

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO  
COUNCIL MINUTES

September 22, 1997

Special Meeting

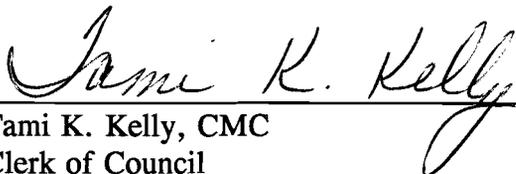
The special meeting of Council was called to order by President Milovich at 8:25 p.m. in the Council Conference Room, City Hall, 4035 Broadway.

Roll was called and the following members were present:

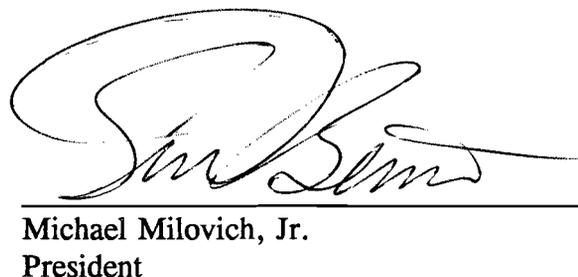
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1. President Milovich explained that the purpose for this evenings meeting was to, informally, discuss various changes in the Landscape Code and noted the presence of Bob Lathrop, Urban Forester, Barbara Williams, Herb Garden Coordinator & Tree Commission Member, Sherry Maniere, Tree Commission Member, and Renee , Tree Commission Member.
2. Mr. Eversman began discussions regarding the caliper of trees (2" vs. 3"). Ms. Williams commented that 2" caliper trees will have a better survival rate and there should be a better variety of different species of trees in this caliper. Mr. Lathrop expanded, explaining that less of the root system is disturbed in a 2" caliper than in a 3" caliper tree; nurseries keep more 2" caliper trees in stock and a better variety. Council agreed to amend Sections: 1136.06(a)(1), (b), (d); 1136.09(a)(2) & (3) to reflect 2" caliper trees. They also agreed to amend Sections: 1136.06(b), 1136.09(a)(3) & (c)(3) to reflect 6' high evergreen trees.
3. Mr. Faris commented that he felt Section 1136.07 was too vague. The definition of visual screen was reviewed and Mr. Lathrop suggested that the definition of opaqueness in the specific areas be further defined. Council agreed to amend Section 1136.07 to read: *Where it is determined that as a result of new developments, construction or reconstruction, uncomplimentary or incompatible land uses or zones are created, a continuous 80% opaque landscape hedge, solid fence, wall or earthen mound visual screen, in addition to screening of vehicular use area provisions, shall be required.*
4. Lastly, Council determined that an addition to Section 1136.18 is needed to address the fact that if a property owner does not comply with notification of a required planting, that the City will do the planting and the cost will be assessed to the property owner.
5. After determining that these amendments should be placed on the next available agenda as an emergency measure (to enable all to take advantage of the upcoming planting season), a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

  
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Tami K. Kelly, CMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Michael Milovich, Jr.  
President