

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 1997

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 Bruce Faris*

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

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes

2. President Milovich noted that the Administration will have a presentation regarding the proposed development of the northwest corner of Broadway and Park St., better known as the "Old Sohio Lot", immediately following the Council meeting.

**The Chair recognized Mr. Faris, Chairman for the Lands Committee, for discussion and voting of items under said committee.**

1. Resolution CR-46-97 (Approve the Sign Request for Law Offices located at 3793 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. John Hilt, tenant, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Faris reviewed the Pratt & Lambert, historical colors to be used as stipulated by Planning Commission and Mr. Hilt agreed. Mr. Faris confirmed that the height of the sign will conform to Code, not exceeding eight feet (8'). Also, the sign face is four feet (4') high and the mounding does not count in the overall schematics, artificially elevating the sign height. Mr. Hilt said this was all correct.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. Resolution CR-47-97 (Approve the Final Development Plan for the Buckeye Ranch Equestrian Center located at 5665 Hoover Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Dr. Les Bostic, Buckeye Ranch Executive Director, and Mr. Dwight McCabe, Excel Corp., were present to answer any questions. Mr. Bostic expressed appreciation for the superb level of cooperation extended by the City and its Planning Commission throughout this project. The plans are to construct a complex with horses to be used as part of a therapy process for children, not only on the Ranch, but, for those within Franklin County who have physical disabilities. It is a large and very exciting project and they feel it will benefit Grove City and the residents. In addition to the therapeutic end, they may hold other events at the facility, such as a horse show, exhibition, etc. Mr. Faris reviewed the stipulations set forth by Planning Commission to which Mr. Bostic agreed.

Mr. Bennett asked how many animals they plan to house. Mr. Bostic said the plan allows for 20 horses, however, in the first year they won't reach the full capacity. They anticipate starting with eight to ten.

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

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-45-97 (Appropriate \$1,738.00 from the Local Five Dollar License Fund for the Current Expense of Street Light Replacement) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 04, 1997.
2. Ordinance C-46-97 (Appropriate \$49,482.74 from the Sewer Fund for the Current Expense of reimbursing the City of Columbus for Tap Fees collected) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 04, 1997.
3. Resolution CR-48-97 (Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the City of Grove City on Behalf of the State of Ohio to Reimburse its General Fund for the Hoover Road (Buckeye Ranch to Orders Road) Project with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Behlen, Director of Finance, explained that State law requires a statement explaining the exact purpose for debt being incurred under Tax Exempt status. The City expects to receive \$195,185.00 from the State Issue II Grants for the Project. This guarantees that the City's General Fund will be reimbursed once the funds are released by the State and will keep our tax exempt status in good standing. Mr. Behlen also noted that 43 applications were received by the State for Issue 2 funds this year. We submitted four (4) applications. Only 20 were approved and of them, we received three (3).

Mr. Eversman asked for clarification on the start date for construction on these projects. Mr. Behlen stated that the earliest the funds could be released is at the end of this month.

He indicated that we have some flexibility on beginning construction and felt it would commence this fall or early, next spring. Mr. Eversman asked what the time limit requirement for the construction of these projects is, in order to receive the Issue 2 funds. Mr. Behlen stated that we have two (2) years, but, we can apply for extensions, especially for weather delays.

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

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

4. Resolution CR-49-97 (Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the City of Grove City on Behalf of the State of Ohio to Reimburse its General Fund for the Marsh Run Gravity Sewer Project with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett noted that the City expects to receive \$134,724.00 from the State Issue II Grants for this Project. There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Faris.

Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

5. Resolution CR-50-97 (Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the City of Grove City on Behalf of the State of Ohio to Reimburse its General Fund for the Broadway (Woodlawn Ave. to South Corporation Line) Project with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett noted that the City expects to receive \$296,216.00 from the State Issue II Grants for this Project and there being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Bennett moved it be approved; seconded by President Milovich.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes

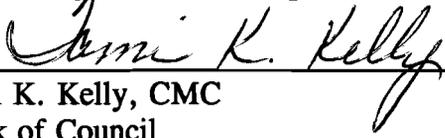
**President Milovich asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.**

1. Mr. Lee Brown, 3817 Tamera Dr., voiced concern over the philosophy of the Administration & Council with regard to taxation and spending issues. He asked if there was enough money in the General Fund, prior to Issue 3 going on the ballot, to build a swimming facility. President Milovich stated that there was not enough money to fund the Recreation Facility that was proposed by Issue 3. Mr. Brown asked if there was for an outdoor swimming pool alone. Mr. Boso, City Admin., indicated that there is certainly enough money to do a number of projects, if it is a priority. So, was there money to do a pool - yes. However, a choice must be made as to what projects warrant the most attention and if a pool is constructed, other projects will not be done. He said, as Mr. Behlen explained earlier, we have street and sewer improvement projects prioritized and have received some \$4 million from outside sources. When money is received from such outside sources, which we eagerly go after, it frees up money that can be used for other projects.

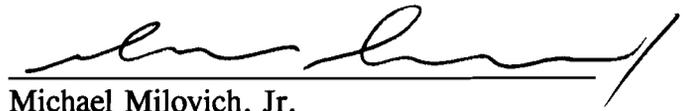
**President Milovich recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. Mayor Grossman announced that bids were opened for the Trash Contract. There were four bidders with the high bid being \$11.50/mo. and the low bid being \$10.30/mo. The low bidder was Larry's Trucking. She congratulated Barb Williams and the Gantz Volunteers for hosting the Great Lakes Herb Symposium. There were 225 attendees and have heard wonderful reports. She also congratulated the K.A.B. Committee for a very pleasurable Garden Tour this year, with a special thanks to those who shared their gardens and homes. She reminded everyone of the Homecoming Celebration this Friday. The Danger Brothers will be playing in front of City Hall at 8:00 p.m. She also noted that Discover One, a computer repair company, has located to Grove City with 70 - 100 employees. The average starting pay is \$14.50/hr. Also, Horizon Data, a software distribution company, will be moving into SouthPark and will start with 20 employees. She announced that Hoover Road will be opening in a northerly direction no later than August 1, 1997.
2. Barry Babbert, Dir. of Parks & Rec., announced that the Annual Mud Volleyball tournament to benefit Meals-On-Wheels will take place on August 9, 1997.
3. Chief McKean announced that the Police Dept. will hold its second Ward meeting on July 28, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for those residents in Ward 1. They will have officers there to listen to any concerns and to make a presentation.
4. Council expressed pleasure over receiving three Grants from the State. Mr. Faris applauded the Grant writers, as he is aware how difficult that is. They voiced excitement over the Buckeye Equestrian Center and feel it will make a nice addition to the City. President Milovich commented on the Great Lakes Herb Symposium and the Garden Tour. He said they were perfect, back-to-back events and applauded everyone's efforts.
5. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC  
Clerk of Council



Michael Milovich, Jr.  
President

\*Editor's Note: Immediately following this meeting, the Administration held a public meeting to review the potential development of the northwest corner of Broadway and Park St. (old Sohio lot). Mr. Frank Elmer, Elmer & Associates, made a presentation of possible building configurations.