

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

October 16, 2000

Regular Meeting

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

Chris Fulton Vaughn Radi Steve Bennett Budd Eversman Maria Klemack

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

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

2. President Bennett recognized Mr. Dan Reichard and Ron Barnes, COTA and Mr. Robert Cawler, MORPC, who presented Council with statistics on the Traffic Congestion Survey that was conducted. They gave estimates on projected population growth; estimated travel times and the growing amount of drivers. It is felt that enough roads cannot be built to provide the level of service the community is accustomed to. It is necessary to consider environmentally smart growth, with developments designed with walking in mind. "Share-a-ride" was another example. Suggestions were given on handling the projected traffic growth. Looking at the "Vision 2020" report, it suggests 17 Transit Hubs, one would be in this area; smaller busses for travel within communities; high speed rail system; and an intra-rail system. They provided a Packet of information to the Council Members and the Mayor. President thanked them for their presentation and information packets.
3. President Bennett read the agenda items and they were approved by unanimous consent.

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

1. Ordinance C-71-00 (Accept the Plat of Hennigan's Grove, Phase 1 - Section 2 located North of Hibbs Road) was given its second reading and there being no representation, Mr. Radi asked Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council, if she had any contact with the petitioner since the last meeting. Ms. Kelly said no. Mr. Radi asked Mr. Stage, City Admin., to explain the difference between the Development Plan and this Plat. Mr. Stage said the Development Plan for the entire project has been approved, but, when the Plat for this phase was submitted, it was noticed that the configuration of the lots was different. He said, as he understands it, part of the measurements to do the Development Plan were not field measurements and there was an error made in the aligning of one of the streets. Mr. Radi commented that this could either be postponed again or voted on. Mr. Stage said that although he feels Council has done their job and been have already postponed this, he suggested postponement for at least one month. Mr. Radi shared concerns that while Mr. Cameron, Bischoff & Assoc., was gracious enough to be at the last two meetings, his hands were tied and the communication from Dominion was not there.

President Bennett moved to postpone this ordinance until 12/18/00; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	No

President Bennett directed Ms. Kelly to send a letter to the petitioner explaining Council's concern and expressing their desire to have a representative at the 12/18 meeting.

2. Ordinance C-75-00 (Approve the Rezoning of 4227 Hoover Road from R-1 to PSO) was given its second reading and at the written request of the petitioner, Mr. Radi moved it be postponed to 12/4/00; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

3. Ordinance C-81-00 (Accept the Annexation of 0.69 acres located at 3776 Mayfair Drive) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, explained that this petition for a single-family residence desiring City water and sewer services. He noted that the zoning for this parcel would be SF-1 in the city. Mr. Fulton asked where the services were located. Mr. Hull stated that he believed them to be at the rear of the property.

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

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

4. Resolution CR-70-00 (Appeal the Decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals Granting a Variance for a Sign for Heartland Jockey Club, Ltd. Located at 3664 Grant Avenue) was given its reading and at the written request of the petitioner, Mr. Radi moved it be postponed until 11/6/00; seconded by President Bennett.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

5. Resolution CR-71-00 (Grant An Exclusive Easement With A Non-Exclusive Strip Easement to The Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba Ameritech Located North of White Road in Keller Farms East Subdivision, Section Two) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jim Blackburn, Dir. of Service, explained that the City was asked for a location for high speed internet system equipment. This is located on a strip north of White Road and, at this point all the City can do with it is keep it mowed, as it isn't big enough for much else. Mr. Radi asked if any antennae or towers would be located here. Mr. Blackburn said no. Mr. Radi asked if electric service would be above or below ground. Mr. Blackburn said they would be below ground. Mr. Radi asked if he had any idea when Ameritech would be operational with this equipment. Mr. Blackburn said not at this time. He would assume they would be operational in about six months.

