

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

December 18, 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 meetings of 12/04/00 and 12/11/00 and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Radi.

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

2. President Bennett recognized Mayor Grossman, who administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bob Hately as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals; and presented Mr. Lee Schreiner with a Proclamation for his participation as a Board of Zoning Appeals member. Mr. Schreiner's term has expired and he declined to continue, due to being appointed to the State Teacher's Board. Thanks and congratulations were given to Mr. Schreiner from the Mayor and Council. Mr. Schreiner commented that it has been an honor to serve the City and he has learned a great deal.

Secondly, Mr. Marty Saperstein, Saperstein and Associates, provided a presentation regarding this year's telephone survey. He explained that this is the fifth survey conducted for the City over the past ten years and included a comparison of the last five years in his review. A copy of the complete report was provided to Council.

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-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have had some success in getting the property owners to cooperate with the site and requested that this Ordinance be withdrawn.

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 Radi moved it be withdrawn; seconded by Mr.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

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

2. Ordinance C-71-00 (Accept the Plat for Hennigan's Grove, Phase I, Section II) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Don Plank, attorney for petitioner, stated that this subdivision meets all the zoning requirements and was approved by the Planning Commission. He indicated that there was some question about five lots and showed a drawing of the layout of those, as well as the many homes that would be able to fit on those lots, per Code. He also noted that another issue has come up recently and they have been asked to provide access to the property to the south. He said they were willing to do this, but the access would need to come from Phase II, Section I, which has already been platted and approved, and they will loose a lot. He asked that this plat be approved with the stipulation that they would provide the access to the south and re-plat Phase II, Section I. Mr. Radi asked Mr. Stage if there were any additional issues with regard to the re-platting that need to be addressed. Mr. Stage said no. The original development, in 1995, had a southerly access and westerly access.

Mr. Radi moved to amend Section 1 to include the stipulation that: Access to the south will be provided in Phase II, Section I and will be re-platted; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

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

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

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

3. Ordinance C-88-00 (Approve a C-2 Zoning Classification for 17.55 acres located South of S.R. 665 and West of Hoover Road upon its Annexation) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Brad Johnson, representing petitioner, stated that they have worked closely with Mr. Stage and is in conjunction with the next ordinance. He said they received unanimous approval of Planning Commission and requested approval. He said they did not have any imminent development plans for the site. It will be developed in partnership with themselves and the Rings family. President Bennett asked if they had a wish list of what they would like to see on the property. Mr. Johnson said they would like to see retail that would be along the lines of a larger soft goods retailer and believe there is a potential for some sit-down restaurants. There is a good base of moderate to higher priced housing that they feel needs retail support. Mr. Radi asked if they had any correspondence with the neighboring property owners. Mr. Johnson said no.

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

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

4. Ordinance C-89-00 (Approve the Rezoning of 76.10 acres located South of S.R. 665 and West of Hoover Road from IND-1 to C-2) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Brad Johnson, representing petitioner, offered to any questions. Mr. Radi noted that this is the companion piece and it changes the property from Industrial to commercial. Mr. Stage noted that there was discussion of a north/south internal street and there are some drainage issues that will need to be addressed. Mr. Fulton asked if this would be a piece-meal development or a master plan. Mr. Johnson said they anticipate a master plan that will encompass the majority of the property. He said he doesn't see it being done in five acre parcels. It will be a significant chunk that will start the project.

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

5. Ordinance C-90-00 (Approve the Rezoning of 4401 Broadway from SD-4 to PUD-C) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Schweitzer, Zoning Coordinator, indicated that he had spoken with the petitioner and they had relayed the desire to withdraw this ordinance. Mr. Radi asked Ms. Kelly if she had any correspondence with the petitioner. He asked that she contact the petitioner and receive their intentions in writing.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Radi moved it be postponed until 1/2/01; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

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

Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, commented that he had a discussion with the legal department of Ferrell Gas with regard to their concerns of the restrictions Grove City is placing on this property. Mr. Clark said he assured them that there was no connection between the users. Mr. Radi confirmed that when some of the Council Members met with the representative of Ohio Mulch, at no time was the former user ever brought up. President Bennett said they only shared the concerns of the development being proposed.

