CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

<u>September 16, 1996</u> <u>Regular Meeting</u>

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Milovich 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:

Todd Hurley *Steve Bennett* *Mike Milovich* *Jeff Warner*

1. President Milovich recognized Karla Kowar for a presentation. Ms. Kowar, with the assistance of Mayor Grossman, introduced and presented Gazebo Awards to the following: Bill & Carolyn Redding, Darryl & Susan Dabo, Darryl & Debbie Thomas, Steve Jackson and Scheodinger Funeral Home.

2. President Milovich recognized Officer Hughes for a presentation on the Explorer's Group. Officer Hughes, with the assistance of three Explorer Cadets and Steve Estepp, provided a video and slide show presentation He explained that this is the young adult program of the Boy Scouts of America, for young men and women - age 14 to 20. Local community organizations initiate Explorer posts by matching their people and program resources with the interest of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that allow young adults to pursue their special interests, grow and develop. The Grove City Police Department has such an Explorer post and has grown to seven adults and twelve youths. He then showed the video commercial used at schools to stimulate interest in the Explorer's post. He shared their motto - "Understanding through Participation" and listed the many activities scheduled to assist in the training of the cadets for a career in law enforcement, as well as community involvement. President Milovich commented that with all the dedication and enthusiasm Officer Hughes displayed, those students not signing up for this program are missing out on an opportunity for good leadership. Chief McKean followed up with Department statistics. He mentioned the new addition of the Bike Patrol and stated that we are running slightly ahead of last year's percentages on crime. However, the number of criminal apprehensions is also up. He then announced that they are going to publish a letter of public meeting dates where the communitiy can attend and share their comments regarding the police department. Mr. Warner asked if they were still in need of block watch coordinators. Chief McKean said yes, they are continuing to enroll block watch members and if a neighborhood does not have one, he encouraged calls to his Department to get one started.

3. Mr. Bennett moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	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. Mr. Hurley moved to add Resolution CR-55-96 to the agenda; seconded by Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

Resolution CR-55-96 (Approve the Final Development for McDonalds Restaurant, 3370 Broadway) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Eugene Staton, McDonalds Project Manager, reviewed the Development Plan, which has gone through several stages with the Planning Commission. He noted the shared curb-cut on Broadway with the vacant lot to the south; landscaping; fencing on the east property line; lighting; and a color rendering showing a full glass and brick building. Mr. Bennett asked if the shared access on Broadway was full or right-turn only. Mr. Staton said it was full access. Mr. Hurley commented that there was a center, turn lane in that stretch of Broadway.

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

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Ordinance C-75-96 (Approve the Special Use Permit for McDonalds located at 3370 Broadway) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hurley noted that this Permit is required for drive-up windows to insure proper stacking or loading of vehicles. He reviewed the one stipulation which has been satisfied with the passage of CR-55-96.

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

Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

2. Ordinance C-81-96 (Accept the Plat of Quail Creek, Section 4) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Roland Edwards, engineer for petitioner, was present. He reiterated his comments from the last meeting that his client has no objection to building a bike path, but, he questions the necessity of building it immediately. It starts no place. It goes no place and is subject to being damaged when the sewer is put in. He feels it would be better to install the bike path after the sewer is put in. Mr. Bennett asked if there was a time frame for the sewer installation. Mr. Boso stated that the sewer will be a City project, based on our desire to have it in. Mayor Grossman commented that she would like to see bike paths put in place as timely as possible for the safety of our residents. She checked with the City's Consulting Engineer, and understood that the bike path and sewer line would be about thirty feet apart and Mr. Kohman didn't have a concern with damage. If any damage did occur, it would be the contractor's responsibility to repair the bike path, at his expense. Mr. Edwards responded by stating he felt the distance would only be 11 feet and that the contractor would charge back any repair costs to the City or to his client, making it more expensive than waiting to put the bike path in later. Mr. Kohman commented that there is a 30' setback from the edge of the right-of-way to the building line in which the sewer can be placed. It could be as close as 11', but, as far away as 20'. He said their concern is that with the project date being indefinite, there needs to be a method of access for the residents of the area without having to walk out on the street. The bike path seems to be the best solution and feels that the sewer can be built without damaging the bike path. Mr. Edwards stated that he didn't agree with this reasoning, but, if Council wants it built, they will build it. President Milovich commented that from this conversation, he has concluded that even if this is short-term, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens in the area is worth having to pay for possible repairs to the bike path.

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

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-83-96 (Declare the necessity of and determining to proceed with improvements to reconstruct a sidewalk along the south side of Jackson Alley east of the intersection of Broadway in the Town Center and paying for expenses relating thereto (the Project) and declaring an emergency) was given its first reading.

Mr. Bennett explained that the owner of a certain property located in the City of Grove City has petitioned the City for the construction of the project described in the title of this ordinance and in the petition dated September 2, 1996, the petitioner has waived various procedural steps in order to expedite construction of the project. Construction of the project is in the best interest of the City & residents and will eliminate a dangerous condition affecting pedestrians in the Town Center.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

Mr. Bennett moved that this Ordinance be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

2. Mr. Bennett moved to add Resolution CR-54-96; seconded by President Milovich.

Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

Resolution CR-54-96 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Neal M. Griesenauer for the relocation of Seeds Road) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Clark explained that the relocation of Seeds Road is currently underway and in order to continue with its construction, a right-of-way easement is needed from Mr. Griesenauer. Mr. Griesenauer was the one who proposed the relocation and filed a voluntary assessment to pay for a portion. He has also obtained an approved plat, but, cannot filed it yet because he doesn't own all the property. He is concerned and just wants assurance from the City that once the project is complete, he will receive ownership of the balance of his lot - being the old, vacated portion of Seeds Road.

