

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

November 21, 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 moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Schreck.

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-77-94 (Accept the annexation of 26.7413 acres located north on White Road and east of Interstate I-71) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hurley announced that Mr. Adams, developer and representative of petitioner, has requested that this Ordinance be postponed until February 6, 1995 so that he can apply to Planning Commission and follow the procedures reflected in Ordinance C-85-94 - Annexed Territory.

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Hurley moved that this ordinance be postponed until 2/6/95; seconded by President Grossman.

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

2. Resolution CR-63-94 (Approve the Sign for Park Street Middle School located at 3191 Park Street in the Historical Preservation Area) was given its reading and public hearing.

At this time, Mr. Hurley moved to excuse President Grossman from voting on this resolution due to her being on the Park Street Middle School Building Improvement Team; seconded by Mr. Warner.

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

President Grossman explained that this Team is trying to improve the aesthetics of the building and replace the existing wooden sign with an exposed aggregate sign to be located at the division of the office and the oldest part of the building, along Park Street. It will include a menu board in order to list events. Mr. Hurley commented that the Planning Commission required landscaping around the sign. President Grossman said they would comply with the stipulation.

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

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

3. Resolution CR-64-94 (Support a Land Use Concept Plan) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Frank Elmer, Elmer and Associates, provided a brief synopsis of the concepts for the Grove City Area. He explained that the map shows a plan that offers guidelines for the overall land use pattern for the community and the undeveloped portion of the communities contract service area. The time frame is at least 50 years from now and it is a general guideline, not meant to be specific to every parcel of land. The concept is based on the existing land use pattern of the community; contemporary development patterns and some of the key issues of this plan are: land along the freeway, north and south of Holton and Orders Roads. It should be considered as future corporate office development sites. This stretch is the only area in Grove City that possesses the locational characteristics that could attract corporate development. Corporate Development of this type is necessary, given the objective of the community to try and expand the opportunity for a wider variety of lifestyles from the point of view of single-family housing. Also, the land south of White Road has extraordinary land forms, ideal for open space, expensive single-family housing and/or Golf Course community. The plan also recognizes the concept of Mixed Use Development and tries not (from a traffic plan point of view) to end up with more corridor pattern developments, such as Stringtown Road. It makes more sense to try and find ways to have small scale commercial & office uses mixed in with residential development on an area basis, so that all trips from a single-family house aren't going to the same location for their daily needs. Its concepts like this that have been recommended and suggested along with a number of way to go about getting there. This is a vision for 50 years from now and he offered to answered any questions.

Mr. Schreck stated that he liked to see the change going, and added in, to office space. He also liked getting away from having one or two major roads and moving out into the community.

Mr. Milovich stated that the plan has a lot of good ideas, but, as far as a Concept Plan, he was looking for something more tangible that we would be able to bring before the people. Back in March, 1990, Mr. Elmer did a Land Use Plan for Grove City and it broke down the corridors of the community and addressed specific areas of concern for those corridors and though that might be above the scope of work he was commissioned for at this time, Mr. Milovich feels that this is something we need. In concert with that, the last Economic Development Program that he was able to see any information on was in 1981 and feels that the Land Use Plan & Economic Development of the community should run in concert, put those two programs together and give us a goal to hit in 50 years. Mr. Elmer said those were reasonable comments. With this effort, he has been trying to find a general guideline/direction, placement, positioning, mixes of land uses, trying to respond

to development trends as we see them today and recognizing that these trends may change. The point of being more specific & tying economic development issues with land use concepts can happen as long as this concept is acceptable. Mr. Milovich stated that one of the comments Mr. Elmer makes in his 1990 report regarding future City form, is providing a smaller neighborhood oriented retail activity center. He feels that Mr. Elmer is coming at us with some of the same comments and concerns as was in that 1990 report and feels that an inventory needs to be taken as to what we have developed with regard to that plan & what we need to address. Mr. Elmer agreed.

Mr. Warner commented on his concerns for the plan with regard to how we can integrate established developments with the Corporate Commercial Development and would like to see a little more detail. Mr. Elmer stated that they could do that. The corporate development that he is talking about is very much of a campus style with lots of open space between facilities.

Mr. Hurley stated that he believes we have a good start with the plan in general, however, there are a lot of areas that Council would like to address specifically and moved that the resolution be tabled; seconded by Mr. Warner.

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Warner, Chairman of Service, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Mr. Warner moved to add Resolution CR-65-94 to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Milovich.