6. Ordinance C-98-00 (Accept the Annexation of 77.524 acres located at the northeast corner of Hoover and Orders Roads) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Frank Eck, attorney for petitioner, was present to request approval. They desire annexation to enhance the development potential. Mr. Stage noted that a portion of Haughn Road is also being annexed with this property and noted that there will be major improvements necessary to Haughn Road, if this is going to be a viable development. As a note to him and the petitioner, there will be some expenses of road improvements in order to get that developed. Mr. Eck said he understood and believes that any potential developer would take that into the account and would be anticipating those improvements. President Bennett asked about the 40 foot right-of-way. Mr. Kohman, City's Consulting Engineer, stated that this would be acceptable for the annexation. Mr. Eversman noted that this property will be zoned SF-1, which is a lower density single-family zoning classification.

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

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

Mr. Jerry Kimmel, Orders Road resident, voiced concern over the narrow roads (Haughn, Hoover & Orders) in the area as well as the traffic congestion. He would like consideration of this upon development of the property. Mr. Radi noted that no development is being considered at this time, but as Mr. Stage has pointed out, we are aware of the road improvements needed. Mr. Kimmel also noted that the property floods. Mr. Kohman explained that when the property is developed, they would have to show that the development would not add to the flow downstream. They will have to control the water, through, retention on the site - if necessary.

7. Ordinance C-102-00 (Approve the Plat for Grant Run Estates, Section 1) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. William Goldman, attorney for petitioner, offered to answer any questions. He said they have worked in concert with the City to provide a complimentary subdivision.

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

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

8. Ordinance C-105-00 (Approve the Rezoning of 18.6± acres located south of Quail Creek Blvd. & east of Old Hoover Road from R-1b to PUD-R) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 5, 2001.

9. Resolution CR-84-00 (Approve the Preliminary Development Plan for 18.6± acres located south of Quail Creek Blvd. & west of Old Hoover Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Joel Rhoades, Epcon Group, provided a review of the project. Mr. Stage asked if he had received any feedback from the contiguous neighbors. Mr. Rhoades said they met with Mr. Stark and he had no comments regarding the proposed development. Mr. Rhodes said he encouraged Mr. Stark to attend the meetings. Mr. Radi read the stipulations set by Planning Commission and Mr. Rhodes agreed to review them all and have details for the Development Plan. President Bennett commented on the exterior stipulation, noting that they don't want this project to look like a duplication of the Ravines, to the north. Mr. Stage, said yes, that the stipulation is meant to request a complimentary development, not a duplication. Mr. Rhoades agreed. Mr. Radi asked if these units would be rentals. Mr. Rhoades said they would be owner occupied.

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

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

10. Resolution CR-85-00 (Approve the Development Plan for the FedEx Hub Expansion and Renovations, located at 6120 South Meadows Drive) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eric Adamczyk, representing Fed Ex, requested approval of this plan. He said they met with Planning Commission and have agreed to all their stipulations. Mr. Radi read these stipulations and Mr. Stage clarified the mounding stipulation. He said there is a considerable amount of topsoil on site and they are trying to adjust this mound, with additional landscaping. Ideally, the mound would be 12 feet. They have recommended no internal landscaping to be done - but, for those plantings to be pushed out to the perimeter of the parcel.

Mr. Robert Teeters, resident of Hoover Road, commented on Ord. C-88 & 89-00. He said he spoke to Mr. Johnson, asking if the residents could be included into the annexation. He was told that it was too late to add them to the existing annexation request, but Mr. Johnson offered to handle a separate petition for them. He then commented on Resolution CR-85-00 voiced concern over some water problems. Mr. Radi asked Mr. Kohman about this. Mr. Kohman stated that he had no knowledge of this and would look into it. Mr. Stage offered to discuss these issues with Mr. Teeters and gave him a business card.

