

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

November 6, 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. President Bennett recognized Mayor Grossman who presented a Proclamation and gift bags/shirt/hats to Marsha Thompson, Chairman and the Committee Chairs for Arts-In-The-Alley and one to Karla Kowar for America Recycle Day.
2. President Bennett recognized Ms. Debbie Stith, Director of the G.C. Visitor's & Convention Bureau, who presented Council with an Annual Report. She provided a packet of information and gave a brief recap of accomplishments for the year. She highlighted the fact that nine (9) conferences were held this year, with rooms blocked in the hotels and four (4) more are scheduled. They have been working with the South-Western City School District on the Career Academy Curriculum for Travel and Tourism. She announced that a AAA office will be in the new Career Academy building. She said the Visitors Center has expanded its hours to be open during downtown events; they have a highly successful web site; the Visitors Center hosts meetings and is the permanent home to Earl Nicholson's Historical Art Display of Grove City; they have also launched a new ad campaign for next year.

Mr. Eversman commented that he has enjoyed working with the Visitor's & Conventions Bureau as the liaison for Council. Mr. Fulton commented that, as a former member of the VC Board, he is delighted with the direction they are going. Ms. Stith commented that they have enjoyed a great working relationship with Council and have really cared. They appreciate this.

3. Mr. Radi 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

4. 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-54-00 (Amend Ordinance C-2-86 to Remove Land in the Community Reinvestment Area No. 2) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage, City Administrator, explained that they have been pursuing some leverage to get Shoney's cleaned up. They have been in contact with the attorney for Shoney's and due to the fact that the land is owned by a third party, there have been difficulties. The attorney for Shoney's has asked for a delay and Mr. Stage agreed to a short postponement.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be postponed to 11/20/00; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

2. Ordinance C-57-00 (Accept the Annexation of 99.0± acres located on State Route 665) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, was present and requested that this Ordinance be withdrawn – as requested by his clients. Mr. Eversman asked why the property owners were requesting withdraw. Mr. Hull said his clients did not give him a reason, only the direction to withdraw the petition. Mr. Stage expressed extreme disappointment in this decision. He said he hoped that it would get re-filed soon.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-88-00 (Approve a C-2 Zoning Classification for a 17.55 acre parcel, located west of Hoover and South of S.R. 665, upon its Annexation) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on December 18, 2000.
4. Ordinance C-89-00 (Rezone 76.10 acres, located south of S.R. 665 and west of Hoover, from IND-1 to C-2) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on December 18, 2000.
5. Ordinance C-90-00 (Rezone acres, located at 4401 Broadway, from SD-4 to PUD-C) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on December 18, 2000.
6. Ordinance C-91-00 (Accept the Amendments to the Plat for Concord Lakes, Section 4) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 20, 2000.
7. 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 public hearing.

Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, explained that after the last Council meeting some discussion took place and as a result, he directed the Board of Zoning Appeals to give proper notice and hear this appeal again during their normal meeting. That has been scheduled for November 27, 2000. Based on that, it would seem that this Resolution is moot and a proper decision has yet to be made.

There being no further questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved to withdraw Res. CR-70-00; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

8. Resolution CR-73-00 (Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Replacement of Wood siding to Vinyl Siding and the replacement of windows to 3386 Broadway, located in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

There being no representative, Mr. Eversman moved to postpone this Resolution until 11/20/00; seconded by Fulton.

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

Mr. Dye, Planning Commission Chairman, explained that this was recommended for denial due to Code requirements. He believes that they cannot condone the replacement of wood siding with vinyl without some showing of architectural significance to the piece that is to be sided. As he reads the Code, he believes the purpose of the HPA is to preserve the natural materials and look, in part. The applicant was unable to give any showing that this was a specific architectural feature that required vinyl siding for durability and preservation. He commented that if Council wishes to consider these types of applications for approval, he suggested revisiting the language in the Code.

9. Resolution CR-74-00 (Approve the Sign Request for Remains To Be Seen, located at 3780 Broadway in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Ms. Kim Yemrick, petitioner, was present to answer any questions. There being none, 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

12. Resolution CR-77-00 (Approve the Sign Request for Grove City Cellular, located at 3312 Columbus Street in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

There being no representation, Mr. Fulton moved it be postponed to 11/20/00; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

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

13. Resolution CR-78-00 (Grant an Exclusive Easement to Columbus Southern Power Company dba AEP located West of Marlane Drive and South of Brown Run) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage requested that this be withdrawn and will resubmit without the exclusive clause for the easement.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be withdrawn; seconded by President Bennett.

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

14. Resolution CR-79-00 (Municipal Services that can be provided to a 15.831 acre tract, located north of Hibbs Road, upon its Annexation to the City) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Radi moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

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

15. Resolution CR-80-00 (Acknowledge and Endorse the Town Center Mural Project located on the Shedrow Saloon in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Earl Nicholson, local historian and former Council President, explained the project and showed a preliminary drawing of the Mural. He explained that he is doing the history for the mural and Mr. Dave Maple is doing the technical signage aspects of this project. He provided some historical tidbits about the mural. Mr. Radi thanked them for their efforts and asked when they plan to start. Mr. Nicholson said they hope to start in the spring and have it complete for the next Arts-In-The-Alley. Mr. Eversman asked if it would be painted on the block wall. Mr. Nicholson said it will be put on plywood panels, so it could be moved, if necessary. Mr. Radi asked if there would be a write-up on the mural. Mr. Nicholson said yes. Mr. Maple explained the process to protect the wood panels and the painting. The

landscaping may be moved and gooseneck lighting is being proposed. Mr. Fulton thanked Earl and Dave. He said it is a very worthwhile project. Mr. Maple commented that he has been doing art for 35 years and murals are beginning to pop up in Bucyrus, Columbus, etc. It is becoming a very popular piece of history in the towns. The painting actually says something about the town. It was noted that this is the Historical Preservation Area and will need approval.

