

GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL MINUTES

September 08, 1992

Regular Meeting

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

<i>Brian Buzby</i>	<i>William Ferguson</i>	<i>William Buckley</i>
<i>John Mountain</i>	<i>Charles Cotton</i>	

1. Mr. Buckley moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes

2. President Buzby recognized Chief McKean who introduced three new officers and with the help of the Mayor and Safety Director, Ms. Cynthia Nado, Mr. Jeffrey Pierson and Mr. Richard Buzbo were sworn in as police officers for the City of Grove City. Mr. Chris Fulton said that this was the culmination of the process from 1000 applications and feel that we have the cream-of-the-crop. He wished the new officers well in their training. President Buzby also welcomed the new officers.

3. President Buzby turned the floor over to Barry Babbert who presented awards to the winners of the photo contest at the Gardens At Gantz farm. The following awards were given:

Best of Show:	Pam Ramer
First Prize:	Bob Hensley
Second Prize:	John Carlson
Third Prize:	Sally VanAsdale
Honorable Mention:	Rosie Harrison & John Carlson

4. President Buzby recognized Mr. Ferguson. At this time, Mr. Ferguson moved to add Ordinance C-89-92 to this evenings agenda; seconded by Mr. Cotton.

Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	No
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Cotton, chairman of Lands & Zoning, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-65-92 (Accept annexation of 24.6 acres north of Home Road and East of McComb) was given its second reading and Mr. Cotton moved it be postponed until October 5, 1992; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes

2. Ordinance C-69-92 (Rezone 4029 Marlane Drive from C-2 to SD-3) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Mountain	No
Mr. Ferguson	No
Mr. Buckley	No
Mr. Cotton	No
Mr. Buzby	No

3. Ordinance C-77-92 (Amend Ord. C-2-86 to include land in Comm. Reinvest. Area No. 2) was given its second reading and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	No
Mr. Mountain	Yes

4. Ordinance C-78-92 (Accept land - Meadow Grove Sec. 9) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Speaking to this ordinance was Mr. Barry Babbert, Director of Parks & Recreation. He indicated that the Administration would like to have control of this property and he has been working with a land planner, Mr. Clyde Henry of McDonald, Cassell & Bassett, who is here this evening to show the preliminary ideas. Mr. Babbert indicated that a meeting for the area residents would be held to get their input. At this time, Mr. Henry approached Council and showed preliminary plans for both the property in question and property on the North side of Meadow Grove 2 that belongs to the Southwestern City Schools. The North park would be a joint effort with the City and SWCS and would be an active park with playground equipment, ball diamonds, tennis courts, etc. The South park would be a passive park with a shelter, picnic tables and a bike path.

President Buzby stated that this ordinance had been postponed until the Parks & Recreation Department gave its recommendations and he asked Barry if he was recommending that we accept the land pursuant to the preliminary plan? Mr. Babbert said yes. President Buzby said that the issue before Council this evening is simply to accept or deny the land and if accepted, Mr. Babbert would work with the Land Planner and the area residents in developing the final plan.

Mr. Dan Keller, 5669 Springhill Rd. - Stated that they were told that a playground would be at the end of the access, however, he is strongly against the bike path. He feels it is too close to residents back yards and is concerned about safety.

Ms. Cheryl Williams, 5661 Springhill Rd - Stated that most of the residents will accept whatever goes in, but, those who abut this property are much more concerned since they will have to deal with it every day. She asked how wide the bike path would be? Mr. Henry said approximately four feet. She said she didn't understand the logic of taking bikes off Hoover Road and feels that a bike path is not passive. She asked that the bike path be put in the new section of Meadow Grove, where people would know up-front that about the bike path before buying their lots.

Mr. John Schrock, 5679 Springhill - Stated that he moved into his home particularly because of being told a park would be put in and would like to see playground equipment in this area. He expressed concern about the bike path and said he felt it would draw people from outside the area. For safety reasons, a bike path should not be considered in this area.

Mayor Stage interjected and said that the issue tonight is whether this property should be accepted by the City or leave it in the hands of the developer. Mr. Schreck said he believes it would be a good area for the City to have.

President Buzby stated that of the three Meadow Grove speakers, no one has said if they want the City to take the property or not. In addition, Mr. Babbert said that each speaker had said "they told us a park would be put in." and he asked who "they" were? Mr. Keller stated "they" were Rockford Homes. Mr. Babbert announced that the bike path and everything else would be discussed in the meeting for the final plan. President Buzby announced that for the purpose of moving on with the agenda, Council was voting on whether or not to take the land and asked speakers to address this issue only. Mr. Keller said if a bike path was to be installed, don't accept the land.

Ms. Anita Cribler, 5687 Springhill Rd. - Addressed Council and requested that the proposed property be accepted by the City.

Mr. Dave Masters, 2257 Stargrass - told Council that he liked the park idea to the north and asked that nothing be done on the south side.

