

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 5, 2000

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Bennett, 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 Chris Fulton Steve Bennett Budd Eversman Maria Klemack

1. Mr. Eversman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

2. President Bennett, on behalf of Council, presented Mr. Earl Nicholson with a Resolution recognizing his efforts and leaving an historical legacy for the City.
3. President Bennett recognized Mayor Grossman introduced Mr. Wade Steen, representative from the State Auditor's office, who presented the Finance Department with the GFOA Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the 10th consecutive year that the Finance Dept. has received this prestigious award. The Mayor then presented the Hayes Technical School Carpentry Class with a proclamation for their hard work and assistance in restoring the Orders Road School House. The class has helped with the roof and the floor system.
4. President Bennett read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-2-00 (Approve a Special Use Permit for MAACO Auto Painting and Bodyworks located west of Broadway and south of Home Rd) was given its second reading and Mr. Radi moved it be postponed to July 17, 2000 as requested, in writing, by the petitioner; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

2. Ordinance C-42-00 (Approve a Special Use Permit for Concerts at Gantz Park) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Ms. Kim Conrad, Dir. of Parks & Rec., explained that three, Sunday, concerts have been scheduled as part of the Summer Concert Series. None of these will be amplified, and although it is not necessary, she desires to secure the Permit in any case. Mr. Radi asked if it were necessary to specify the dates of the concerts. Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, said no. The Code does limit outdoor concerts to be held between Memorial Day to Labor Day, and the Permit goes from year to year – as long as the event continues.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

3. Ordinance C-44-00 (Approve the Rezoning of 5.77 acres located west of Marlane from SD-3 to PUD-I with text) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 17, 2000.
4. Ordinance C-45-00 (Approve the Rezoning of 3.7 acres located west of Marlane from PUD-I to SD-3.) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 17, 2000.
5. Resolution CR-36-00 (Approve the Preliminary Development for Quail Creek Condominiums located North on Quail Creek Boulevard) was given its reading and Mr. Radi moved it be postponed to July 3, 2000, as requested, in writing, by the petitioner; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

6. Resolution CR-37-00 (Municipal Services that can be provided to a 0.69 acre parcel located at 3776 Mayfair Dr. upon its annexation to the City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, was present and explained that this is a single-family residence that seeks city water and sewer.

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

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

7. Resolution CR-38-00 (Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for 3212 Park Street located in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Dessie Yetes, petitioner, was present. Mr. Radi read the stipulations set by Planning Commission, which Ms. Yetes agreed to. Mr. Eversman asked what type of material was already on the house. Ms. Yetes said this would replace aluminum siding.

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

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

8. Resolution CR-39-00 (Approve the Final Development Plan for the Installation of Portable Classrooms at Grove City High School) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Tim Decker, representative for SWCS, was present. Mr. Radi read the stipulations set by Planning Commission and Mr. Decker agreed to all of them. Mr. Fulton confirmed that while there are many classrooms, there is only one trailer being placed on the site. Mr. Decker confirmed this.

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

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

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

1. Resolution CR-40-00 (Intent to Appropriate a Fee Simple Interest in Certain Lands for the Improvement of Home Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, explained that this is the first step in securing the additional right-of-way needed to make the necessary improvements to Home Road. He said the City will need approximately ten additional feet from eight property owners.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. Resolution CR-41-00 (Waive Provisions of Section 903.01(b) for the Annual Alumni Softball Tournament on July 28, 29, 30, 2000 at Fryer Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Rick Brunton, representing Sertoma, was present. President Bennett asked if there was a need to change the dates. Mr. Brunton said yes. They did not need permission for the July 28 or the August 4, rain date.

Mr. Eversman moved to amend the Resolution and exclude July 28 and August 4, 2000 from the permissible dates; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mr. Fulton asked Mr. Kulp, Safety Director, if there were any problems with this event last year. Mr. Kulp said no. Mr. Fulton noted that the hours are from 11:00 a.m. to ½ hour after the last game or 10:00 p.m., which ever comes first. Mr. Fulton asked how Sertoma avoids a rush of people wanting beer at the last minute. Mr. Brunton said they just shut down when the time comes. He said it usually takes care of itself. Most people dispense without approaching the trailer. They have other places to go after the last game. Mr. Radi asked if they have people working the trailer that are trained to see when others are intoxicated. Mr. Brunton said they usually have the same people work the trailer every year and if someone appears to be intoxicated, they have O'Doules (non-alcoholic beer) on tap that is given instead. This also avoids confrontations. Mr. Fulton asked if they had security. Mr. Brunton said yes. They pay for special duty police officers and work with Captain Deskins.

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

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	No
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

3. Resolution CR-42-00 (Waive Provisions of Section 528.07(b)3 for the Annual Homecoming Celebration on July 28, 2000 on the Streets of Town Center) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Scott McComb, President of the Speech & Hearing Center, was present. President Bennett commented that he had a conversation with the Chief of Police regarding the number of beer taps and not wanting to increase these. Mr. McComb stated that they plan to have 16 taps, which is the same as last year. One truck was added last year in order to control the crowd and be able to properly check ID's.

