

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

February 1, 1999

Regular Meeting

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

Vaughn Radi Steve Bennett Mike Milovich Budd Eversman Chris Fulton

1. President Milovich recognized the Mayor for a presentation. Mayor Grossman administered the Oath of Office to the following: Sherrie Cunningham and Alice Sweeley, Park Board; Michael Perrizo, Aquatic Supervisor; and Audrey Cox, Civil Service Commission.
2. Mr. Eversman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

3. President Milovich read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-100-98 (Rezone 1.861 acres located on the south side of Big Run Road South, from IND-1 to SF-3) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Gary Meyer, applicant, was present. He explained that he and his wife wish to build a home on this property.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. Ordinance C-2-99 (Repeal and Replace Chapter 903 of the Codified Ordinances titled Parks) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Babbert, Dir. of Parks & Recreation, explained that this amends the Parks chapter of the Code and brings it in line with some of the changes taking place in the Department.

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

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. Resolution CR-87-98 (Direct the Preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimates Relating to Construction of a Roadway between Stringtown and White Roads) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett moved to amend the title and Section 1 to include the following at the end: "*including necessary improvements to Stringtown and White Roads.*"; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

Mayor Grossman explained that this will plan for a north/south connector between Stringtown and White Roads, as well as necessary improvements to Stringtown & White Roads.

Mr. Yonkin, property owner, stated that he has spent a lot of time working with the Administration on this and is interested in proceeding with the specifications and plans. They are still interested in the proper alignment of this proposed road, so that it enhances the property and serves the entire needs of the property.

President Milovich thanked Mr. Yonkin and the Administration for working on this. He commented that it has been since October 5, 1998, since the legislation was first introduced.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

4. Resolution CR-7-99 (Approve the Development Plan for the Hampton Inn Expansion, located at 4017 Jackpot Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

There being no representation, Mr. Bennett read the stipulation set by Planning Commission.

Discussion took place with regard to postponing this legislation due to no representation and the inability to confer with the applicant. Mr. Stage, Dir. of Development, stated that this plan has been to Planning Commission twice. The stipulation will be addressed through the Board of Zoning Appeals and if a variance is not approved, the Resolution would be voided. He asked for Council to consider the legislation. Council made it clear that applicants are informed of the necessity for representation at Council meetings and it will be expected in the future.

There being no additional question or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

5. Resolution CR-8-99 (Approve the Awning for Michael McCarty located at 3783 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

There being no representation and no questions, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Radi, Chairman the Safety Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-97-98 (Amend Section 1323.19 of the Codified Ordinances titled Nonconforming Signs) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Radi moved to amend Section 1 to reflect the only change to be the deletion of the following: *"a business or property is sold or changes hands or when"*; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, explained that we have had some problems with regard to interpretation of the Sign Code and its enforcement. After reviewing the Section, it was his determination that the reference to a building being sold or changing hands is not enforceable. He recommends that this reference be removed.

Mr. Charles Thompson, Joseppi's Pizza, asked what he is allowed to do with his sign. Joseppi's is taking over Johnnie's Pizza and wants to know if he can change the existing sign faces to reflect the new business. Mr. Clark stated that the Code, as written now, prohibits the sign faces to be changed. However, if this legislation is passed, and since the use is the same, the sign faces would be able to be changed. The sign can not be enlarged in any way.

Mr. Boso, City Administrator, commented that the Administration has been in contact with Mr. Thompson regarding the pole sign, at this location, due to the widening of Hoover Road. It was explained that the City will need to require additional right-of-way for this project and the existing pole sign may be eliminated through negotiations.

President Milovich thanked Mr. Clark for his legal experience and expertise, as well as his time as a teacher and mentor of the laws of our community.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Eversman, Chairman the Finance Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-3-99 (Appropriate \$267,130.00 from the Big Splash Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

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

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

2. Ordinance C-4-99 (Appropriate the Outstanding Fund Balances and Certain Project Funds for Current Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 16, 1999.
3. Ordinance C-5-99 (Appropriate \$18,834.00 from the General Recreation Fund for the Current Expense of Adult Travel) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 16, 1999.

4. Resolution CR-9-99 (Authorize the Director of Finance to enter into Contracts with the Auditor of the State of Ohio for Professional Auditing and Accounting Services) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman commented that the funds for this project were approved by Ordinance C-101-98.

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

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

5. Resolution CR-10-99 (Authorize an Early Retirement Incentive Program for the City of Grove City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eddie Timmons, President of AFSCME non-uniform employees, voiced support for the Resolution. As negotiated in the last Contract, an early retirement program is to be instituted, as agreed to by both parties. The membership endorses this legislation and he thanked Council for their positive consideration.

Mr. Eversman moved to amend Section 2 and all places in Exhibit "A" where *April 21, 1999* is found, be replaced with *March 01, 1999*; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

Mr. Boso, City Administrator, explained that this legislation is a result of the ASFCME negotiations. Mr. Eversman confirmed that all qualified city employees would be eligible for this program, not just AFSCME employees. Mr. Boso stated that all employees under this pension system. It does not apply to police and fire employees.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

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

There being no new business, the Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

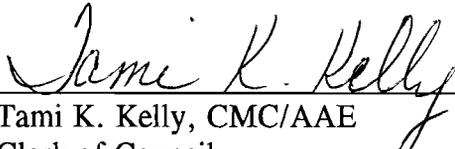
1. Mayor Grossman submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and Mr. Bennett moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

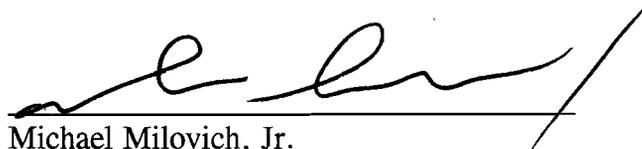
In closing, Mayor Grossman voiced appreciation to those who took Oath's of Office for the City. She extended congratulations to the G.C. Church of the Nazarene on their new sanctuary. She also announced the donation of \$7,000.00 for Life Care Alliance. This totals \$57,000.00 that we have donated in the last eight (8) years.

2. Mr. Radi asked Mr. Kohman, City's Consulting Engineer, for an update on their report for the storm sewer on the West Side of the City. Mr. Kohman stated that they have submitted a draft report to the Administration for comments and they hope to have the final report for the next Council meeting. Mr. Radi commented that he was very excited to see that the City received a grant for approximately \$200,000.00 for street improvements on Midland Ave. He hopes that this will contribute to the overall relief of the problem seen in this area.
3. President Milovich announced that the February 15, 1999 meeting of Council will be held on February 16, 1999 at 8:00 p.m., due to the observance of Presidents Day on the 15th.
4. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council



Michael Milovich, Jr.
President