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

Resolution CR-65-94 (Amend Res. CR-52-94 to Create a Community Plaza) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Warner explained that Resolution CR-52-94 designated a Community Plaza in the rear of City Hall next to Park Street and this resolution would amend the area designated to the Veterans, allowing for a space on the southeast corner of City Hall which may consist of two flag poles, a memorial art monument and/or eternal flame. He then asked Mr. Milovich to expand since he is Council's representative for this project.

Mr. Milovich explained that he met with the American Legion, approximately a week ago, at their Executive Session and Regular Meeting, presenting them with four possible sites. The first was the original location on Park Street; second was the NE corner of Broadway and Park St. (Sohio Lot), to which he met with the Town Center Merchants who are interested in developing the site commercially and having the Memorial be a part, but, the development here is not timely; third was an area on Kingston and Broadway, but, the Legion felt that this was too far from the activity; and

fourth was the location in front of City Hall. It is extremely visible, but, the space is limited to the amount of presentation that could be there. They talked about two flags, the American Flag and a POW/MIA flag; some type of art memorial; and some type of eternal flame. This took care of one group. It did not take care of the passive setting, where they could go in solitude and remember friendships and situations they experienced in serving this country, that many veterans are interested in. So, Mr. Milovich said he would bring before City Council the possibility of setting aside two to four acres in the newly purchased park land and create a "Veteran's Memorial Garden". At the same time, Ms. Cheryl Patzer, Jackson Township Trustee, was in attendance and she offered the property on Demorest Road, behind the new Fire Station, as the setting for the passive memorial. Both the Executive Session and Regular Member of the American Legion voted in support of the site in front of City Hall and the area on Demorest Road.

Mr. Schreck commented that on the first sketch for this memorial, there was a concept whereby a brick could be purchased in memory of someone and he hopes that this could be incorporated at the Demorest Road site.

There being no additional questions or comments; Mr. Warner moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Milovich.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-83-94 (Amend Section 1322 of the Codified Ordinances titled Historical Preservation Area Sign Code) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Schreck moved that Section 1322.09 be amended to strike "15' maximum for one sign"; seconded by Mr. Warner.

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

There being no questions or comments, Mr. Schreck moved it be approved as amended; seconded by President Grossman.

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

2. Ordinance C-84-94 (Amend Section 1323 of the Codified Ordinances titled Signs) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schreck moved to amend Section 1323.04(d) to remove the words "and sealed by a structural engineer licensed to practice in the State of Ohio"; seconded by Mr. Warner.

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

Mr. Schreck moved to amend Section 1323.15 to change each business sign from 25 sq. ft. to 35 sq. ft. of additional building signage; seconded by President Grossman.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	No
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Schreck	No
Mr. Warner	Yes

Mr. Schreck moved that Section 1323.04(j) be amended to change the words "Columbus Sign Contractor's Association's" to "Central Ohio Sign Association's", since the Association has changed its name; seconded by Mr. Warner.

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

President Grossman commented that as sponsor of the legislation, this addresses her concerns for the health safety and welfare of the citizens by limiting the size of signs. She also noted that on August 2, 1994 she sent a letter to the Chamber of Commerce regarding these changes; she also met with Sherol Saxton and Stan Smith of the Chamber to share her intentions; there was a follow-up letter sent in September, 1994; and she contacted both Chambers and City Administrations in Hilliard, Worthington and Upper Arlington who have similar sign code ordinances, to ask if this has created problems and/or hardships for businesses? The response was that it has been very well received overall and they very pleased with the results.

Mr. Schreck reiterated the fact that most of the changes being made are for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens. Mr. Clark pointed out Stringtown Road as a prime example for signage with the present Code as opposed to what it would look like with the new revisions. With all the signs presently there, it can truly pose a safety problem for those from out of town.

Mr. Warner pointed out that these amendments do not affect current signs unless that business ceases to operate for a period of six months or more. Only then would they be required to comply with the new Code.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Schreck moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by President Grossman.

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

- 3. **Ordinance C-85-94 (Amend Section 1139.05 titled Annexed Territory) was given its second reading and public hearing.**

Mr. Hurley reiterated the fact that an earlier ordinance was postponed because the developer wanted to follow these new procedures. He feels this is a valuable piece of legislation because it provides better notice to contiguous property owners with regard to what is being proposed in their area.

