CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

June 18, 2001 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. Radi moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and the meeting of 5/21/01 and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

2. President Bennett recognized Mayor Grossman for a presentation to the Chamber Singers. This group is traveling to Innsbruck, Austria to represent the City is a festival. After a small performance, the Mayor presented each member with a City Golf Shirt for their travels.

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-32-01 (Approve the Rezoning of 94.1 acres located on the South side of Orders Road and West of I-71 from R-1 to PUD-R) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Radi reminded everyone of the letter that was received for the preliminary development plan, included a request to withdraw the Rezoning Request as well, from the petitioner.

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 Radi moved it be withdrawn; seconded by Ms.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

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

2. Ordinance C-37-01 (Authorize the Approval of a Pre-Annexation Agreement for the Weygandt property located on the NE corner of Demorest and Big Run Roads) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Jack Reynolds, attorney for property owners, said his clients are interested in annexing their property into the City, per the pre-annexation agreement being presented. This is a step to insure development of the property and services to be provided. He said they have been working closely with Mr. Stage, City Admin., and Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, to draft this Agreement and the property owners are looking forward to being annexed into Grove City. He said there was a point in time when they looked at including the west side of the street, but found it to be prevented due to the contract signed with Columbus.

Mr. Radi asked Mr. Stage to comment on some of the finer points of the agreement and the benefits to the City. Mr. Stage commented that in October of last year, this property was set to be annexed into Columbus. Mr. Reynolds called and asked if there was a chance to annex to Grove City and the ball was picked up from there. He said if Big Run Road gets improved, the agreement says the City will tile the area that is only impacted by the improvements to Big Run Road that is contiguous to this property; it agrees to 55 hours of engineering services to develop a solution to some floodway areas; agrees to reimburse Mr. Reynolds and the Weygandt family for the expense of putting the annexation together. Mr. Reynolds commented that it does give the City some leverage for what is going to take place on Big Run South. Mr. Stage said it is a very strategic piece of real estate.

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

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

3. Ordinance C-41-01 (Accept the Annexation of 0.505 acres located at 2318 White Road) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 02, 2001.

   Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, was present and commented that this was a single-family residential home that wishes to annex for sewer and water services.

4. Ordinance C-42-01 (Vacate a Portion of an Alley located behind Lots 11 - 14 and Lying West of Wilber Avenue) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on August 06, 2001.

5. Resolution CR-40-01 (Set forth, as required by Section 709.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Municipal Services that can be furnished to 0.749 acres located on the South side of Casa Blvd, upon its Annexation to the City) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Joe Hull, attorney for petitioner, was present and explained that the property owners desire to annex into the City for sewer and water services. The property consists of two lots that they would like to develop at some point.

   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-40-01 (Accept the Grove City Thoroughfare Map) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Ms. Kathleen Faught, Orders Rd., voiced opposition to the 1000' straight away that is shown on this plan, next to her west property line. She said she understands that the Thoroughfare Map is not set in concrete, but understands that developers are shown the map. She would prefer that developers not be shown that this street is to be a major road. She said she will be opposed to that road forever.

   Mr. Radi asked Mr. Stage to briefly explain the purpose of the Thoroughfare Map and how the connector came about that Mrs. Faught was speaking about. Mr. Stage said the purpose is to give the City some say in the proximity of the way we want roads laid out if we are given the opportunity to have some say in it. It is a planning tool, to give some semblance of order of how connectors take place. Nothing is cast in stone. Some of the reasoning behind some of the streets is due to ODOT saying that it is better to plan streets parallel to the freeway than asking for an interchange. While the interchange still shows on the map, some new parallel streets are also being shown. This is a guide. Mr. Radi asked if this was correct to assume that the map was based, partly, on connectivity as well as the land use planning study that was done. Mr. Stage said yes.

   President Bennett moved it be postponed to July 2, 2001; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

   President Bennett commented that he would like to have a little more time to study the map in more detail. He said he understands that this is a guide and we are change the existing guide that was adopted in 1994. However, he would like to study the placements and the thought process behind those placements.

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

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

2. Ordinance C-43-01 (Approve the Town Center Commercial Revitalization Grant Program) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 02, 2001.

   Mr. Stage, commented that $20,000 was placed in the budget for this. It has been approximately 12 years since we had some initiative to spruce up, on a cooperative basis, the Town Center. Ms. Bearden has worked on this plan and it gives the property owners an incentive to do some work to their businesses and keep the sharpness that we have enjoyed in our "living room".

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

1. Ordinance C-44-01 (Appropriate $31,066.30 from the Sewer Fund for the Current Expense of Reimbursing the City of Columbus for Tap Fees Collected) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on July 02, 2001.

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

1. The Mayor reported on the Relay for Life event, held last weekend to benefit the American Cancer Society. There were 43 teams that participated and approximately $75,000.00 raised. She provided an update for coming events, including the Fourth of July fireworks, the Balloon Fest, Garden Tour and Farmers Market. She congratulated Mr. Bill Gross, principal at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, who is retiring; and the Chamber Singers.

2. Council congratulated the Chamber Singers and welcomed the Boy Scouts to the evening's meeting. Ms. Klemack commented on the Relay for Life and said it was a great honor to be the Chair for this event. She is proud to be a cancer survivor and sincerely appreciates everything that was done to make it a successful event.

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

Council adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

Steven M. Bennett
President