

GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

September 24, 1990

Special Meeting

1. The Council of the City of Grove City met in special session on the 24th day of September, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall with the following members present:

Brian Buzby
Charles Cotton
Earl Nicholson
John Mountain
William Buckley

Also attending were members of the Administration, Richard Wilson and Linda Long representing Beulah Park, the press and several private citizens.

2. The special meeting was called for the purpose of discussion of problems related to the Capital Music Center at Beulah Park, possible solutions to the problems and for members of council and the administration to speak their thoughts and ideas individually. There was no discussion of the noise level which will be discussed after receiving the results and recommendations of the professional testing service and consultants.

Second item on the agenda was reviewing the Rules of Council and making suggestions on any changes or additions.

DISCUSSION OF SAFETY:

Mr. Nicholson: No traffic into the neighborhoods

Mr. Buckley: Close Park Street gates and the VIP Parking lot.

The Council was told this is the only access to the Clubhouse; that the lot can hold from 200 - 300 cars.

Mr. Cotton: Not necessary the VIP lot be closed. These people are not the troublemakers.

Mr. Buckley: Found 90% of the people talked to were in favor of the concerts and of the 90%, 40% felt the problems are after the concerts and when the employees leave.

Mr. Buzby: Inclined not to close the VIP lot. Suggests better trained employees for better flow of traffic entering and leaving the park.

A resident of the neighborhood, Dave Sweeley, offered to help with parking problems. Mr. Sweeley does this work for the Ohio State Fair.

Mr. Fulton: Limit the concerts to the weekends. Limited or no traffic in residential areas.

Appoint a citizen liaison to take complaints. Set up a procedure for complaints--an ombudsman. Hold bi-weekly

meeting for reviewing complaints. Perhaps one police officer to receive complaints and explain procedures to the citizens that call.

Have restrictions printed on the tickets, on any programs, and posted in the park--such as "no drinks brought into the park, foul language, respect for other patrons, etc."

Mayor Stage: Some entertainers will not perform at a facility that restricts language.

Chief McKean: The Ohio Revised Code, Section 2917.40 has a section on crowd safety such as adequate exits and the ratio of officers to numbers in the crowd.

The first aid and emergency services are all O.K. The track's emergency units and hospital are adequate.

Bill Lotz: The stairs, exit and emergency lighting follow the OEPA and the NAPA criteria. The lighting facilities were designed by an architect and meet state code.

Mayor Stage: Would like to see a curfew on the time of concerts
Wants the 2% Income tax on the entertainers.

Chief McKean: Wants no exit from Park Street gates after the concerts.

Mayor: When discussion is held on the noise of the concerts, wants discussion of the entertainers afternoon sound checks and practice.

DURATION, NUMBER AND TIME OF CONCERTS:

Mr. Buckley: No more 6 in a row concerts. Thinks a reasonable number would be 3 concerts per week. One during the week and two on weekends.

Mr. Cotton: End concerts by 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. No concerts on a night before a school day.

The Zoning is alright. Can we have better control with a Special Use Permit?

Mr. Buzby: Have concerts only through June, July and August. Have two a week. End concerts by 10:00 on weekdays and 10:30 on weekends. None longer than three hours. No more than 17 per year. Like the concerts but feels some are a burden to West Grove and near neighborhoods.

Mr. Cotton: Have no more than three a week.

ADMISSION TAX

Mr. Buckley: Wants an admission tax of 10% or 50 cents, whichever is higher. It could cover indirect costs such as extra police, litter, wear and tear of streets, etc.

Mr. Buzby: Not sure we should we should have an Admission Tax and an Income Tax.

Mayor Stage: We should have a prime objective. How much revenue will come from a tax? What changes should be made in general?

Mr. Mountain: We should first set a priority on the issues. What is the most important?

GENERAL CONVERSATION:

Mr. Fulton: Could the opening acts be eliminated? That would reduce the length of concerts.

Need better communication between the city and the music center.

Control during the concerts has been satisfactory both from the uniform police and the undercover security.

Mr. Nicholson: Objects to the vulgar and obscene language that can be heard over the loud speakers for blocks; objects to the large size of beer containers.

Mr. Fulton: There may be ordinances about what can be said over loud speakers. Will look into it.

Mr. Cotton: Objects to the litter after the concerts especially on Southwest Blvd. The Admission Tax could cover the clean up or any additional expenses to the city. An Admission Tax should come through the ticket price.

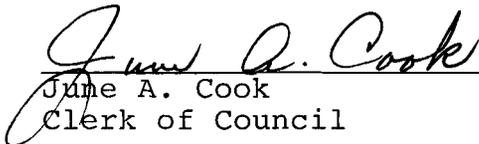
Mr. Wilson: The speakers will be regulated from the advice of the consultants.

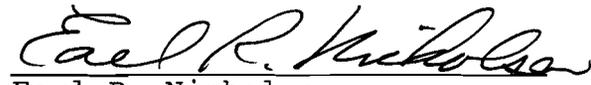
Mr. Buckley: Wants the Police Department and Jackson Township notified of the type of entertainment at each concert.

3. The Council, Clerk and Director of Law discussed the rules of Council. Suggestions and changes were made. A resolution will be prepared for action of council amending the rules.

4. It was moved and seconded that Council adjourn. Motion carried.

5. Council adjourned at 10:20 p.m.


June A. Cook
Clerk of Council


Earl R. Nicholson
President of Council