President Buzby acknowledged receipt of a written statement from Mr. Mike Powers, Meadow Grove resident, which was in favor of a passive park on the property in question and entered it into the minutes.

Mr. Mike Hinton, Meadow Grove resident - spoke out and said the City should accept the land. He also stated that he is in favor of a bike path, that he goes to all the parks in Grove City and has never seen a speeding bike or a dirty facility. He said he is more concerned about his daughters getting hit by a bicycle in the street or sidewalk than on a bike path. This is a nice area and believes the City should have it.

Mayor Stage reiterated that the Administration is in favor of accepting this property and at this time, announced that a public meeting regarding the area from I-71 all the way over to the Scioto River would be held on September 22, 1992 at 7:30 in City Hall.

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

Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes

5. Ordinance C-79-92 (Accept donation of land on Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes

6. Ordinance C-84-92 (Accept plat of Meadow Grove East, Section 3) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 5, 1992.

7. Ordinance C-88-92 (Accept the donation of a portable stage to the City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 5, 1992.

8. Resolution CR-47-92 (Waive provisions of 1135.09(14)(e) for the Chamber of Commerce to hold Arts in the Alley for two days) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes

Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-85-92 (Appropriate \$12,000 from General Fund for Current Expenses) was given its first reading.

Speaking to this ordinance was Mr. Hamons. He stated that this was to replenish the account for the Deercreek Trip taken by the Mayor's Advisory Committee and additional funds are being requested in order to conduct an un-bias sound survey the Advisory Committee felt was needed. They are requesting this now in order to take advantage of the few concerts that Deercreek has left this season.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Buckley moved to amend the amount to \$4,500; seconded by Mr. Buzby.

Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes

Since this ordinance appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Buckley moved it be approved as amended; seconded by Mr. Buzby.

Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes

2. Ordinance C-86-92 (Appropriate \$137,300 from Construction Fund for the Current Expense of the Franklin Street Area Improvements) was given its reading and since it appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Buckley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes

3. Ordinance C-87-92 (Appropriate \$7,000 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of a Statistically Sound Survey) was given its first reading and since it appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Buckley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

Mr. Cotton	Yes
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-89-92 (Amend Section 729.04 "Outdoor Concert Limitations" to add new section (f)) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on October 5, 1992.

President Buzby asked that any New Business to be brought before Council, be done so at this time.

1. Mr. Carl Bussy of White Road addressed Council. Mr. Bussy is experiencing problems with his leach bed and said that all was fine until Keller Farms, Section 2 was built. The homes behind his property are five to six feet higher and his sump pump can't keep up. It is flooding his back yard and filling up the leach bed. He now as a cesspool in his back yard. He said he has been trying to get something done for three years and is pleading to Council for something to be done very quickly for him and the sake of his neighbors.

Mr. Buckley stated that he had talked with Mr. Bussy the problems and about annexing into the City so he could tie into the sewer line.

Mr. Boso said that they have been in discussions with Mr. Bussy and the City had received a proposal from Mr. Bussy's attorney in the mail today. He indicated that the proposal would be reviewed and they would get back to him. Mr. Boso gave a little background on the issue. He said the Franklin County Health Department has cited Mr. Bussy, stating that he must retain his sewage on-site. Prior to Keller Farm being built, the sewage was going into an open field. It is now being pushed back on to his property and must be corrected.

President Buzby recognized Mayor Stage for his Monthly Report.

1. Mayor Stage gave his monthly financial report and requested it be approved.

Mr. Ferguson moved to accept the Mayor's Monthly Report; seconded by Mr. Buzby.

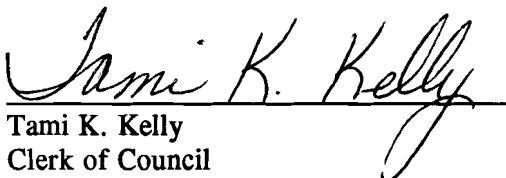
Mr. Buzby	Yes
Mr. Mountain	Yes
Mr. Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Buckley	Yes
Mr. Cotton	Yes

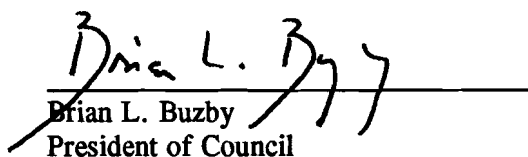
President Buzby recognized the Mayor, members of administration and council for closing comments.

1. Mayor Stage announced a very busy month, noting Arts In The Alley and the public meeting on September 22, 1992 for the discussion of the development of the area from I-71 to the River.
2. Chief McKean announced the Cooperative Program with the Southwestern City Schools. Cruisers have been assigned to each school to improve relations with the young people. This will enable them to put a face with a cruiser.

After additional comments from Administration, the Chamber and Council, Mr. Buckley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Mountain. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:26 p.m.


Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council


Brian L. Buzby
President of Council