Mr. Schreck also commented on how this will help keep Grove City and Jackson Township residents better informed.

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

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

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

- 1. **Ordinance C-82-94 (Appropriate \$22,000.00 from the County License Fund for Road Salt) was given its second reading and public hearing.**

Mr. Warner stated that in speaking with Mr. Blackburn, Director of Service, that purchasing this early guarantees a supply prior to the snow falling. Mr. Behlen, Director of Finance, also noted that we will benefit by beating the rate increase.

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

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

- 2. **Ordinance C-86-94 (Appropriate \$20,650.93 from the Sewer fund for current expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.**

Mr. Milovich explained that the City has contracted with the City of Columbus and it requires Grove City to collect and remit sewer tap fees. This appropriation are those fees collected for this quarter.

There being no additional questions or comments, 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

3. Ordinance C-87-94 (Appropriate \$1,210.00 from the Community Environment Fund for current expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Behlen explained that this grant for training the Grove City Area Clean Community Coordinator and Board will be utilized in December.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-89-94 (Appropriate \$9,400 from the Gardens at Gantz Fund for Current Expenses) was given its first reading. Second reading and public will be held on December 05, 1994.

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

1. Mr. Don Mathews, retired construction superintendent and former combat marine, had questions regarding the police contract, currently under negotiation. He asked the Mayor if he said that Grove City has one of the finest police departments in the Country? Mayor Stage said yes. Mr. Mathews then asked if that is as far as it goes or will he be sitting in on the negotiation committee. Mayor Stage said he thought the next move is for it to go to binding arbitration, however, that does not change his opinion. Mr. Mathews then asked Chris Fulton, Director of Safety, his views. Mr. Fulton responded by saying that he is not involved in the negotiation process and never has been. However, that doesn't mean he's not interested. He knows many of the officers personally and feels he has developed a good rapport with all officers. He believes that the officers should have fair and reasonable consideration given to all issues and a process has been put in place for that. At this point, he doesn't feel that the process has failed. He believes that both parties have the opportunity to present their policies and/or disagreements in the proper forum. From a personal standpoint, we should not take a contractual issue and cross it over to an emotional issue. He believes that there is a disagreement and feels that there is a procedure in place to take care of that. He said he read the article about the officers putting their lives on the line and he agrees with that. He voiced his pride in our officers and believes we have the finest. It tears him apart to see internal fighting and bad mouthing and/or undermining the whole process. The process needs to continue and hopes that both sides compromise for the benefit of the citizens of Grove City. Mr. Mathews agreed with Mr. Fulton and then asked how much money has been spent to date and how much more will be spent to fight this issue. Mr. Boso asked what he meant? Mr. Mathews asked if we had to pay for an attorney? Mr. Boso said that through the State Board of Employment Relations, it appoints a Fact

Finder and that bill is split equally between the State, City and Union. Grove City's portion of that bill was \$463.00. As far as attorney's, we have spent roughly \$8,000.00 to date, in a contract that over a three year period is estimated at \$350,000.00.

Mr. Boso said Mr. Mathews asked if these people think the officers of Grove City are the best and he said yes. It is reflected in their salaries. He extracted some figures from a report the F.O.P. compiled themselves showing the highest paid officer, for top step, is in Hilliard. Grove City is presently \$600.00 behind them; we are \$329.00 behind Bexley; \$229.00 behind Dublin; \$411.00 ahead of Worthington; \$583.00 ahead of Gahanna; \$728.00 ahead of Westerville; \$1,284.00 ahead of Upper Arlington; \$1,439.00 ahead of Whitehall; \$1,506 ahead of Reynoldsburg; and \$2,656.00 ahead of Grandview. In terms of sergeants pay, we are third. The highest again in Hilliard - they are \$1,200.00 ahead of us. We are \$166.00 behind Dublin; \$873.00 ahead of Worthington; \$1165.00 ahead of Westerville; \$1,531.00 ahead of Reynoldsburg; \$1,604.00 ahead of Upper Arlington; \$3,200.00 ahead of Grandview; and \$4,659.00 ahead of Whitehall. In terms of the proposal that the Fact Finder came back with; a police officer in Grove City, after 30 months would receive \$39,957.00/yr. The portion of our retirement is \$7,800.00 for a total of \$47,748.00/yr. After the expiration of the contract in 1996, a police officer's wages in retirement alone would be \$51,601.00; a sergeant would go from \$55,030.00 for retirement and wages to \$59,505.00. If you work second or third trick, you will make \$1,040.00 more. They receive an \$800.00 clothing allowance; 13 paid holidays; vacation days of between 2 - 6 weeks; 120 hours of sick leave; a medical insurance plan with a maximum out-of-pocket expense is \$300.00 for family; prescriptions cost \$5.00; a dental plan; a vision plan; life insurance plan covered for their annual salary; a legal plan; a tuition reimbursement plan of \$1,500.00/yr. The Fact Finder came back, and with this particular wage package in total, they are asked to pay \$466.00 more for a total of \$986.00/yr. What is in question now is health insurance. They are presently paying \$20.00 per pay and the Fact Finder says they will pay \$37.00 per pay under today's policy. We are arguing about \$17.00. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees pays it. He pays it. Since 1990, when the discrepancy in terms of insurance occurred, he has personally paid \$4,025.00 more than the officers have and for an officer that comes on the job one day. He has been on the job 21 years. He feels that what the Fact Finder said is reasonable and fair. He feels that there is room for compromise, but, feels that a pretty good package has been laid out for the men and women on the force.

