

GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

October 22, 1990

Special Meeting

1. The Council of the City of Grove City met in special session on the 22nd day of October, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers, City Hall, with the following members present:

Brian Buzby
Charles Cotton
Earl Nicholson
John Mountain
William Buckley

Also present were Mayor Stage, members of the Administration, press and approximately 90 interested persons.

This special meeting was called to hold a public hearing on Resolution No. CR-63-90, a resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an inducement and development agreement with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. for the construction of a distribution facility on Southwest Boulevard in the City of Grove City.

2. President Nicholson opened the meeting by telling of the Council's trip to Seymour, Indiana along with members of the Administration, Fire Department, Township Trustee Don Miller and Bill England from the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce to view the recently completed Wal-Mart facility in that city.

Mayor Stage explained some minor changes in the agreement previously given to the public. Along with widening Southwest Boulevard, a bike path approximately 8 feet in width would be constructed. Mayor Stage showed letters of support from the Southwest Area Realty Association and the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce.

3. President Nicholson opened the meeting to members of the public who had signed the registry to speak on the agreement.

Veronika Shepherd, Mayor of Urbancrest, stated her community was not involved in the planning of this facility; wants more information for future planning; wants information about specific roads and traffic to the site; asked if an environmental impact study had been done by Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission; is concerned about a road being built through Urbancrest.

Kim W. Ogg, Juniper Street, asked about the effect this would have on the water pressure and fire safety in West Grove.

Bob Szelestey, Juniper Street, stated he is not satisfied with the Council and Administration listening to the people and is concerned about traffic congestion.

Ross Staggs, asked for earthen mounds and trees for landscaping; truck lanes being constructed and trucks to use that lane only.

Suzanne Dean, Cyprus Ave., asks about water pressure; how many houses in the immediate area in Seymour; will the railroad crossing be improved; mounding and landscaping; will trucks exit I-71 south of Grove City and come through the Town Center.

Keith Kobutz, Juniper Street, is concerned about traffic; suggests an access road be built from Broadway.

Bill Kreeger, Thompson Avenue, is concerned about the idling of trucks and diesel fumes, tax abatement, what are plans for future expansion; traffic lights; is satisfied with Wal-Mart opposed to a plastics or tire factory; asks city to control what other businesses go into area.

Michael Dreeling, Sequoia Ave. asks about the negative impact on property values; the effect on the quality of life for residents of West Grove; could the employee entrance be from Big Run Road.

Steve Armstrong, Juniper St., concerned about wear on the roads, fuel costs, air quality; resents tax abatement; asks limit on growth.

Chuck Hensel, asks council to consider the traffic, noise, impact of this facility on the community, wants to diversify the economy; asks the direct financial costs to the city.

Mark List, Township Trustee, thanked the Council for inviting the Assistant Fire Chief, Dan Ashcraft, and Board Chairman, Don Miller, to go to Seymour, Indiana. He stated they have a better understanding of the fire security that Wal-Mart will install; fire department still needs additional equipment whether Wal-Mart builds or not; Mr. List introduced Assistant Fire Chief Dan Ashcraft to answer questions on fire safety at the facility.

There followed a lengthy question and answer period participated by many persons who had not signed to speak. Topics were about zoning, assessments, industrial growth in the city, tax abatement, number of jobs and wages; time frame for construction. Also speaking were Gary Sigrist, President of the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce, Bill England, Town Center business owner, Richard Barbee, owner of land on Southwest Boulevard whose family is paying assessments on the road; Mayor Stage, Charles Boso and members of Council.

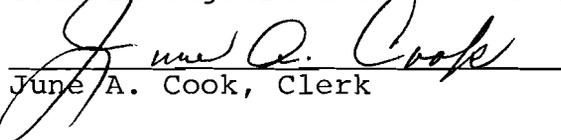
4. After all discussion, Mr. Cotton moved Resolution No. CR-63-90 be taken from the table; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

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

5. Resolution No. CR-63-90 was given another reading and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

6. Council adjourned at 9:40 P.M.


June A. Cook, Clerk


Earl R. Nicholson, President