

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 03, 1994

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Grossman 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:

*Mike Milovich      Todd Hurley   Cheryl Grossman   John Schreck      Jeff Warner*

1. President Grossman recognized Mrs. Litchfield for a presentation. Mrs. Litchfield presented awards to the winners in the Community Parade this year. She commented that this parade would not be possible without the assistance of the City Police, Parks & Recreation and Service Departments and she extended the Chamber's Thanks. The 1994 awards were:

Chamber Spirit:	Southwestern Education Association
Mayor's Award:	Bank One
Grand Marshall Award:	HER Real Estate
Sounds of Music:	Town Center Merchants
Peoples Choice:	Zacharies
Pride of Parade:	Grove City Golden Racers
Town Center Award:	Grove City Community Club
Honorable Mention:	Southwest Franklin County Historical Society Buckeye Boys Ranch

Mrs. Litchfield explained that the Chamber Spirit Award is given to the best entry who is an active member; the Mayor's Award is open only to a business/organization who does business with Grove City; the People's Choice is gauged only by the crowd's reaction; the Pride of the Parade must be a service, civic or non-profit group; and the Town Center Award must best depict days past and local history. President Grossman expressed her thanks to Mrs. Litchfield and voiced her enjoyment of the parade. She said she feels it is a part of what makes Grove City such pleasant place to live and expressed appreciation to all participants and the hard work put forward to make it successful.

2. Mr. Schreck moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Milovich.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-70-94 (Authorize the acquisition of approximately 110 acres of land on Orders Road for use as a Public Park and authorize the issuance of \$300,000.00 of Notes in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of financing such acquisition and costs related thereto) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hurley explained that this ordinance addresses the acquisition of 110 acres proposed for a new park.

Mr. Dewey Stokes, 96 Amity Road, spoke in favor of this ordinance. He indicated that he was a candidate for Franklin County Commissioner and has been in Law Enforcement for 26 years. Based on that experience, he feels this is a positive investment in the future of the community. It can become a model park for the whole southwest area and become a reality with a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The funding, through ODNR, was approved by Franklin County voters in Issue 1 in 1993. He said it was a well planned park and will provide a well-rounded recreational facility and educational opportunity, as well as family participation. In his opinion, it will address the crime issue that faces this county and country by bringing the family together in a positive way. Spending quality, family time together in this type of setting is essential in helping to break the crime mode. Anything we, the County, or Grove City can do to improve the family is certainly a worthwhile project and investment. He urged the passage of this ordinance and Resolution CR-56-94.

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

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

2. Ordinance C-75-94 (Accept the Plat of the dedication of Holton Road Right-of-Way between Merrybell and Meadow Grove) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 17, 1994.

Mr. Roland Edwards, Engineer representing the School Board, explained that this dedicated the right-of-way opposite the proposed Holton Road School.

3. Ordinance C-76-94 (Accept the Plat of Hoover Park, Section 1 located west of Haughn Road at Longridge Way) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 17, 1994. Mr. Gary Clemick, Homewood Corporation, was available for questions.
4. Resolution CR-54-94 (Approve the Final Development Plan for Hoover Park, Section 1 located west of Haughn Road at Longridge Way) was given its reading and public hearing.

With Mr. Clemick still present, Mr. Hurley explained that this is the first section of the Hoover Park Development and reviewed the six stipulations forwarded by Planning Commission. Mr. Clemick stated that they are in agreement with these stipulations.

Mr. Hurley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Milovich.

Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

5. Resolution CR-53-94 (Approve the Final Development Plan for Comfort Inn Motel located on Marlane Drive) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Hurley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Milovich.

Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-67-94 (Amend Section 1101.07(a) titled "Submission Procedures" of the Codified Ordinances of Grove City, Ohio) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Schreck moved it be approved; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes

**President Grossman recognized Mr. Milovich, Chairman of Finance, for discussion and voting of items under said committee.**

1. Ordinance C-66-94 (Appropriate \$20,000.00 from the Pavilion Fund for current expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Milovich explained that this is a donation received in the memory of Mr. Jim Utzinger for the Pavillion, which is nearly complete. Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

2. Ordinance C-71-94 (Appropriate \$7,047.00 from Senior Stage Fund for current expenses and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Milovich explained that this money was received through fund raising efforts of the seniors for ammenities to the stage at the E.L. Evans Senior Center. Mr. Milovich moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

Mr. Milovich moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

3. Ordinance C-72-94 (Appropriate \$6,324.00 from the D.A.R.E. Fund for current expenses and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Chief McKean explained that two schools have been added to the D.A.R.E. Program and appropriate supplies are needed for them. Mr. Behlen expanded by explaining that these funds come from donations and fund raising efforts that are to be specifically spent on D.A.R.E. Mayor Stage also commented that there is a move on to include gun safety and usage into the program.

