GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

May 03, 1993 — 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:

Brian Buzby *William Ferguson* *William Buckley* *John Mountain*

1. President Buzby moved to excuse Mr. Cotton from this evening's meeting; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

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

2. President Buzby recognized Mayor Stage for a presentation.

   Mayor Stage announced that this week has been established as National Teacher Appreciation Week and to commemorate this, he presented a proclamation to Mr. Adcock and Ms. Carr on behalf of the Southwestern City Schools Teachers Association.

3. President Buzby moved to add Ordinance C-42-93 to the agenda under Lands and Zoning; seconded by Mr. Buckley

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

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

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

In Mr. Cotton's absence, President Buzby chaired the Lands & Zoning Committee for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-42-93 (approve special use permit for Tuffy Auto Service Center) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 17, 1993.

2. Ordinance C-34-93 (amend Section 1135 of the Codified Ordinances titled Zoning Districts and Regulations) was given its second reading and public hearing.

   Speaking to this ordinance was Mayor Stage. He expressed his support for this amendment citing that this would help in the control of flea markets where weapons are sold, bartered for, traded, etc.

   There being no additional questions or comments, President moved Ordinance C-34-83 be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

3. Ordinance C-35-93 (repeal Ordinance C-10-93) was given its second reading and public hearing and President Buzby moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

4. Ordinance C-36-93 (accept annexation of 280± acres located north and south of State Route 665 and east and west of Hoover Road) was given its second reading and public hearing and President Buzby moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

5. Ordinance C-37-93 (Direct City Attorney to present petition to Fr. Co. Board of Commissioners to conform boundaries of the City of Grove City and Jackson Township) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Speaking to this ordinance was Mayor Stage. He stated that this initial question was raised in 1990 and many things have been said since then. He made the following points: Administration never opposed a fire station on the west side. They only opposed the location and the cost. They have never opposed the need for new facilities, and they have never wanted to run a fire department. However, he feels that the Trustees are over spending 1.5 million dollars of taxpayers money. He indicated that the Trustees are taking money out of the Operating Fund to supplement their General Fund. and he said that the township taxes are too high. He also pointed out that the City will be in multiple townships in the future and be in the same situation as Westerville and Dublin. He feels that the Hoover Station is entirely too large as it is larger than the largest fire station for the City of Columbus. Mayor Stage also told Mr. Ferguson that he did not take an active roll on this issue, but, he reported that the Mayor had lied. Mayor Stage wanted to know what he had lied about.

Mr. Ferguson stated that the administration hasn't told the citizens to procedure in taking over the fire station and he felt that the citizens had a right to know all the details before something like this would take place. Mayor Stage asked if that was a lie or half-truth? Mr. Ferguson said that he felt it was a half-truth. Mayor Stage answered by stating that this issue had been tabled in the hopes of reaching an agreement with the Township Trustees to transfer the station in an orderly fashion without going through a take-over procedure. However, that's not the point. The point is that the Trustees are wasting our taxpayers money and Mr. Ferguson was of zero help in trying to prove that point to the citizens.

President Buzby stated that it was his understanding that this issue spun out of control the further it went along due to the Trustees feeling that they had to award contracts by certain dates and move forward in some schedule known only to them. He asked the Mayor where is this going now and what should we be doing to protect ourselves in the future? Mayor Stage responded by saying that the reason the reintroduced this resolution hoping to receive a phone call from the Trustees asking to talk again. This did not happen. If we proceed with the take-over, we would inherit their debt and we do not wish to inherit a $4 million debt. We also realize that in approximately three to four years, the township will be operating in a deficit situation and this will bring about the need for additional taxes Hopefully, in the next year, both parties will sit down and come to an agreement like Worthington has done, because, we are almost in the same situation.

Mr. Nicholini addressed the Mayor on comments he made to the press and stated that he was primarily taking exception to the Administrations confrontational posture toward the Trustees and the lack of expertise within the City Administration for building fire stations and purchasing fire equipment. Mayor Stage responded by defining the City's expertise. He said that there was an ex-fire chief serving as Service Director and Mr. Lotz, Chief Building and Zoning Official, has the highest rating anyone in his field can have and is used by

many other municipalities. We built City Hall and the Safety building for approximately $80.00 per square foot which included relocating, demolition of existing buildings, furnishings, land purchase, etc. Also, in reviewing the plans for the fire stations, they were able to make some cost saving suggestions to the Trustees, such all the corners in the building are rounded. - you could have rounded the outside and squared the inside. In addition, there are no sprinklers in the living and eating quarters, but, they are spending money on a spiral staircase. Mayor Stage said that we may not have the expertise to go out and fight fires, but, we have the expertise to build buildings. Mr. Nicholini then referred to a statement made by Mr. List that the 665 station would have cost less if it was built to original specifications than cutting back and adding on as they did. Mayor Stage answered him by stating that the additions to the 665 station were approximately $268,000. Even if they underbuilt dramatically in 1978, comparing $268,000 to 3.1 million is no comparison at all. Also, the City had no say in the matter in 1978, that issue was brought before the residents and they said no.