Mr. Eversman moved to reflect that this was a Final development plan; seconded by Mr. Radi.

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

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

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

11. Resolution CR-86-00 (Approve the Development Plan for the Hickman Lawn Care Storage Building, located at 2809 Harrisburg Station Lane) was given its reading and public hearing.

There being no representative present, Mr. Radi moved it be postponed to 1/2/01; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

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

12. Resolution CR-87-00 (Approve the Development Plan for Ruby Tuesday's Restaurant, located at 4065 Marlane Drive) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Dan Peyton, representing Ruby Tuesdays, requested final approval and noted that the plans reflect perimeter screening of the roof-top mechanical rather the extending the parapit, as previously discussed with Council. Mr. Radi read the stipulations set by Planning Commission, which Mr. Peyton agreed to. He commented on the signage. Mr. Clark explained that the two existing signs are non-conforming that Ruby Tuesday's applied for permits before the time limit expired. They will be able to utilize those two signs by replacing the sign faces for their business. Mr. Peyton questioned this and Mr. Clark explained that the Code allow for the use of non-conforming signs as long as there is no change in size, height, etc. Mr. Radi and Mr. Eversman stated that signage is not part of the Development Plan approval and if there were any more questions on this subject, Mr. Peyton should contact Mr. Boso (Chief Building Official) and/or Mr. Clark. Mr. Peyton then commented on the statement regarding sidewalks. He said they would be the only property with them and doesn't feel they are necessary, at this time. Mr. Peyton then showed a new color rendering. He said that they realize that Stringtown Road/I-71 is the corridor to the City. They have changed their mustard color to a tan and the building will be brick and dryvit rather than the board on back material. Mr. Fulton questioned the sidewalks on Ohio Drive. Mr. Stage said there are none on Ohio Drive, but may put them in on Marlane, as part of the road improvements.

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Fulton, Chairman of the Service Committee, 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. Fulton asked Mr. Stage for comments on this important, 50 year agreement. Mr. Stage showed a map of the Service Area and explained the two areas delineated as "A" and "B". Area A is the section that can only be annexed by Grove City and needs no special approval by Columbus to provide water and sewer services. Area B can be annexed by either Columbus or Grove City, but needs approval by the other municipality to do so. He introduced Mr. Don Plank, special counsel for the City on this matter. Mr. Plank said there really isn't much to negotiate on these contracts, but through the "bull-headedness" of Ike, we were able to get an expanded area, which includes the new school area. President Bennett commented that this doesn't mean that the City will annex all this property. It is still up to the property owners to petition the County to have this happen. Council congratulated Mr. Stage on his efforts.

Mr. Fulton explained that since this Ordinance and Ord. C-59-00 were originally introduced, the attachment has changed. He moved to replace the attachment for both ordinances with the contract dated 11/17/00 and the map dated 11/27/00; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

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

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

2. Ordinance C-59-00 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract with the City of Columbus for Water Services) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Fulton moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

The Chair recognized Mr. Eversman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-103-00 (Appropriate \$13,551.25 from the Convention Bureau Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Behlen, Dir. of Finance, explained that this is the remaining amount collected through the Bed Tax that needs to be appropriated to the Convention Bureau for this year.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-104-00 (Appropriate \$176,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of Stringtown Road/I-71 Landscaping) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Behlen, Dir. of Finance, explained that this was money received from the Apartments project, north of Jackpot Road, for the landscaping along Stringtown & I-71.

There being no additional questions or comments, 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

3. Ordinance C-106-00 (Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the Twelve Months ending December 31, 2001) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mayor Grossman made a presentation and provided a brief synopsis of the departmental budgets for next year, without the Capital Expenditures. She stated that Grove City is the third highest in tax collection in Franklin County and the third fastest growing city. She stated that there is not much change in 2001 from this year. It is balanced and she requested approval, as presented.

