

GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

February 3, 1992

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Brian Buzby at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called and the following members were present:

<i>Brian Buzby</i>	<i>Charles Cotton</i>	<i>William Ferguson</i>
<i>John Mountain</i>	<i>William Buckley</i>	

Mr. Buckley moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-3-92 (accept annexation of 2.25± acres, Walnut Grove Apartments) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes

2. Ordinance C-6-92 (Approve Plat for Hawthorne Woods North, Sec. 2) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 17, 1992.
3. Resolution CR-2-92 (Approve final development plan for Shedrow Bar) was given its reading and public hearing.

Speaking to this resolution was Mr. Kent Ozmun, attorney representing Shedrow Bar. Mr. Ozmun addressed Council requesting a favorable vote. He indicated that his client was ready to move forward with the reconstruction as soon as permission is granted. In addition, Ms. Karen Evans, structural designer, gave an overview of the plan and offered to answer and questions.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Buckley moved that Resolution CR-2-92 be tabled; seconded by Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Buzby	No
Mr. Mountain	No
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes

4. Resolution CR-3-92 (Approve final development plan for Buccilla's Bridal Boutique) was given its reading and public hearing.

Speaking to this resolution was Ms. Karen Evans, designer, who gave a description of the addition. She indicated that the existing building would be used for office space and the addition as a showroom.

Mr. Cotton asked if there was going to be any landscaping done along the building. Ms. Evans indicated that the lot was blacktopped and would remain as such. Mr. Cotton asked if there would be any potted trees/bushes at the entrance. Ms. Evans stated that it had not been discussed, however, the owners wanted to make this entrance as nice as possible since it will be the main entrance to the business.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Buckley moved that Resolution CR-3-92 be tabled; seconded by Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Mountain	No
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	No

The Chair recognized Mr. Buckley, Chairman of Public Safety for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Resolution CR-1-92 (Approve sign request in Historical Preservation Area for W.D. Henceroth, D.O.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Speaking to this resolution was Mr. Mark Morehart, representing Da-Nite Sign Company. He stated that the proposed sign is an internally illuminated sign with an opaque dark brown background and only the graphic will be illuminated with soft ivory lighting. It has been explained that internally illuminated signs do not comply with the Sign Code in the Historical Preservation Area, however, Mr. Morehart felt that an externally light sign would be brighter and more distracting to motorists. He also indicated that this building and the surrounding buildings were of a more modern design and does not lend itself to a sign predating the architecture of the building. The Historical Preservation Area was established to allow the community to benefit, through a well planned environment, signage which co-exists and compliments architecture allowing a peaceful existence between residential, the historical downtown area and new & ongoing development. The surrounding area has several like signs. It is felt that this proposed sign would improve the area with a quality sign that blends with its surroundings. Mr. Morehart asked for any questions or comments.

Mr. Buckley stated that he felt that our sign code was put in-place for a purpose and should be followed. Once again, Mr. Morehart stated that he didn't feel that this particular structure lends itself to an historical sign and proceeded to pass out snapshots to the Councilmembers of the surrounding area. Mr. Buzby asked if this sign was designed knowing that it did not comply with the code. Mr. Morehart said no. Mayor Stage stated that he could accept the backlighting however, he felt the sign was too high at 6.5' and perhaps a compromise could be reached. After further discussion, Mr. Morehart requested that this resolution be withdrawn.

Mr. Buckley moved that Resolution CR-1-92 be withdrawn; seconded by President Buzby.

Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes

2. Resolution CR-4-92 (approve sign request for Robert & Bruce Stephenson in H.P.A.) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Buckley moved it be approved; seconded by President Buzby.

Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	No
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Mountain, Chairman of Public Service for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-7-92 (Authorize Mayor to modify Water Contract w/City of Cols.), was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 17, 1992.

President Buzby asked that any New Business to be brought before Council be done so at this time.

1. *Mr. Kent Ozmun*, addressed Council, provided them with copies of completed development plan forms for Shedrow Bar and Buccilla's Bridal Boutique and requested that these two resolutions be brought from the table and voted on this evening. He also indicated that a survey would be provided to Mr. Lotz before a building permit is issued.

President Buzby stated that Council would continue with New Business and then take a short recess to review the completed forms.

2. *Mr. Kent Ozmun*, continued by representing the Chamber of Commerce, gave his report and announced the next event would be the Quarterly Luncheon on February 19, 1992 in addition to other events coming up in the next few months.

3. *Mr. Constantine Ungerine*, representing Johnson Disposal, addressed Council regarding residential refuse pick-up and expressed the desire to competitively bid for this contract. He stated that if the extension to Larry's Trucking was granted that it will be 18 years that this contract has not been put out for a competitive bid and felt that this was absurd. He said he felt that it was in the citizens best interest and the Mayors job to put such a contract out for bid.

Mr. Clark, Director of Law, responded by stating that when *Mr. Ungerine* attended the January 6, 1992 Council Meeting, he was informed that this contract extension had already been granted, that many months of review and investigation took place and it is felt that the services provided by Larry's Trucking are in the best interest of our community. *Mr. Clark* went on by responding to a letter that was received by Johnson Disposal's attorney's and the threatening connotations in the last paragraph of said letter. He explained the legality of extending this contract was not only approved by him but also by the legal department in the Attorney General's office. *Mr. Ungerine* continued to voice his objection and request that the contract be put out for bid.

After additional comments from the Mayor, Councilmembers and the Director of Law, *President Buzby* stated to *Mr. Ungerine* that this issue was addressed in December and a decision was made at that time. What anyone wants to do now is beside the point. The point being, this has already been decided and the contract renewed. It is easy for someone to come in after the fact, whether bid or not, and say they can perform better and offer lower rates. It is felt by administration and council that the contract extension is in the best interest of the citizens.

There being no additional new business, *President Buzby* called for a short recess at 9:05 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:15

1. The Chair recognized *Mr. Cotton* from Lands & Zoning who moved to bring up from the table and place back on the agenda Resolutions CR-2-92 and CR-3-92 for reconsideration; seconded by *President Buzby*.

<i>Mr. Cotton</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Buzby</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Mountain</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Ferguson</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Buckley</i>	Yes

2. *Mr. Cotton* moved that Resolution CR-2-92 be approved; seconded by *Mr. Buzby*.

<i>Mr. Buzby</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Mountain</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Ferguson</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Buckley</i>	Yes
<i>Mr. Cotton</i>	Yes

3. Mr. Cotton moved that Resolution CR-3-92 be approved; seconded by Mr. Buzby.

Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes

The Chair recognized members of administration and council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage gave his Monthly Report and President Buzby moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

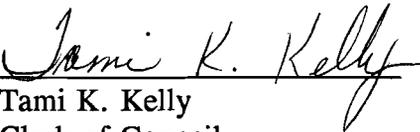
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes

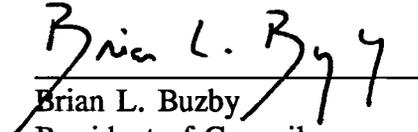
2. Mayor Stage introduced Mr. Shannon Hamons, our new Director of Development.

3. Mr. Hamons thanked the Mayor and proceeded to report the events of his first day. He stated that he will be working toward increasing communications with the citizens, working with the school district, chamber & citizens of Grove City.

4. After additional comments from Administration and Council, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:27 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council


Brian L. Buzby
President of Council