Mayor Stage has firmly stated his personal and professional feelings about the Police Department. He also feels that we have one of the finest communities in the State of Ohio and that is not by accident. We have all worked very hard to be one of the finest in the Mid West and Ohio. When you start to take things personal and make accusations, personally, you start doing something that is extremely damaging and one that we will all regret in the future.

2. Mrs. Pat Mathews, 2656 Brinkman Dr., asked if the City workers who are single do not have to pay their own insurance premium? Mr. Boso replied that there is currently a cap on all insurance of \$450.00. After \$450.00, the remaining premium is split 50/50 between the City and the employee. Presently, single coverage is less than \$450.00. She then asked if single police officers are required to pay their own? Mr. Boso said that the present/expired contract requires all officers to pay \$20.00. Mrs. Mathews said that we are asking single officers to pay for their insurance where other single city employees are not. Mr. Boso said he thinks it is very easy to come into this setting and pick out one item out of a 41 page contract. She then asked if she was correct in understanding that there was no cap on the premium? Mr. Boso said yes, in accordance with the Fact Finder's Report. He said that the two other Union's have a cap of \$75.00 and we would be

happy to give them the \$75.00 cap.

3. Mr. Boso, City Administrator, said if anyone would like a copy of the facts, he would be happy to give them one. He said that when the Fraternal Order of Police became the F.O.P, he was the negotiator then and he has negotiated every contract in that 14-15 year period. We have reached a point in terms of Health Insurance that is not unique to Grove City, Ohio. This is a national debate. To pull out one particular piece of a 41 page contract is very difficult because you give up some things to get others. There have been proposals about a cap, one for much less than \$75.00 and it was rejected. As Mr. Fulton stated, there is a process involved.

Mr. Milovich stated that one of the comments he heard was how could Council support a Fact Finder. He said that the information presented was from the Fact Finder/Counselor of Law that was agreed to by both parties. This third party took the information from both sides (the City and F.O.P.), put them together and came up with a compromising document. There was give and take on both sides and what council was presented with and what they are looking at with regard to the fact finding, was someone that, he felt, was looking out for the interest of both parties - not being involved in a 41 page contract and not knowing about all the details of the negotiations. He felt that they had something that was put together by a third party that was to everybody's benefit.

Mr. Warner said he felt it was important for everyone to know that Council is a legislative body and not part of the contract negotiations. It is their responsibility to digest the information given and determine if it is affordable and reasonable for us as a community.

Mr. Schreck requested to make a comment and President Grossman asked if his name remained on the candidates list? Mr. Schreck said yes. As a point of order, President Grossman reminded him that the Director of Law and the Ohio Ethics Commission has said he may not comment on this particular situation. Mr Schreck said he only wished to reiterate the Mayor's statement that we have the best police force in the country.