President Bennett questioned the money for the Capital Improvements. Mr. Behlen explained that we have had increases in taxes through new development, additional jobs and we are using some of our savings from prior years. President Bennett asked what the parameters are for utilizing the reserve monies. Mr. Behlen stated that monies in savings (reserve) are considered eligible funds that can be utilized. We are bringing over many dollars from 2000 that were not used and will be available to appropriate next year. He said many things are happening in the presentation of the 2001 Budget. President Bennett asked about the money being brought forward from this year. Mr. Behlen said the only money being forwarded was for capital projects not in contract. Other monies may be already encumbered, through a Purchase Order,

for projects and contracts, and that money would carry-over. President Bennett asked if any money from 2000 was shifted in the fourth quarter and used for something else. Mr. Behlen said no.

Mr. Marvin Holt, Buxton Lane, spoke in reference to budget reductions proposed for the City Administrator's salary and the Development Director's salary. He said he understands that these issues have now been resolved and hopes that all parties can continue to work together constructively, for the good of the community.

Mr. Lonnie Alonzo, Chippewa Ct., voiced objection to the removal of the Development Director's position. President Bennett said he doesn't know where Mr. Alonzo received his erroneous information, but Council never had any intension of removing the Development Director position. He explained that if the Development Director was going to remain getting paid out of the City Administrator's salary, they questioned the need to appropriate a full salary for the Dev. Director's position, until we had the Director back in position, full-time. Mr. Alonzo stated that he supports both positions being funded.

Reverend James Moran, First Presbyterian Church, stated that both positions are necessary. He asked what the advertised salary was for the City Administrator's position was. Mr. Eversman said they didn't know. It is the Mayor's advertisement. Rev. Moran asked what is being budgeted. Mr. Eversman said \$88,296.00. President Bennett noted that Council offered to go up to \$100,000.00 for a new City Administrator if necessary. Rev. Moran said he feels we should be ready to pay for a quality Administrator and take as long as needed to find the right person.

Before allowing any additional speakers, Ms. Kelly reminded Chairman Eversman that the Rules of Council only allow for three opponents and three proponents to speak. If there are no opponents to this ordinance, Council would need to make a motion to Waive the Rules of Council to allow any more speakers to be heard.

Mr. Eversman moved to Waive the Rules of Council and allow the three remaining speakers to address Council; seconded by Mr. Radi.

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

Mr. Dick Jameson, Seneca Ct., asked if any salaries were cut in 2001 in Development. Mr. Eversman said not at this time.

Mr. Stan Smith, stated that he was speaking on behalf of the Search Committee. Specifically, Dr. Bostic, Dr. Hamilton, and himself. He said that Council has expressed some frustration over the time it has taken to find a new City Administrator. He said they believe the process has been very diligent in its search and said the Mayor should be allowed to do her job.

Mr. Bill Saxton, resident and business owner, stated that he feels he is representing the Real Estate industry. He said if they have no one in the City to receive help from, they would be

lost. He wants to make sure Council understands that we need both people. President Bennett commented that it seems that everyone in the audience believes Council wants to delete the Development Director position. He said this is incorrect. Actually, he would like for the Development Director to be able to devote 100% of his time to that position only. As he has had many developers show up at his business to discuss plans.

Mr. Eversman commented that Council never discussed eliminating the Development Director's position. He said there was a technical debate about funding the salary when no money is being spent from it. Mr. Stage is being paid from the City Administrator's budget and will continue to be until a new City Administrator is appointed by the Mayor. He said, as a member of the Search Committee and local business owner, he feels eleven months is too long to go without a City Administrator and a full-time Development Director. Mr. Fulton also made comment, in accordance with Mr. Eversman's assessment. It was also explained that the Charter requires the City Administrator's salary to be set in the Budget. A year ago, that salary was based upon a City Administrator who had 20+ years experience. Since then, he has retired. Council must now weight whether they appropriate a salary for the current person in the position or on what has been done in the past. They are also interested in sending the right signals to potential candidates.

Mayor Grossman stated that the Search Committee supports her process. She reviewed a timeline of events for this process. She said she is now very close to securing a person for the City Administrator's position, but, if her funds are decreased, she will not be able to secure it. She commended Mr. Stage on his efforts and feels that the City is in better shape than ever.

