

CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL MINUTES

December 18, 1995

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

Bruce Faris

Jeff Warner

1. President Grossman recognized Ms. Cynthia Bryant and Carolyn Loxley, American Red Cross for a presentation. Ms. Loxley presented Mayor Stage with a plaque and a gift box as an official thank you for setting up the first permanent neighborhood Blood Donor Center and all of his support. Mayor Stage thanked them for the opportunity to set up the Center and for the gifts.
2. Mr. Warner moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written for 12/4/95 & 12/11/95; seconded by Mr. Hurley.

Mr. Milovich	Yes
Mr. Hurley	Yes
Ms. Grossman	Yes
Mr. Faris	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-62-95 (Accept the annexation of 107.7 acres located south of Stringtown and east of I-71 in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing and per the agent for the petitioner's request, Mr. Hurley moved it be postponed until January 16, 1995; seconded by President Grossman.

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

2. Ordinance C-63-95 (Accept the annexation of 26.7413 acres located north of White Road and east of I-71 in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing and per the agent for the petitioner's request, Mr. Hurley moved it be postponed until January 16, 1995; seconded by Mr. Warner.

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

3. Ordinance C-72-95 (Approve an SD-2 Zoning Classification for a 6.805 acre parcel located on the east side of Hoover Road and north of Orders Rd. upon its annexation to the City of Grove City) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hurley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney representing the Elks, stated that the Elks are requesting the zoning in anticipation of locating their Club there, sometime in the future. He noted that not only is this a fraternal organization but a charitable one as well, with local support going to D.A.R.E., the Community Food Bank and their biggest - the Cerebral Palsy program. He commented that admittance into the Club is by membership only and would not be open to the general public for drinking purposes. The Liquor permit, which he is aware of some concern, is restricted for this type of use and prohibits Sunday sales. He stated that the zoning in the area is mixed with a church, a cemetery, a tower, the country club and backs up to I-71. He feels that the SD-2 zoning class is a good mix and use for the area and is more restrictive than a commercial zoning.

Mr. Steve Bowshier, attorney representing the Church of the Nazarene, stated that the church wished no ill will upon the Elks, but, they are very concerned about the development of the Hoover Road area and have concerns over the Elks. They would prefer it to remain residential. Currently, there is a good distance between the Church and this proposed piece, however, they will soon be expanding in this direction. They have concern over liquor being so close to a church and school. They feel the overall area would be better served with residential zoning.

Mr. Warner asked what the City's long range land use plan showed for this area. Mr. Hamons, Dir. of Development, brought down a map of the Plan which shows Community Facilities and Residential uses in this area. Mr. Milovich asked how far the church was from this property currently. Mr. Bowshier said approximately 1,000 to 2,000 feet. Mr. Warner asked if they hold options on the rest of the ground. Mr. Bowshier said they own most of it already and have verbal agreements for others. Mr. Warner asked if there were any problems at the Elks' current location, which is next to residential. Mr. Charles Trenary, Elks Club, said only parking. Mr. Hurley stated that he has had three or four complaints from residents about the commercial center the Elks are currently located in, but, the White Horse Saloon is also located there and these complaints were focused on the bar (i.e. trash in alley, loud music). Chief McKean confirmed that most of the complaints have been about loud music which comes from the bar, not the Elks.

Mr. Hamons noted that a ramp off I-71 is also proposed for this area. Mr. Hull stated that the Elks always knew there was a potential for a ramp and something they will have to deal with. Mr. Kohman, City's Consulting Engineer, stated that it is on the list through MORPC and with the State, but, is not in the near future. He estimated it being 10 to 20 years away. Mr. Bowshier reiterated that there is not only a church in the area, but, a school with 350 elementary children. Soon, there will be a need for a middle and high school. Mr. Hull reiterated that this is not a public place. It is for members only. Mr. Hurley asked how many members the Elks had. Mr. Trenary said 393.

Mr. Faris stated that, looking at the long range plan, it seems we are shooting for residential and there is certainly a residential feel for the area along the freeway to Orders Road. He expressed reservations over the SD-2 zoning classification. Mr. Hull responded that this is a little different because of the tower and cemetery. The SD-2 might be a nice way to blend the area together.

There being no questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

4. Ordinance C-74-95 (Accept the annexation of 9.825+ acres located north of Orders Road and east of Hoover Road in Jackson Township to the City of Grove City, Ohio) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Hurley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Mr. Joe Hull, attorney representing the Elks, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Hurley noted that there is a difference in acreage from the zoning classification request and the remaining ground not included will be zoned SF-1, Single Family Residential.

There being no questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

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

1. Ordinance C-84-95 (Appropriate \$28,357.00 from the Convention Bureau Fund for Current Expenses) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Milovich moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Warner.

Mr. Milovich explained that pursuant to Chapter 192.021 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Grove City, the City has the responsibility to collect hotel/motel tax revenue and deposit such revenue in a separate fund and this money shall be spent solely to make contributions to visitor and convention bureaus operating in the county in which Grove City is located. The City has received revenues in excess of what were estimated in the 1995 appropriation budget and it is necessary to appropriate this additional money to make it available for the contribution of the Visitor and Convention Bureau. He noted that in 1995, we added to new motels and occupancy rates were above the projections which generated an increased amount.

