GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

March 15, 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 *Charles Cotton*

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

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

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

1. Ordinance C-19-93 (Amend Ord. C-2-86 to remove land in the Community Reinvestment Area #2) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Cotton moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

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

2. Ordinance C-22-93 (Accept the annexation of 54.6 acres located east of Hoover Rd and south of the Parkridge Subdivision) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 05, 1993.

3. Ordinance C-23-93 (Accept the annexation of 12.82 acres located on the west side of Demorest Road and south of the Westgrove Subdivision) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 05, 1993.

4. Ordinance C-28-93 (Authorize Admin. Asst. to take any and all necessary actions to convey certain real property to the Grove City Community Improvement Corporation) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on April 05, 1993.

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

1. Ordinance C-25-93 (Amend Section 725.10(e) titled "Rates for Collection of Garbage and Refuse of Residential Households") was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on april 05, 1993.

2. Resolution CR-22-93 (Waive the provisions of Section 903.01(b) for the Annual Alumni Softball Tournament) was given its reading and public hearing.

President Buzby asked Mr. Babbert, Director of Parks and Recreation, if the Park Board had any objections?

Mr. Babbert said no. He stated that since the Sertoma has taken control of the sales for this event, it has worked out well for all involved.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Mountain moved CR-22-93 be approved; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

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

1. Ordinance C-26-93 (make amendments to Chapter 521 titled "Health, Safety & Sanitation") was given its first reading and Mr. Ferguson moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

Mayor Stage indicated that both C-26-93 and C-27-93 were as a result of a case being thrown out of Franklin County's Environmental Court due to a technicality. These changes will correct that technicality.

Mr. Ferguson moved that Ordinance C-26-93 be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

2. Ordinance C-27-93 (make amendments to Chapter 543 titled "Trees, Weeds and Shrubs") was given its first reading and Mr. Ferguson moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

Mr. Ferguson moved that Ordinance C-27-93 be approved as an emergency measure; seconded by Mr. Buckley.

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

3. Resolution CR-21-93 (Commend Larry Michael Smith for his service as Police Sergeant) 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
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-18-93 (make amendments to Chapter 161 of the Grove City Code) was given its second reading and public hearing and Mr. Buckley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

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

2. Ordinance C-20-93 (establish the Columbus Street Phase I Fund and appropriate $481,106 for Current Expenses) was given its first reading.

   Mr. Blackburn, Service Director, stated that this first phase would run from Orchard Lane, east to Richard Avenue. Phase II will run from Richard Avenue to Lightheart. Mr. Behlen, Finance Director, noted that the money being appropriated for Phase I and II came from Issue 2 Grants and not coming from the General Fund of the City.

   Since C-20-93 appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Buckley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Ferguson.

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

3. Ordinance C-21-93 (establish the Columbus Street Phase II Fund and appropriate 674,610 for Current Expenses) was given its first reading and since it appropriates for current expenses, Mr. Buckley moved it be approved; seconded by Mr. Buzby.

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

4. Ordinance C-24-93 (appropriate $11,000 from the Gardens at Gantz Fund for the Current Expense of the Herb Sale Fund Raiser) was given its first reading.

   Mr. Babbert explained that since the Springfest has been discontinued, an alternative to raising funds and publicity for the Gardens At Gantz is needed. This year they are holding an herb sale and this appropriation will allow them to purchase the herbs and publicize the event.

   Mr. Mountain stated that he expects this to be an excellent fund raiser for the Gardens. In speaking with

coordinator, Barb Williams, he hopes to be able to purchase herbs at this sale that he has been looking for, for two years.

There being no additional comments and since this 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

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

1. Mr. Gary Sigrest, Jr., Chairman for the Trash Committee, read a statement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Within his statement, Mr. Sigrest referenced Ordinance C-25-93 which removes exemptions from the Code. President Buzby asked if it was the intent to revoke the exemptions that are currently in place? Mr. Sigrest Jr. stated that it was the Trash Committee's goal to take away exemptions and put language in place to deny future exemptions.

2. Mr. Robert Thomas - Spoke in support of the Mayor's idea to use the roll-back funds the County Auditor did not remove from the property taxes for the addition of the Senior Center. He felt that with these funds, the additional amount needed could be generated from Company donations and senior support.

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

1. Mayor Stage thanked the road crew for the excellent job in keeping our roads salted and clear this weekend.

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

Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly
Clerk of Council

Brian L. Buzby
President of Council

Report from Solid Waste Committee

Gary Sigrist Jr., Chairperson

March 15, 1993

This committee was formed to help our community avoid some of the rising costs in waste management. Although Larry's Trucking Company has been a frequent whipping boy on this issue, the actual problems with cost of trash disposal is much greater. Two of the major causes are House bill 592 and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio takeover of the Trash Burning Power Plant.

Determined to erase the trash plants debts, the Authority has planned tipping fee increases until the year 2009. Tipping fees are the costs to dump waste after it has been picked up from our curb. The first increase goes into effect April 1, 1993, when the tipping fee increases from $7.70 to $13.50 per cubic yard. The second unknown increase goes into effect January 1, 1994 and haulers will most likely be charged by the ton instead of by the yard. Cost per ton will most likely be $56.00 per ton.

We take as much of our waste as possible to the Trash Burning Power Plant instead of the landfill on Rt. 665 because it is in the best interest of our community not to be part of the reason the landfill to be expanded.

House Bill 592 is the new solid waste law that is also affecting how we deal with waste. Some of the main points of the new law is the elimination of all yard waste going to the landfill and mandatory programs that were put in place to reduce the waste stream by 25% by 1994.

Currently our committee is looking at short term solutions to the April 1st increase. On Friday March 12 we had a meeting with representatives of Mid America Waste Systems to discuss the possibility of taking our waste to their facility in Canal Winchester. Their facility is a transfer station where wastes are separated by a Materials Reclamation Facility which boasts an 18% reduction in solid waste by removing recyclables from the solid waste. This system, known as M.R.F., appears to be the most promising solution to not only a lower rate for tipping fees but also increases the amount of materials that can be recycled. It is important it understand that just because more materials are being recycled, this does not mean our trash bill should go down. Instead of saying "cost savings" when speaking of recycling, we should say "cost avoidance".

Tonight, we have the first reading of Ordinance C-25-93. The purpose of this ordinance is two-fold. First, by removing the language that allows certain residences not to use the franchise, we will be creating more of a broad base for billing. The126 additional residences will provide additional revenue without generating a significant increase in the amount of solid waste being picked up. Secondly, the operation of the Trash Burning Power Plant is shared by all residents of Franklin County.

Part of the Solid Waste Committees long range goals include educating our community about waste management. On March 29th, the residents will receive a survey along with their normal circulars. We ask the citizens to complete and return the surveys by April 7th. Surveys will also be available at the *Sell-A-Bration* March 19th & 20th. We are also interested in looking into a long range study into dealing with our solid waste.

We hope to have the proposal from Mid American Waste Systems by Wednesday. Our goal is to have our recommendations to council as soon as possible.