, this is still something they must work out themselves. He mentioned that he has also spoken with some parents and served as a mediator with a Board Member. Mayor Stage said he served on the Board approximately 15 years ago and it is not an easy job. The City has asked the Board to draw up an Agreement for use of the facilities. Mr. Patton said that at the last Board Meeting, five members voted in a measure that allows them to eject anyone causing trouble from the park and doesn't feel they should have that kind of power over a public park. Mayor Stage said the use of the diamonds will be stipulated in the Agreement. Mr. Babbert said the Association was asked for a "Draft" Agreement which will be reviewed and amended to accommodate all parties.

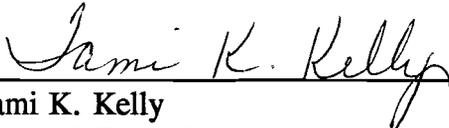
President Grossman recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage announced that the Administration would be having its two (2) day Planning Session this Friday and Saturday. With regard to the Police Contract, he said that there has been much in the way of controversy. He reiterated his statement that he feels we have the finest police force and

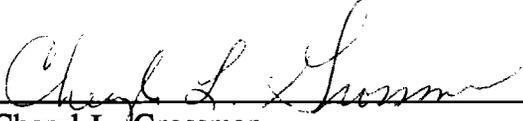
community that anyone could want. He said this is evidenced in the report by a third party Company which rated Grove City the most desirable place to relocate and one of the criteria was the safety and well-being of our citizens. In addition, the two telephone marketing surveys the City has conducted reflects a 40% (1992) and 49% (1994) - outstanding police rate from our residents. He said that doesn't just happen by accident. It happens by everyone doing their job - from officers to the Chief. He is glad to get the contract behind us and now it's time to move forward. We owe it to our citizens to do so.

2. Mr. Fulton, Director of Safety, said he couldn't put it any better than the Mayor and hopes that we can put any differences behind us and move forward.
3. Mr. Schreck wanted to recognize his nephew, Sean W. Schreck, who was killed in an automobile accident. He would have been nine years old today. He also expressed his appreciation to the Grove City Police Spouses Association & Department for their efforts over the holidays in providing food and a vehicle for distribution, to the needy. He also acknowledged receipt of a letter by a resident on Grant Avenue regarding speeding. He said he has spoken with Mr. Blackburn, Director of Service and Mr. Fulton who will be pursuing alternative measures to assist this area.
4. Mr. Hurley recognized Mr. Milovich with regard to his efforts on the Veteran's Memorial. He said he didn't think we would be this close so soon and commended him on his work. He also echoed the Mayor's statement about the Police Contract. He said he hoped we can move forward from here. He said during the negotiations, Council was being asked questions and was informed by their Legal Council not to make comments. He also recognized the efforts of the Administration to resolve the issue.
5. President Grossman also echoed the Mayor's comments on the Police Contract. She said she brags about our Police Department everywhere she goes and feels there is a committed effort from all levels. She then announced the opening of an Ice Skating Rink downtown. If all goes well, they plan to open it on Friday, January 20, 1995 and have 5:30 Live here to report on it.
4. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



 Tami K. Kelly
 Clerk of Council



 Cheryl L. Grossman
 President