Mr. Fulton asked Safety Director Kulp if there were any problems last year. Mr. Kulp said there wasn't so much as a problem as an understanding. There was one establishment who was selling beer for carryout and supplying a cup to its customers. The Sertoma club raised concern over this and questioned the officers about who's beer was being sold. He said the police are there to maintain peace, not who is selling the beer. Mr. Fulton asked if there was any violation. Mr. Kulp said no City ordinance was being broken, there may be a liquor issue that would be controlled by the State. Mr. McComb commented that the Sertoma club has not been associated with this event for eight years and would not have the grounds to be going to the police to complain. No one in the Speech and Hearing Center complained about this, that he is aware of. He said they are just pleased to have the opportunity to raise money for charity – providing speech and hearing benefits for the children. Mr. Fulton asked about the safeguards in place for people who have had too much. Mr. McComb said they have the same volunteers every year and the last shift is employees of Columbus Distributing. All volunteers received written instructions, mailed to their home. They are also briefed before their shift. Mr. Fulton asked about stopping the sales before the 11:30 deadline. Mr. McComb said, since he has been involved, they have never gone to 11:30. The latest, and it was before he was involved, was 11:00.

Mr. Eversman commented that the 11:30 time was set in order to give people time to consume their last beer, purchased by 10:45, before they had to get off the street. He also added that he has attended this event for the last seven years. He is very pleased with the way the Police and the Speech and Hearing Center handle the group. When dealing with such a large number of people, he knows how hard it can be. Mr. Fulton commented that waiving this Ordinance is a privilege that should not be taken lightly. Each year is judged on the prior years performance.

Mr. Joe Hull, commented that he is proud that the City is concerned with waiving the ordinance. He said this is a positive event for the City and compared it to Red, White & Boom in Columbus, the Irish Festival in Dublin, and many other community events where alcohol sales are also allowed. He believes we are doing the same thing. He said the Alumni event brings back people from many years, and gives them that “hometown, roots” feeling. It is not comparable in Central Ohio and something that we should be very proud of and continue. It gives the graduates something to come back for.

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

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	No
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

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

1. Resolution CR-43-00 (Accept the Amended Fine and Bond Schedule to be used in Grove City Mayor's Court) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, explained that the Fine and Bond Schedule has not been updated since 1994. The Court clerk conducted a survey and compared our schedule to surrounding communities. This amendment brings our fines in line with the surrounding communities.

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

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-46-00 (Appropriate \$128,857.00 from the Street Fund for the Current Expense of the Annual Street Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 19, 2000.
2. Ordinance C-47-00 (Appropriate \$246,669.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Reconstructing Richard Avenue) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 19, 2000.
3. Ordinance C-48-00 (Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$14,000,000.00 Multi-Family Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds (The Regency Arms Apartments Project) Series 2000 by the City of Grove City, Ohio) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 19, 2000.
4. Mr. Eversman moved to add Resolution CR-44-00; seconded by President Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

Resolution CR-44-00 (Authorize the Mayor to File An Application And Enter Into An Agreement With The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources For The Purpose Of Acquiring Funds Through The Division Of Forestry's Urban Forestry Assistance Program) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bob Lathrop, Urban Forester, explained that this would allow the City to participate in a grant program. The areas that have been selected are south on Broadway and south on Hoover Road for street tree plantings. Both of these areas have just had road improvements made and this is the next improvement to be done.

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

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	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.

1. Mr. Don Chapin, resident of Scioto Meadows subdivision, commented that many months ago he came to Council and complained about the smell from the Com-til plant. He explained that a meeting took place on May 23, 2000 with the City of Columbus, Division of Sewage and Drainage. They provided a report to the citizens and he provided a copy to the Clerk of Council for the members. He said the Division has found the source and is looking for a permanent fix, along with the funds. He asked that once Council reviews the Report, they encourage Columbus to provide the funds for a permanent fix to the problem.

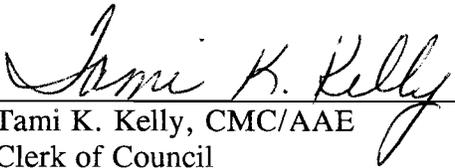
The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

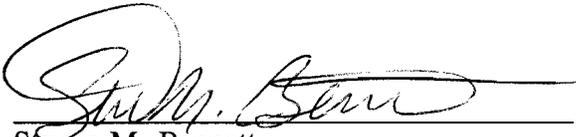
1. The Mayor submitted the monthly Mayor's Report and Mr. Radi moved to accept same; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

2. Council congratulated the Finance Department, thanked Mr. Nicholson and the Carpentry Class for their contributions to the City. President Bennett commented regarding the waivers approved for alcohol sales for the Alumni Softball Tournament weekend. He said the citizens must understand that this is a privilege and they need to supply self-discipline, so the few don't take this away for the many.
3. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:17 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council


Steven M. Bennett
President