

GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL  
MINUTES

August 22, 1990

Special Session

1. The Council of the City of Grove City met in special session on the 22nd day of August, 1990 in the council chambers with the following members present:

Brian Buzby  
Charles Cotton  
Earl Nicholson  
John Mountain  
William Buckley

2. President Nicholson announced the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public forum for information and citizen input concerning the Capital Music Center at Beulah Park. However, before starting the meeting, the council would consider two pieces of legislation postponed from the August 20 meeting.
3. Ordinance No. C-72-90 (to levy special assessments for construction of Kathryn Drive and Ohio Avenue) was given its first reading and Mr. Buzby moved the rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Buzby            Yes  
Mr. Cotton            Yes  
Mr. Nicholson        Yes  
Mr. Mountain        Yes  
Mr. Buckley          Yes

Mr. Buzby moved this ordinance be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Cotton            Yes  
Mr. Nicholson        Yes  
Mr. Mountain        Yes  
Mr. Buckley          Yes  
Mr. Buzby            Yes

4. Ordinance No. C-73-90 (to levy special assessments for Kathryn Drive North) was given its first reading and Mr. Buzby moved the rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Nicholson        Yes  
Mr. Mountain        Yes  
Mr. Buckley          Yes  
Mr. Buzby            Yes  
Mr. Cotton            Yes

Mr. Buzby moved this ordinance be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Mr. Mountain        Yes  
Mr. Buckley          Yes  
Mr. Buzby            Yes  
Mr. Cotton            Yes  
Mr. Nicholson        Yes

5. Before approximately 100 persons, President Nicholson called the public forum to order and told of his survey of persons living on the west side of the city in the vicinity of Beulah Park.

6. Mayor Stage welcomed all the audience and the media and after a few remarks, introduced Police Chief McKean and William J. Cavanaugh, acoustical engineer.

Chief McKean briefly stated the actions of his department in relation to the Music Center. His primary goal is to protect and serve the public and the City of Grove City. He stated the officers on duty for the music park are off duty police and deputy sheriffs who are paid by the park; there has not been a burden put on the on duty police responding to normal calls. The park has not had an adverse impact on the quality of daily police service to the community.

Mr. Cavanaugh stated he has been retained by the city to assess the magnitude of the concerts sound; it is a complex issue. He told of installing monitors in the areas immediate to the park. One on the grandstand roof, one next door to the park and one at 2,000 and 4000 feet. From this week of monitoring and studying the sound at various locations, he will prepare some recommendations to the city and courses of action.

7. Charles Ruma, owner of Beulah Park, stated they want to cooperate and work with the city, police and citizens. They want to incorporate changes in the facility that may be necessary to make the park a more acceptable situation for the city; they are committed 100% making this possible for all.

Wayne Nederlander, owner of Capital Music Center, stated they want to be good neighbors; to work with the city and the citizens; they will listen to the concerns both positive and negative and work with you the citizens.

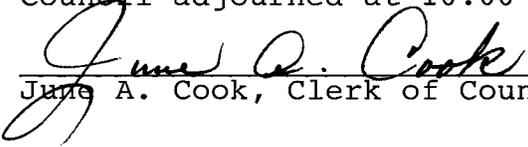
8. President Nicholson opened the discussion to the audience.

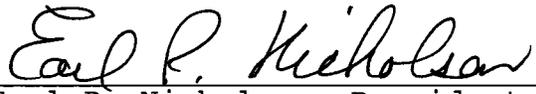
Of the 32 persons speaking, 19 were opposed to the music center and 13 were in favor. Most of the opposition was to the loud music. Other complaints were not being informed about the center prior to its start up, traffic, litter, alcohol both in the park and in cars, frustration of not being in control of their own privacy, concern for value of homes and quality of personal life, and police not taking complaints.

Remarks of those in favor of the center were: It is good for the city, the center's generosity to the high school for commencement and employment of the students, enjoyment of the concerts, good for the business community, brings people to Grove City, asset to community, generosity of the center's owners to the city and various charities and organizations and pleasure to neighborhood parties during the concerts.

10. After remarks from the Mayor, Safety Director and Council, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

11. Council adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

  
June A. Cook, Clerk of Council

  
Earl R. Nicholson, President

SPEAKERS & synopsis of remarks

1. Bill Stimson 4128 Sequoia Ave  
Says opposed 100% - complained of noise at every concert
2. Traci Nawrocki 4111 Balsam Ave.  
Questioned Mayor about his knowing of the center and not informing the people.
3. Dave Sweeley 3472 Grant Avenue  
Traffic, litter, drinking
4. Kim Murray 3180 Park Street  
Appreciates concerts, has attended most, if he doesn't have tickets, he drives near park and listens.
5. Mark Mays 3232 Demorest Road  
Objects to noise and frequency of concerts
6. George Adams 4280 Grove City Road  
Noise - played tapes made inside house with doors & windows closed
7. Jane Owen 2934 Woodgrove  
Questions Council - did they know of the Music Center?
8. Orville Alabaugh 4083 Sassafras Court  
Complained of drinking, cars, noise
9. Ardyce Purdy 4013 Cypress Ave.  
Offense to family, no control, no choice, can't turn it off. Heavy beat
10. Alice Sweeley 3471 Cleveland  
Noise, debris and litter, much grief, an invasion of privacy, traffic
11. Caroline Redding 3530 Park St.  
Objected to traffic leaving by Park Street gate.
12. Susan Baudi 3078 Woodgrove Drive  
Noise, concerned for quality of life
13. Sarah Mulvany 3880 Meadow Lane  
Noise, questions legal level of noise in city.
14. Patrick Lerum 3659 Connor Street  
Complained he did not know about center until invited to the party.  
Not to upset
15. Karen Gunderman 2664 Suann  
Likes going to concerts. Good for City
16. Tom Rutan 2275 Christy Lane  
Appreciates what center's owners have done for the high school; they employ students; they are an asset to the community; first class facility; city has progressive attitude; problems can be addressed
17. Barb Hollingshead 3501 Grant Ave  
Has concerns about the noise, traffic, drinking but is not opposed to the center; enjoys concerts; asks people to be patient and it will work out.