4. Mr. Dave H., Louise Avenue, asked the Mayor if he was in charge of the negotiations? Mayor Stage said no. He then asked if he was in charge of the City? Mayor Stage said yes. He then said if he's in charge if the City he's in charge. Mayor Stage said he didn't understand. Dave said in all the negotiations he's sat in, there is always one person who can say do it and he feels that it is the Mayor's responsibility. Mayor Stage said it would be very easy for him to say "do it". Next year is an election year, but, one of the duties of the Chief Executive Officer is to be diligent and prudent and fare to everybody. In a survey we conducted a few months ago, the citizens said they felt we have been very prudent in spending the money. We have come a long way and he is trying to be as fare as is humanly possible. Dave asked if it was true that the only problem is insurance? Mayor Stage and Mr. Boso both said they felt so. He then asked if they felt the Police Officers were the same as any other city employee? Mayor Stage said no, they never have. He asked if that comment was made to the media? Mayor Stage said he never made it. He again asked if the only problem was with insurance? Mr. Boso said they have no problem. They have accepted the Fact Finders Report.
5. Mr. Tim Mathews, asked Mr. Fulton who was doing the internal fighting? Mr. Fulton said he hasn't spoken to anyone. The point he was trying to make was emotion and perhaps fighting was too strong of a word. For that, he apologizes. He feeling is that there has been some bad mouthing of City Administrators and disagreement within the ranks and bargaining unit itself. That is not all bad. We can agree to disagree. He hopes that we can put things behind and move forward

constructively. Mr. Mathews asked where the negotiations stood now? Mr. Boso said that there is to be a meeting with the Conciliator around December 17, 1994. The City met with their attorney last week and he thinks that a meeting of the F.O.P. is scheduled for this week. He then thanked the Mayor for reducing his property millage this year, but, he would be willing to have it put back on and put it toward the \$17.00 difference. He said December 17 seems like a long way away. Mr. Boso said that the contract will be retroactive to July, 1994.

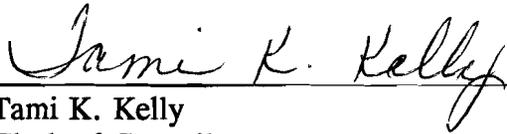
6. Mr. Hurley said that the Mayor brought up the point that next year is an election year and politically it would have been easier to settle this. He feels that the fairness being given is a very valid point. His health care coverage is going up 30% next year and he has no opportunity to discuss it with his employer. He noted that after Council's special meeting on the Fact Finders Report, he spoke with several officers who felt insulted that someone would think that their performance would change. Mr. Hurley said he feels that the officers performance will continue to be unwaivered and believes its important to move beyond the side affects of the negotiation process.

President Grossman recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage announced that Jail and Bail starts December 5 - 8, 1994. He thanked Stan Smith, with the Chamber, for his responsiveness with regard to the Wellness Program - Alcohol Abuse and Testing. We have a big program planned for Christmas and looks forward to a Thanksgiving where we can all be proud to be living in a free nation.
2. Mr. Clark thanked Council for the passage of C-85-94. He feels this moves the City ahead for fair development.
3. Mr. Holt, Chairman of Planning Commission, thanked Council for passage of the Sign Code. He said he is sure it will be tested and that is why we are here.
4. Mr. Babbert announced that the members of his staff received a citation for the White Glove Award at the last Chamber Luncheon for purchasing picnic tables, park benches and trash receptacles out of recycled plastic milk jugs.
5. Mayor Stage apologized for his negligence and recognized the Boy Scouts present in Council Chambers this evening. Mr. Don Wood, introduced the second year Weablo's Pack 126 under the guidance of Mr. Espisito. These scouts are working on their citizenship pin and came out to see how City Government works. He also thanked those who support the Scouts - President Grossman, Mayor Stage, Mr. Behlen, etc.
6. Chief McKean reiterated his support for the men and women of the police force as well as a fare and reasonable contract.
7. Mr. Bob Lathrop, Chairman of Tree Commission, said you can't help but notice when you drive down Broadway that they have been busy and this spring, Broadway will look like a new road. Other plantings will occur soon on Southwest Blvd. between Broadway and Richard Avenue and the Southwest Boulevard extension.
8. Mr. Warner thanked the Service Department for the pavement on Columbus Street.

9. Mr. Schreck explained that before he decided to run for Council, he had applied for an officer's position with the Grove City Police Department and his name is on the current candidates list. This is why he has abstained from voting and refrained from commenting on the contract. He then stated that he received a letter from a Clark Drive resident regarding excessive speeding and asked Chief McKean to comment. The Chief explained that he has prepared a response letter and that a new program is being implemented called "Speed Watch" which will give Block Watch participants a radar gun so they can communicate license plate numbers to the Department.
10. President Grossman stated her pride in the Grove City Police Department and expressed her wish that this be resolved at the earliest possible date.
- 11.. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:05.



Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council



Cheryl L. Grossman
President