

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

August 04, 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. Faris moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

2. President Milovich recognized Mayor Grossman for some presentations. Mayor Grossman presented a Proclamation to all those involved with Safety Town: Jackson Township Fire Fighter Tom Ducharme, Coordinator; J.T. Fire Fighter Scott Harr, incoming coordinator; Tom Eisel; Danita Hardesty, G.C. Police Officer Gary Schrecengost; Ester Roope; Kevin Snyder; Ron Pfeifer; Debbie O'Day; and Fred Frank. She then presented Ms. Ellen Lynn with a proclamation for her work with the Summer Performance Series at Gantz Park; and finally, she assisted Ms. Karla Kowar in presenting the 1997 Garden Tour hosts with trowels and a proclamation. This year's hosts were: Chuck, Margie & Todd Stump; Keith & Nancy Montague; Ron & Anne Dolch; Bob & Cathy Ewing; Betty & Marilyn Davie; Jan Smucker; Polly Dague & Ronita Novak.

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

1. Ordinance C-47-97 (Approve the rezoning of 0.54± acres located at 3612 Hoover Road from PUD-R to PSO) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on September 15, 1997.

Mr. Tom Marshall, petitioner, was present to answer any questions.

2. Resolution CR-45-97 (Grant authority to the City Administrator to sell, with deed restrictions, real estate to be developed by purchaser under certain conditions and within a certain time frame) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Grossman commented that this has been one of her goals since being elected as Mayor. She believes it is important for the City to participate in helping to draw people to the Town Center. After the last Council Meeting, Mr. Frank Elmer presented different variations of buildings for the site. The fifth, and final, layout was shown which gives special recognition

to green space. The holiday tree on the corner will remain and she anticipates a group area with benches and tables surrounding the tree. There will be a public pavilion area maintained by the City. The building proposes four (4) stores. She requested that the Declaration of Restrictions, under Article III, Part 3.01(b), be amended to add: (14) "Residential uses may be permitted as uses secondary to the permitted uses set forth in Section 3.01 and upon approval by the City Council of the City of Grove City".

Mr. Faris noted that during the public meeting there was one comment that suggested there wasn't enough green space being left out in front. Council questioned this and it was indicated that the front space is prime leasing space and it helps hold the street facade, tying everything together. Mr. Hamons, Dir. of Development, also mentioned that the distance between the existing walkway and the proposed building has been maximized to its widest width. Mr. Faris asked about the existing business in the back. Mr. Hamons said they tried to make a large notch in the rear so it is, basically, visible from all areas of the parking lot.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Faris moved to amend the Declaration of Restrictions, under Article III, Part 3.01(b), to add: (14) "Residential uses may be permitted as uses secondary to the permitted uses set forth in Section 3.01 and upon approval by the City Council of the City of Grove City"; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

Mr. Faris moved to replace Exhibit "A" with the fifth, and final, footprint of the building by Mr Frank Elmer, which leaves the holiday tree on the corner and provides for more green space; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

Mr. Faris moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

3. Resolution CR-51-97 (Set forth, as required by Section 709.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Municipal Services that can be furnished to a 1.010 acre tract located at 2450 and 2436 White Road in Jackson Township upon its annexation to the City of Grove City) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Faris moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

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

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

1. Resolution CR-52-97 (Declare the necessity of constructing certain sidewalks and installing street trees in the City of Grove City, requiring that abutting property owners construct the same) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman indicated that this will provide sidewalks and street trees on the north side of Stringtown Road from Hoover to Jackpot Roads.

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-48-97 (Authorize continued membership on the Central Ohio Health Care Consortium and declare an emergency) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 18, 1997.

Mr. Behlen explained that the City enjoys participating in a contract with twelve (12) other municipalities for health coverage. This ordinance will allow the City to send a Letter of Intent to enter into the third, three (3) year contract with the Consortium, which has been able to contract directly with doctors and hospitals for reduced costs to the Consortium and its members. Over the past six years, they have annualized a little less than a 4% increase in contribution rates and anticipate a favorable situation this year also. Mr. Radi asked if this is saving the taxpayers any money. Mr. Behlen indicated that by being in the Consortium, we have partners with the same interests and operate under the same guidelines - municipal governments. They are all trying to maximize the benefit received for the costs outlaid in public dollars. They are all conscious of the public dollars and by handling the factors of this, they are taking out the majority of profit/mark-up and any other "services" charged by a private insurance company. Mr. Radi asked if he could estimate an annual savings. Mr. Behlen said it would cost approximately \$100,000.00 for a similar program with an insurance agency. We pay roughly one-third of that now.

