CITY OF GROVE CITY, OHIO
COUNCIL MINUTES

January 07, 2002 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Klemack, 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:

Vaughn Radi   Bob Hatley   Maria Klemack   Budd Eversman   Bill Saxton

1. President Klemack read the agenda items and moved to add Resolution CR-02-02; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes

All remaining items were approved by unanimous consent.

2. President Klemack moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting and approve as written; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

The Chair recognized Mr. Saxton, Chairman of the Lands & Zoning Committee, for discussion and voting of legislative agenda items under said committee.

1. Ordinance C-91-01 (Rezone 1.958 acres located in Hennigan's Grove, Part II, Section II from SD-3 to R-2) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Don Plank, attorney for petitioner, was present and explained that this and the next ordinance were to correct a survey error and zone certain acreages for their intended use.

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

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes

2. Ordinance C-92-01 (Rezone 0.20 acres located in Hennigan's Grove, Part II, Section II from R-2 to SD-3) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Stage, City Admin., reiterated the statements made by Mr. Plank on the previous ordinance. This acreage is being zoned for recreational purposes rather than residential.

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

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

3. Ordinance C-93-01 (Rezone 40.554 acres located North of Stringtown and East of Jackpot Roads from PUD-I and C-2 to PUD-C) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Don Plank, attorney for petitioner, explained that this is part of a larger development for commercial. He explained that overall project for the north and south sides of Stringtown Road for commercial development and outlined the acreage requesting the rezoning, under this ordinance.

Mr. Saxton noted that there were seven recommendations from Planning Commission that he asked Mr. Plank if he accepted. Mr. Plank indicated that those were amendments to the Text and those have been taken care of, as shown in the attachment. Ms. Bearden, Dir. of Dev., noted that they now have an actual meets and bounds of the property that will also be included in the Text.

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

Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Ms. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

4. Ordinance C-98-01 (Accept the Annexation of 6.8 acres located north of Stringtown Road and East of Jackpot Road) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Donald Plank, attorney for petitioner, explained that this is part of the same development for the north and south sides of Stringtown Road.

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

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes

5. Ordinance C-02-02 (Rezone 16.49 acres and 29.17 acres located south of Stringtown Road and east of I-71 from C-2 & SF-1 to PUD-C and PUD-R respectively) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on February 19, 2002.

Mr. Saxton commented that there is only 2.5 acres set aside for an office building and the project will have around 400 apartments.

Mr. Eversman shared the same concern for having up to 400 apartments for the overall project, which includes adjoining property. This particular project will have around 200 and in the context of the overall plan, it is very possible that too much land is being dedicated to multi-family and something that Council should look hard at. It is something that may need changed before the final reading and vote on this rezoning.

6. Resolution CR-01-02 (Grant an Easement to Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba Ameritech Ohio, Inc. located south of Southwest Blvd. and west of Demorest Rd.) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Blackburn, Dir. of Service, explained that Ameritech has requested to move a box off of Cypress Road. The new placement will be behind the homes, in the park, and provide better placement and access for all.

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

Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

7. Resolution CR-02-02 (Approve the Preliminary Development for the YMCA - Grove City, located in Fryer Park) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Steve Gunn, YMCA Representative, provided a brief overview of the project and introduced two (2) members of the design staff. He stated that many grants were given to this project, as well as the projects in Gahanna and Hilliard. Grove City will be the first of these three communities to receive a YMCA facility. He indicated that the construction drawings were 90% complete and they hope to finish those up in the next week and put this out for bid. They would like to begin construction by March 1, with a completion date of March 1, 2003. Mr. Bachman and Mr. Paas, design team members, showed drawings of the project and reviewed the location of the facility, its features (including an OSU Wellness Center) and the architecture. It was indicated that this facility would be 30,000 sq. ft. and is almost identical to the Liberty Township facility.