Mr. Milovich moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes

Mr. Milovich moved it be approved as an emergency; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes

4. Ordinance C-73-94 (Appropriate \$1,564.00 from the Local Five Dollar License Fund for the current expense of property damage) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 17, 1994. Mr. Milovich noted that this is money received by the City from an insurance settlement for damage to city property.
5. Ordinance C-74-94 (Appropriate \$6,000.00 from the Community Development Fund for the current expense of the production of city maps) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 17, 1994. Mr. Milovich announced that this money was received by the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce and the Visitors & Convention Bureau. He thank them for their support.
6. Resolution CR-55-94 (Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Milovich stated that this will reduce the property tax by 0.10 mill, effective January 1, 1995. Mr. Behlen explained that every year a determination is made based on the existing construction, new construction, our budgets for debt service, police pension, and general operation of the City. The City is allowed to levy up to 7 mills - 4 for debt service and 3 for operation. With the retirement of some debt service, refinancing of new debt, and the increase of property tax valuation, it has allowed us to reduce the property tax collected. Mayor Stage clarified that we are funding our new debt in addition to reducing the millage collected. Mr. Milovich stated that this is the fourth time in five years that we have decreased our tax rate and he feels it shows extreme financial prudence on the City's part in spending the public's money. He is very encouraged with that. Mr. Boso also commented that this is certainly a reflection of the economic development success we have experienced and it shows the importance of having jobs in Grove City, being that the City receives only 1.5 mills in property tax and 5 mills in income tax. He said this is a trend they will continue.

Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

7. Resolution CR-56-94 (Authorize the Mayor to file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for a Natureworks Local Grant) was given its reading and public hearing

Mr. Milovich explained that this will allow for the submission of an application, through ODNR, for the 110 acre tract the City wishes to develop for recreational purposes. Development costs for this project have been estimated at approximately \$700,000.00 and through this grant, the City's local match would be 25% or \$175,000.00. Mr. Behlen pointed out that our economic success allows the City to have funds available to meet the required grant match percentages.

Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

Mr. Milovich pointed out that of the seven pieces of legislation under Finance, five appropriated funds that were acquired by either donations or through some other source.

**President Grossman asked that any New Business to be brought before Council, be done so at this time.**

**There being no new business, President Grossman recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.**

1. Mayor Stage submitted his Monthly Report and requested it be approved, noting that this month reported the lowest number of single family housing starts for the year at 11. He said he doesn't remember it being this low in years and attributed increased interest rates as a factor.

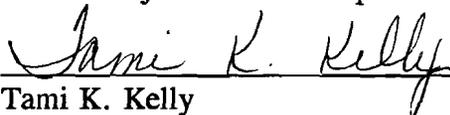
Mr. Hurley moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

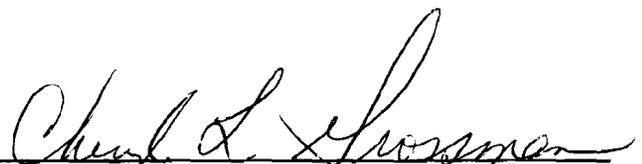
In closing, the Mayor commented that he had received a letter from the Southwest Library which was responding to an invitation he sent them regarding moving their Back Lot Concerts to the Pavillion next year. They have agreed to do this and the Mayor said this is the purpose for the pavillion. The Kite Fly was this past Sunday and it went very well. He also noted that our Parks & Recreation Director is in the hospital with a problem with his leg.

2. Chief McKean, Chief of Police, welcomed Mr. Dewey Stokes to Grove City on behalf of the men and women of the Grove City Police Department.
3. Mr. Chris Fulton, Safety Director, commented that they were doing some behind-the-scenes work by setting up traffic studies in order to determine if additional signs or removal of certain signs was warranted throughout the City. He said he is still working on the school parking lot and hopes to follow-up on this soon. President Grossman said she had recently spoken with Mr. Tom Rutan, Principal at Grove City High School, and he told her that they hope to have the parking lot completed in two weeks.
4. Mr. Jim Blackburn, Director of Service, announced that this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, we will be participating in the Franklin County Household Hazardous Waste Removal program. The drop-off location will be in the shopping center located on the northeast corner of Broadway and Southwest Blvd. Also, the current construction phase of Park and Columbus Streets is due to be 95% complete by the end of October.
5. Mr. Bob Lathrop, Tree Commission Chairman, announced that the transplanting effort involving the Park Street Middle School children took place today. Trees were moved from behind Gantz Barn to the Service Department where they will be able to mature and then used for planting throughout the City. Also, the Street Tree Inventory is 80% complete.
6. President Grossman announced that Mr. Milovich will be serving as Council's representative on the Community Plaza; COTA will be at the next meeting at 6:30 p.m. with a new Bus for anyone interested in viewing; and she was present at the Kite Fly, Sunday - it was well attended and those are things that are certainly an enhancement to the people of our community. She commended the Parks & Recreation Department on their efforts with it.
7. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly  
Clerk of Council

  
Cheryl L. Grossman  
President