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

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 changes were made late Friday, 11/3/00, by the City of Columbus and he has not had an opportunity to discuss those with Columbus, due to the Columbus representative being on vacation this week. He requested it and the Water Contract be postponed until 11/20/00.

Mr. Tony Swaneck, Pleasant Township resident, explained that he is a member of the Township Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. He said that, currently, the wells and septic systems are adequate to service the Township area. He asked about Area "B" and what advantages Township residents have in being included into the Service Plan. He also asked if the Township Trustees were notified of the contract, as well as the residents. He asked if the residents would receive services without being annexed. Mr. Stage offered to provide Mr. Swaneck with a copy of the Contracts. He said they did not notify the Pleasant Township Trustees and that Area "B" is only an area defined for geographic potential. The City cannot solicit annexations in this area, it must be initiated by the property owner. Sewer and water lines would be extended at their expense. President Bennett further clarified that this area could initiate annexation to either the City of Columbus or the City of Grove City. After further conversation about annexations and services, Mr. Fulton requested that Mr. Swaneck meet with Mr. Stage for further understanding.

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 11/20/00; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Fulton	Yes
Mr. Radi	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-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 second reading and public hearing and Mr. Eversman moved it be approved; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

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

2. Ordinance C-92-00 (Direct the Certification to the County Auditor of the Expense for Cutting Weeds on Private Property and to Declare an Emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Behlen, Director of Finance, explained that in order to place this on the Tax Duplicate for the upcoming year, it was necessary to submit this to the Auditor's Office immediately. He said the property owners are aware that this service has been provided and a service charge will be placed on their property.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Radi.

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

Mr. Eversman moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Radi.

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

3. Ordinance C-93-00 (Appropriate \$26,600.00 from the Community Environment Fund for the Current Expense of the Fall Planting Project and declare an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Eversman explained that this emergency is being requested to get the trees planted in a timely manner. This simply appropriates the money from the proper fund.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Eversman moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the Waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

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

Mr. Eversman moved it be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Radi.

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

4. Ordinance C-94-00 (Appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Senior Nutrition Fund for Current Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 20, 2000.
5. Ordinance C-95-99 (Appropriate \$39,322.76 from the Sewer fund for the Current Expense of Reimbursing the City of Columbus for Tap Fees Collected) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 20, 2000.
6. Ordinance C-96-00 (Appropriate \$784.57 from the DARE Fund for Current Program Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on November 20, 2000.
7. Resolution CR-81-00 (Authorize the Administrative Assistant to Advertise for Bids and Sell Items No Longer Needed by the City) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eversman explained that these items will be sold through an auction, the date of which has not yet been determined.

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

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

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

1. Mr. Josh Frost, Boy Scout Troop 385, explained to Council that he is in the process of earning his Eagle Scout and invited them to join in his Project. He said it will be this Sunday, Nov. 12, 2000, at 1:30 and everyone participating will meet in the basement of City Hall. The project consists of driving around in the different Wards and assessing the litter. Once the data is compiled, the information will be used for the Keep Grove City Beautiful foundations.

2. Mr. Randy Coffman, representing Southwest Health Center, explained that the Ohio Health building is seeking a Council response to the glazing revision of the glass. He said that due to the competition between hospitals, Grant/Riverside hospitals has requested that this new facility look like the Riverside campus. They wish to "brand" it so the facility is recognized as a Riverside facility. The new glazing color is in keeping with the Riverside campus.

President Bennett commented that the logo portion of the rendering was not changed from Blue to the Green and asked if that was an oversight. Mr. Coffman said no. The logo will remain blue, just like the Riverside logo. President Bennett stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Boso, Chief Building & Zoning Official, as to whether it was necessary for Council to take formal action on this. He asked Mr. Boso for a response. Mr. Boso commented that the color rendering submitted with the Development Plan is blue, however, the glazing proposed looks blue on a clear day and green on an overcast day. He doesn't feel Council needs to make formal action. President Bennett asked if we were looking at a substantial change. Mr. Boso said he didn't think so. President Bennett asked Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, if he concurred. Mr. Clark said Mr. Boso is usually accurate on the Code. President Bennett said he did inspect the Riverside building and agrees with Mr. Boso, that there is no substantial change. Other members of Council commented that they feel it is fine.

The Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Grossman submitted the Mayor's Monthly Report and Mr. Eversman moved it be accepted; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

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

In closing, Mayor Grossman announced that a Starbucks Coffee will be occupying the old Daddy O's building on Stringtown Road. She provided an update on projects and events.

2. Council members reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.
3. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 10:05 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council



Steven M. Bennett
President