Mr. Radi commented that the grants that were mentioned earlier were in possible jeopardy of being lost if Council had waited and that is one of the reasons Council decided to give their commitment to the rest of the money necessary to secure the facility. He welcomed them and said this type of amenity that has been needed in Grove City for some time. Mr. Eversman commented that this is not the normal procedure, for Council to see a Preliminary Development Plan for this type of zoning, but due to the importance of the project, they agreed to hear the resolution. Mr. Stage commented that the City still needs to negotiate the Lease Agreement. As he heard the timetable, he wanted to remind everyone that there is still work to be done and legislation to be passed for this project.

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

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-99-01 (Authorize the City Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Buckeye Christian Church for Construction and Maintenance of a Water Booster Station Facility) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Kohman, City's Consulting Engineer, stated that the City is obtaining additional water supply from the City of Columbus. In order to do this, there is a need for a water booster station. The Buckeye Christian Church has agreed to provide an easement for this station to be built upon, in exchange for some parking space and a gazebo.

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

Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

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

1. Ordinance C-86-01 (Appropriate $150,000.00 from the General Fund for the Current Expense of School Signal Installation) was given its second reading and public hearing.

Mr. Hatley explained that this is for various flashing beacons located at Richard Ave., Southwest Blvd., Park Street, Kingston Ave., Haughn Rd., and Broadway. It also includes engineering costs.

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

Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Ms. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes

2. Ordinance C-03-02 (Authorizing Declarations of Official Intent under U.S. Treasury Regulations with respect to Reimbursements from Note and Bond Proceeds of Temporary Advances made for payments prior to issuance and related matters and Declaring and Emergency) was given its reading and public hearing.

Mr. Behlen, Dir. of Finance, explained that the City is actively pursuing the development of a project east of I-71 along Stringtown Road. Ultimately, portions of this project will be paid for through tax-exempt bonds. In order for the City to get reimbursed for expenses incurred for this project, this Ordinance serves to put the Federal Government on notice of our intent to do so. The emergency will allow us to capture every dollar the City spends on the project, as of this date.

There being no additional questions or comments, Mr. Hatley moved that the Rules of Council be suspended and the waiting period waived; seconded by President Klemack.

Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes

Mr. Hatley moved this Ordinance be approved as an emergency; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes

3. Ordinance C-04-02 (Establish the "COPS More Grant Fund 1999" and Appropriate $156,585.00 for the Current Expense of Crime Prevention Equipment for the Division of Police) was given its first reading. Second reading and public hearing will be held on January 22, 2002.

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, the Chair recognized members of Administration and Council for closing comments.

1. The Mayor submitted the Mayor's Report and requested it be accepted. Mr. Eversman moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Mr. Saxton.

Ms. Klemack	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes

In addition, the Mayor commented on the YMCA. She noted that they are holding a contest with the school students to name the road. She also reported on other events and extended best wishes to Lynn Smith who was taken in for emergency surgery tonight. She also extended best wishes to the new council.

2. Mr. Stage provided the monthly report from EMH&T. He announced that a similar report will begin soon from the Development & Building departments. Also, the Chief of Police is now providing a monthly report on the Safety activities.

3. Mr. Radi asked about the traffic light poles at Demorest/Southwest Blvd. and Gantz/Southwest Blvd. Mr. Blackburn stated that they are still waiting for them to be delivered. He then congratulated Ms. Kelly for being appointed to her position. He commented that she is very qualified and does an excellent job for the city. Mr. Hatley stated that it was an exciting first meeting for him and looked forward to working with Council and the Administration. Mr. Eversman reiterated statements about Ms. Kelly and welcomed the new council members. Mr. Saxton said he is looking forward to the challenge. Ms. Klemack expressed gratitude to Council and the Administration for putting their faith and trust in her to serve as Council President. She said she has no doubt that together they will lead Grove City into an new era of prosperity and socio-harmony. She then announced, with the concurrence of Council, that the next regular meeting of Council would be held on TUESDAY, January 22, in observance of Martin Luther-King Day.

4. After additional comments from Council and other Administrative staff members, a motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

Maria C. Klemack

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President