**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 second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett explained that the City has received compensation from insurance companies for damaged property and it is necessary to appropriate same so repairs can be made.

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

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

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 second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Bennett explained that this is the second quarter sewer tap fees collected that must be remitted to the City of Columbus.

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

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

3. Resolution CR-49-97 (Appropriate \$7,100.00 from the DARE Fund for Current Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 18, 1997.

**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, Tamera Dr., commented that he came to the last Council Meeting and public meeting and listened to comments regarding the "Old Sohio Lot" (NE corner of Broadway & Park St.). He voiced concern over the ability to use this lot for community events, such as the Homecoming Celebration. He indicated that there had been a lot of talk about safety this evening for children and feels it should be relayed to adults also. As a Town Center Merchant, they have asked the City to put up a little more signage for slower traffic. He showed Council some pictures he took during the Farmer's Market and suggested that it be moved into the "Sohio Lot" before someone gets hurt crossing the street during this affair. He proposed that this lot be kept as green space to alleviate any potential problem. He said if Administration and Council feels it is more important to develop the lot than potential public safety, he suggested that it be developed in phases to see if the additional business space is needed.

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

1. Mayor Grossman submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and requested it be accepted.

Mr. Faris moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

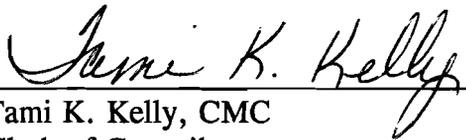
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Faris	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

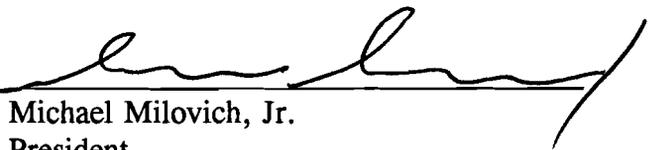
In closing, Mayor Grossman recognized the 7th Annual Homecoming Event which was very well received. She challenged Council and encouraged participants to play in the 9th Annual Mud Volleyball Tournament, this Saturday on Stringtown Road, next to McDonalds. This tournament benefits Life Care Alliance and the local Meals-On-Wheels program. She expressed congratulations to participants of the Garden Tour, the Safety Town partners and the Malibu Racers. She participated last week in a race with 11 other elected officials and came in 3rd. She also announced a new event to be held August 16, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Gantz Park. The Old Fashioned Family Fun Day was suggested by Kim Conrad, Parks & Rec., and will feature songs, stories, sack races, horse shoes, etc.

2. Ms. Karla Kowar thanked Council for their support of the Grove City Area Clean Community and announce that they will be hosting a Litter Free Football Game at Grove City High School on September 12, 1997.
3. Mr. Faris expressed congratulations to the participants of the Garden Tour; the Safety Town Volunteers; to Bob and the Consortium for saving taxpayer dollars over the last six years; and Ellen Lynn for all she does for the City.
4. Mr. Eversman commented on the Homecoming Celebration. It was very well run and he and his family enjoyed themselves. He also commented that he is glad to see the sidewalk city beautification taking place on the north side of Stringtown Road, which will certainly make Grove City look that much more attractive.
5. Mr. Radi commented that it is reassuring to see volunteerism alive and well in the City. He saluted all and expressed appreciation for their efforts.
6. Mr. Bennett thanked the Mayor, Administration & Town Center Merchants for their involvement in developing the "Old Sohio Lot". He said, often, communities fail to look within and allow their Town Center areas to decay. This community is unique with its participation to try and draw business to the area, which continues a healthy environment. There is more to Grove City than Stringtown Road. This is a great area and there is dedication by the Administration to help businesses do well.

7. President Milovich expressed congratulations to volunteers of Safety Town. It is evident in the pictures Mr. Brown shared that the children are getting a handle on safety in our community. He asked the Mayor if crosswalk signs could be put up during the Farmer's Market. Mayor Grossman stated that she met with Chief McKean and they are working with the State of Ohio on this. She said signage was added this year to make people aware of what is happening in the Town Center and a police officer has been assigned to the area during the Farmer's Market. President Milovich commented that this was encouraging. He then complimented the participants of the Garden Tour and announced the D.A.R.E. Cruise-In on September 6, 1997 at the old Harts parking lot.
8. 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.

  
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Tami K. Kelly, CMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Michael Milovich, Jr.  
President