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

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

The Chair recognized Ms. Klemack, chairman of the Service Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-82-00 (Amend Section 351.19 titled Parking Restrictions in Residential Districts) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage, City Administrator, stated that the Police Chief was to be here to comment, but, was unavailable. He said Chief McKean still has a concern over the 24 hour time frame. He feels it is too long and will be difficult to monitor. He asked Mr. Kulp, Dir. of Safety, if he had heard from Chief McKean. Mr. Kulp feels this is putting the Department in the position of being the "RV Police". Usually, 95% of all complaints about Rec. Vehicles come from neighbors. He feels this ordinance treats R.V. owners as children and overcomplicates things. He suggested that we leave it up to the R.V. owners to check with their neighbors, rather than legislating this. President Bennett explained that the current Ordinance doesn't allow for any parking of recreational vehicles on the residential streets. This amendment would allow for tolerance of some parking. What brought the R.V. ordinance up to begin with, was the fact that the Police were having difficulty enforcing the parking ordinance that says you only have 24-hours to park on the street without moving the vehicle. In previous discussions with the Chief, they discussed the ability for these incident reports to be easily handled and have a better reporting of such matters. This will assist in further review of this legislation. During that conversation the only question the Chief had was the 24 hour period. President Bennett said he feels 24 hours is better than 12 hours and places less pressure on the officers. Mr. Eversman commented that it would not be necessary to mark tires on these vehicles. If, after 24 hours, that same vehicle is parked anywhere in the city (on a residential street) it is illegal. He said he didn't particularly feel calling the police was necessary, but, that portion of this legislation was requested by the Administration. It was his understanding that the Chief felt it would be easier to monitor and enforce with the "calling in" process. Mr. Kulp said he feels the onus should be on the RV owners, not the police. President Bennett said this would protect the owners also. By calling in, they will have the time posted and will protect them from neighbors.

There being no further questions or comments, Ms. Klemack moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

Mr. Fulton, Chairman of the Service Committee, took the floor for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-58-00 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the City of Columbus for Sewer Services) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage stated that we are waiting on some minor, fine tuning, of the language. The date Columbus has promised him that they would be here to present the contract was November 6, 2000, and he requested that it and the Water Contract be postponed until then.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Fulton moved that it and Ordinance C-59-00 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the City of Columbus for Water Services) be postponed until 11/6/00; seconded by President Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

2. Mr. Fulton moved to add Resolution CR-72-00 to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Resolution CR-72-00 (Intent to Make Funds Available to Match Funds that may be Granted by Housing and Community Development Block Grant Programs and Authorizing the Administrative Assistant to File Applications) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Jim Blackburn, Dir. of Service, explained that for the past several years Grove City has been very successful in receiving money through CDBG programs. He said they are looking to apply for monies in our Target Area, which is Ward 1. The filing deadline is November 1.

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

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

Mr. Eversman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, took the floor for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-83-00 (Appropriate \$115,704.44 from the Dennis Lane Storm Relief Sewer fund for the Current Expense of Debt Service) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman explained that this is primarily for interest.

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

Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

2. Ordinance C-84-00 (Appropriate \$32,553.59 from the Hoover Road Reconstruction Project Fund for the Current Expense of Debt Service) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman explained that this, again, is primarily for interest.

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

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes

3. Ordinance C-85-00 (Appropriate \$153,938.65 from the Westside Municipal Storm Sewer System Reconstruction Project Fund for the Current Expense of Debt Service) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman explained that this, like the first two, is primarily for interest as well as \$100,000.00 for property.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

4. Ordinance C-86-00 (Amend Various Sections of Chapter 161 titled Employment Provisions for City Employees) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage commented that they are attempting to do some house cleaning and this is one of the Code Sections that will need some additional assistance as they go on. They are awaiting an analytical report from Organizational Resources to get a better handle on some of the other changes. These changes were easy and are in sync with different union contracts and he recommended approval.

President Bennett moved to amend Section 2, paragraph A, regarding Employee Birthdays and strike the words: employees hired after effective date of this section 4/16/87 are excluded; seconded by Mr. Radi.

Mr. Eversman	No
Ms. Klemack	No
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

Mr. Fulton noted that we are in sync with labor contracts, but, are we in sync with the market – rather than collective bargaining agreements. Mr. Stage said yes, he feels we are in-line with the market. He said we haven't had an analysis done and he feels comfortable that we are competitive.

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

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

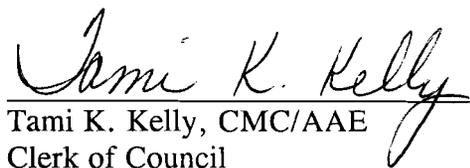
5. Ordinance C-87-00 (Appropriate \$42,215.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of the Replacement of a Communications Recording System) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on 11/6/00.

The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

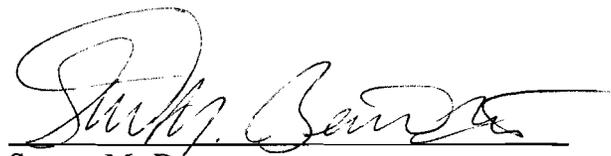
There being no new business, the Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Grossman reported on upcoming events and street construction progress. Ms. Conrad announced that the Senior Center will hold a Bazaar on 10/28/00.
2. Ms. Klemack voiced her appreciation for the efforts and concerns of the RV owners and after careful consideration, this amendment meets the needs and concerns of the citizens of Grove City. She also thanked everyone for their sympathy and support during the last few weeks.
3. Council wished the Mayor Happy Birthday (50th).
4. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council



Steven M. Bennett
President