There being no additional questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

2. Ordinance C-85-95 (Make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for which the City of Grove City must provide during the twelve months ending December 31, 1996) was given its

Mr. Milovich explained that it is necessary to make appropriations for the twelve months ending December 31, 1995 for each of the several objects for which the City of Grove City must provide out of the money known to be in treasury, or to come into the treasury, of the City of Grove City for said twelve months from the collection of all taxes and from all other sources of revenue. He explained that last Monday, Council had the opportunity to review the Budget in detail and a couple of thing he noticed was that the projected income tax for 1995 was 67.29% and in 1996 it is 69%. If you take away some of the large projects like Fryer Park & Capital Improvements the total increase for the Budget in '96 is 1%.

Mayor Stage stated that they looked at prior budgets and feels that things we are trying to accomplish have come a long way. This Budget is indicative of the City's well being and continued well being. He thanked Council for taking the extra time to review it. He also noted that the Public Works list that comes out of the County show, in the Top Five Projects, two (2) in Grove City - Haughn Road & S.R. 665. All of this needs to be taken into consideration of our well being and said a lot of it goes to Nelson Kohman. He also thanked Bob Behlen and Chuck Boso for their hard work in preparing it. Mr. Milovich noted that the Administration and Mayor have always been quick to look at other avenues for funding for projects needing completion in the City and one of the things he noticed under Special Revenue Funds is that 93.3% of these funds were self supporting. He commended Mr. Behlen and the Administration for their efforts.

Mr. Hurley noted that we have made a financial commitment of \$900,000.00 for Fryer Park. If you add the purchase of the land and ODNr funding, there is nearly 1.5 million dollars for the improvement of this site. He feels this reflects the importance Council & Administration takes on developing park space. He also applauded Administration for securing outside fund sources.

There being no additional questions or comments, the vote was called:

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

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

There being no New Business, President Grossman recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

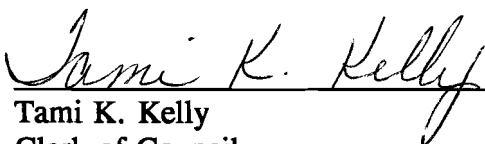
1. President Grossman asked Ms. Kelly, Clerk of Council to step forward. She, on behalf of Council, presented her with a plaque congratulating her on achieving her CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk).
2. Mr. Warner commented that Grove City is very fortunate in the many programs offered in the community churches. There is some great talent and encouraged everyone to attend those still running. He then thanked President Grossman for her leadership and tenure on Council. He has learned a great deal. He then thanked Mayor Stage. He said he has lived in Grove City most of his life and looking at where we have been and where we are now, Mayor Stage can take great pride in what he has accomplished. Council owes him a debt of gratitude.

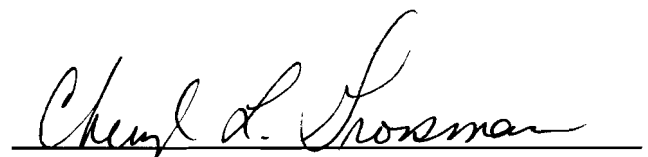
3. Mr. Milovich asked President Grossman to step forward. On behalf of Council, he presented her with a clock inscribed with her name and years on Council and on the bottom, an inscription of thanks for her dedication and service as Council Member At-Large and Council President.
4. Mr. Hurley commented that in the two years he has been on council the job has been keeping the car on the road, not figuring out what direction to go and he thanked Mayor Stage for that.
5. President Grossman voiced her thanks to Administration and Council, noting that it has been a pleasure and honor to serve with everyone. She then asked Mayor Stage to step forward. She, along with the Council Members, made a presentation to him. She read a resolution recognizing his service and dedication to the City. She thanked him for his outstanding work and all that he has given the community. They also presented him with a slate painting of City Hall, the Safety Complex, the Gazebo and a Welcome to Grove City Sign, which was hand painted by Kim Garner.

Mayor Stage said he had so many people to thank. He is retiring due to time constraints with his present full-time position, but, doesn't think he could feel any better about leaving the position. Council and the Administrative group have grown and they are outstanding people who will keep the tone going. He thanked the residents and wished everyone the best.

6. President Grossman recognized Ms. Debbie Bennett, who made a presentation on behalf of the Town Center Merchants who presented him with a crystal trophy as a token of their appreciation for all his service.
7. President Grossman recognized Ray Stark who gave Mayor Stage the first of a new Grove City Jacket, that will be out soon, as a token of his appreciation.
8. President Grossman announced that the swearing in of Mr. Milovich, Mr. Warner & Mr. Bennett would take place following the meeting and invited everyone to stay. She also announced the next regular meeting of Council will be held on January 2, 1996 in recognition of the holiday on January 1st.
9. After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council


Cheryl L. Grossman
President

Editors Note: Following the regular meeting of Council, the Honorable Judge Green administered the Oath of Office to Mike Milovich, and Jeff Warner for their upcoming term as council members. Then, Mr. Milovich administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Steve Bennett for his upcoming term as council member at-large.