Mr. Fulton commented that it is unfortunate that there was confusion with the facts. He would have liked to have received phone calls asking about the information individuals had received. Mr. Stage commented that a 0 is a 0, and without money you don't have a person. Mr. Radi commented that he did not want to be in the same position next year, going through this same exercise. He said the City lost an excellent man in Chuck Boso. President Bennett stated that, with the Mayor announcing, just this evening that she is very close to securing someone for the City Administrator's position, he feels the appropriation is now, more appropriate.

Ms. Klemack moved to approve this ordinance as submitted; seconded by Mr. Fulton.

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

4. Ordinance C-107-00 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into a Contract to Purchase Ground and Appropriate \$155,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of said Land Purchase) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on January 02, 2001.
5. Resolution CR-88-00 (Authorize the Director of Finance to enter into Contracts with the Office of the Auditor of the State of Ohio for Professional Auditing and Accounting Services) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Eversman moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Radi.

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

6. Resolution CR-89-00 (Authorize the City Administrator to Accept a Donation for Park Improvements) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Behlen explained that the City has received a donation as a memorial and it is necessary to accept such donations.

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

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

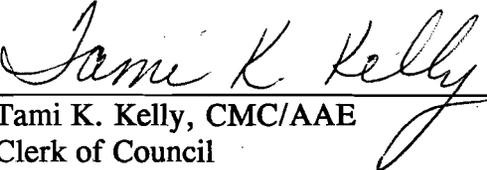
The Chair asked that any new business to be brought before the attention of Council be done so at this time.

1. Ms. Barbara Hill, Haughn Road resident, shared her experiences of having several utility lines cut, many times, during the improvements to Haughn Road. She explained how she was in favor of the improvements, but now she is experiencing water problems. She explained how she has fought for years to prove that her property is in the corporation limits of Grove City. She told of her experience last week when the road, her driveway and front yard began to flood. She was having a party and her 40 or so guests left early, concerned that they may not get out with the water rising so high. Ms. Hill phoned 911 twice, but no one came to her door. One of her guests suggested that she call the Mayor, and she did, finding her at home. Upon apologizing for the disturbance at home and explaining the situation, the Mayor told her it was a Township problem. She said she saw police cruisers and one put out cones due to the high water. She said, not until a fire truck came by and stuck a stick down the drain did the water start to recede. She expressed her frustrations and asked for assistance to correct this flooding problem. Mayor Grossman apologized for the misinformation. She said after speaking with Ms. Hill she phoned the Service Director at home and spoke with the Police Chief today. Chief McKean commented that a police cruiser was dispatched eight minutes after her first call and there was already one in the area on the second 911 call. He confirmed that the Police Department does know that this address is in the corporate limits of Grove City. She voiced her frustration with the situation and asked why it took nine hours to get a fire truck to unclog the drain. Mr. Stage agreed with her concern and said they need to get a group together to alleviate the problem. President Bennett also shared concern for this situation and thanked her for bringing to Council's attention. He is hopeful that the Administration will take steps to bring resolution to the problems.

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

1. Mayor Grossman thanked everyone for sharing their concerns for the community. She announced the untimely death of Ms. Sandy Arnold. She expressed sympathy to the Boso family on the loss of their father and grandfather this past week. She expressed pleasure with the Survey results and with Mr. Stage's efforts with the water and sewer contracts. Finally, she announced that the Annexation bill has now died in the House of Representatives.
2. Mr. Stage thanked Council for the process with the Budget and the approval of the water and sewer contracts. He said we are all interested in the betterment of the community
3. Everyone expressed their wishes for a Happy Holiday. Each member of Council made closing comments and expressed sympathy to the Arnold and Boso families. President Bennett announced that the next meeting of Council would be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 in observance of the holiday on the 1st.
4. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 11:25 p.m.



Tami K. Kelly, CMC/AAE
Clerk of Council



Steven M. Bennett
President