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

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-76-96 (Appropriate $1,785.00 from the DARE Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public.

Mr. Warner explained that the City has received $1,785.00 from fund raisers to support the efforts of the DARE Program and it is necessary for Council to authorize the use of these monies.

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

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

2. Ordinance C-77-96 (Appropriate $5,300.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of purchasing Proclamation and Presentation Folders) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Warner explained that the old supply of Mayoral Proclamation folders and presentation folders has been depleted and new folders are necessary in order to continue the tradition of applauding groups and individuals throughout the community.

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

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes

3. Ordinance C-78-96 (Appropriate $3,539.00 from the Law Enforcement Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Warner explained that the City of Grove City has received $3,539.00 from the 1996 Auction of forfeiture or confiscated property, no longer needed by the City. This money has been deposited in the Law Enforcement Fund of the City for its lawful appropriation of use and it is necessary for the Council to approve the appropriation of this money before it can be used for its lawful purpose.

Mr. Behlen commented that additional monies have been collected since the introduction of this ordinance and requested that Council amend the amount to $16,252.06 and include those funds received from the Columbus Metropolitan Drug Task Force.

Mr. Warner moved to amend the amount to $16,252.06; seconded by President Milovich.

Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes

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

Mr. Hurley	Yes
Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes

4. Ordinance C-82-96 (Appropriate $4,853.70 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of replacing damaged Police Equipment) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 21, 1996.

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

1. Ms. Diana Briston, Grove City Resident, addressed council regarding the S.R. 665 & S.R. 104 intersection. She explained that after her son was in an accident at that intersection and witnessing many others over a two year period, she wrote her State Representative, Mike Stinziano, in 1993 asking for a traffic light to be installed. She received a letter back saying a survey would be done, but, didn't hear anything else until she contacted Amy Salerno in 1995 and asked her to check into it and help see that a light was put in place. This past August, a light was installed. On the day of its dedication, there were so many violations in the hour they were there, it wasn't funny. The most disturbing came from a Sheriff's car traveling on S.R. 665. It stopped, looked, and ran the

red light. No one observed the traffic signal because we all tend to be creatures of habit. It was asked of O.D.O.T. at that time, who were present and witnessed these offenses, to place more signage to warn people of the new traffic signal. They promised that they would report back. When Amy Salerno contacted Mr. Jack Marchbanks, Planning & Budgeting Administrator for O.D.O.T., he indicated that he was not aware of this request. Ms. Briston stated that she feels O.D.O.T. has been negligible in making the change at this dangerous intersection, noticeable. The two signs on S.R. 104, with the small blinkers that don't work, are not enough notice for motorists, traveling at speeds 60, 70 mph and sometimes faster, to stop and the small sign is not even noticed. She said her heart goes out to the Stephenson Family, but, doesn't feel the light caused the accident. She also expressed sympathy for all the other accident victims at this intersection, before and after the light installation. She feels that the speed limit should also be reevaluated, before any additional homes are built, along with adding large signs to notify motorists of an upcoming red light. She asked the Mayor and City Council to help in pushing for these two items immediately. Mayor Grossman stated that she drafted a letter today to O.D.O.T. requesting yellow flashing lights, from all four directions, be installed. She also contacted the Fire Department and requested a list of all accidents at that intersection, in the last year. She said it is important to remember that this intersection is outside the Grove City corporation limits - it is Jackson Township - but, we all have great concern and it is important to maintain everyone's safety.

2. President Milovich stated that it is with great regret that he move to accept the letter of resignation from Ward 2 Council Member, Jeff Warner, effective Sept. 17, 1996; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Warner	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes

With the acceptance of this resignation, President Milovich announced that resumes will be accepted by the Clerk of Council, Tami Kelly, until October 7, 1996, for the Ward 2 seat.

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

1. Mayor Grossman asked Mr. Warner to come forward and presented him with a Proclamation, a Grove City Coat and pen. She thanked him for his dedication and commitment, and said it has been a pleasure working with him. She also extended thanks to his wife, Melanie, for sharing Jeff with the community. She then thanked the City workers and all the volunteers who made Arts-in-the Alley a great success over the weekend. It was the 17th. The parade was wonderful and it takes the entire community to make it successful. She announced the Fall Fest at the Buckeye Ranch on Sept. 28, 1996; the next meeting for the conceptual plans for the Recreation Center will be Oct. 3, 1996, in City Hall Council Chambers; the Kite Fly will be Oct. 6, at Murfin Field; and finally, Pat Lanich, Bldg. Dept. Secretary, is hospitalized and sent best wishes for a speedy recovery.

2. All members of Council and Administration extended their thanks to Mr. Warner for his service. He is a dedicated individual with great integrity and will be sorely missed. They wished him much success in his new position with the School District.

3. Mr. Babbert, Dir. of Parks & Rec., noted that the bids for earth work at Fryer Park were opened last Thursday and the successful bidder can in at approximately $20,000.00 less than anticipated.

4. Mr. Lathrop, Urban Forester, announced that he and members of the Tree Commission attended Urban Forestry training at OSU today. Also, on Nov. 4, 1996, two tree planting projects will take place - one in Keller Farms and the other on Hoover Rd. from Home Rd. to Kroger.

5. Mr. Warner commented that it has been a privilege to serve on Council. It has truly been a family effort. He feels honored to have worked with all in Council, the Mayor and Administration. He said he hopes that we can generate a large number of responses for the Ward 2 position, so that someone with the love for the City can be chosen.

6.. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

Tami K. Kelly, CMC
Clerk of Council

Michael Milovich, Jr.
President