Chief Ashcraft, Jackson Township Fire Department commented that this building is larger than the six company station in Columbus, however, Columbus has separate facilities for training, arson investigation, and administrative offices. Jackson Township's station must house everything - all of our administrative offices, the arson bureau, the fire prevention bureau and eventually become a four company station.

In closing, Mayor Stage requested that this resolution be withdrawn. President Buzby moved that Resolution CR-37-93; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

6. Ordinance C-38-93 (accept plat of Quail Creek, Section 1) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 17, 1993.

7. Ordinance C-39-93 (Rezone 5.5 acres south of Southwest Boulevard & west of Broadway) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on June 7, 1993.

8. Resolution CR-33-93 (Approve development plan for Arrowleaf Run, east of Shirlene Dr.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Speaking to this resolution was Mr. Richard Tranter, attorney representing Belper Corporation. Mr. Tranter stated that the preliminary plan for this project was approved in July, 1991 by the Grove City Planning Commission and that this preliminary plan showed the same number of apartment units as the final plan. President Buzby asked how many acres were at the site. Mr. Tranter said 4.7. Mr. Buckley asked how many acres the plan showed? Mr. Tranter said he wasn't sure as the entire site is not being developed. Mr. Buckley said he understood that they were building in the flood plain. Mr. Tranter stated that this was correct. It is not a-typical but, it can be done and they will need approval. Mr. Buckley asked if they were applying to F.E.M.A. to receive approval to alter the flood plain? Mr. Tranter said yes. President Buzby asked that if Council would approve the development plan, they would still need FEMA approval before they can build. Mr. Tranter said that was correct. Mr. Lotz stated that this development has been going on since 1990 and didn't know if Council was aware of the entire history surrounding this development. President Buzby said that since there seems to be some conflicting statements, he suggested that this item be postponed until June 7, 1993 so that a synopsis of the history of this development could be put together for Council. Mr. Tranter agreed on behalf of his client. With that, President Buzby moved to postpone Resolution CR-33-93 until June 7, 1993; seconded by Mr. Mountain.

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

9. Resolution CR-34-93 (Approve development plan for concord Fabricators, 6493 Seeds Road) was given its second reading and public hearing and President Buzby moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

10. Resolution CR-40-93 (Municipal services that can be furnished to a 0.642 acre tract on the north side of White Road upon annexation) was given its reading and public hearing and President Buzby moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

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

1. Resolution CR-35-93 (Authorize City's engineer to prepare preliminary plans, specifications and cost estimates for the construction of sidewalks on various streets within the City) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Mountain moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

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

2. Resolution CR-36-93 (Authorize the Mayor to file an application and enter into an agreement w/ODNR for acquiring funds through the Division of Forestry's Urban Forestry Assistance Program) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Mountain moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

3. Resolution CR-38-93 (Authorize the Mayor to contract w/Fr. Co. Commissioners for a community development block grant and provide acquisition services therewith) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Mountain moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

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

1. Resolution CR-39-93 (Authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract w/Fr. Co. Commissioners for the housing of prisoners) was given its reading and public hearing and Mr. Ferguson moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-40-93 (Authorize the issuance of $420,000 of bonds for constructing an addition to the E.L. Evans Senior Center) was given its first reading. Second reading & public hearing will be May 17, 1993.

2. Ordinance C-41-93 (Authorize the issuance of $1,880,000 of bonds for various street improvements in the City) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on May 17, 1993.

3. Resolution CR-37-93 (Express adamant opposition to the Budget Proposal of the Governor of the State of Ohio) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Behlen, Dir. of Finance, explained that the Governor is proposing to reduce the funds that local governments will be allowed to receive from the State by placing into law a "cap" on the growth of local government funds which limits the percentage of revenues.

   There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Buckley moved Resolution CR-37-93 be approved; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

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

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

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

1. Mayor Stage submitted his monthly report & requested it be approved. Mr. Buckley moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

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

   Mayor Stage recognized Mr. Behlen for receiving an Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. Behlen has received this award three years in a row. He also announced that Thursday, May 6, 1993 is National Day of Prayer and citizens are invited to join in prayer at City Hall at 12:00 p.m.

2. Chris Fulton announced that promotions for Sergeant and Captain will be announced soon and requested time on the next Council agenda to swear in those officers.

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

Council adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council

Brian L. Buzby
President of Council