GROVE CITY, OHIO COUNCIL
MINUTES

January 03, 2002 | Organizational Meeting

1. The City Council organizational meeting was called to order by Clerk of Council, Tami Kelly at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway. The following were present:

   Budd Eversman *Bob Hatley* *Maria Klemack* *Vaughn Radi* *Bill Saxton*

2. Ms. Kelly confirmed that all newly elected officials had taken their Oaths of Office.

3. Ms. Kelly opened the floor to nominations for President of Council.

   Mr. Radi nominated Budd Eversman. Mr. Saxton nominated Maria Klemack.

4. There being no other nominations for President of Council, the floor was closed.

   Mr. Eversman commented that, if elected, he commits to Council that he will do his best to maintain good communications and an atmosphere of cooperation, so just like in the past, this Council can continue to work together to be effective - even on issues where there is not total agreement. To the Administration, he said his only personal agenda is to improve the relationship between Council and the Administration to work in harmony for the betterment of Grove City. The Charter gives the Council and Administration specific powers & duties. He said he is confident that as long as Council and Administration always show respect for each other, even at times when they disagree, that they will be prepared to meet the challenges of our developing community. He believes he is prepared to be the Council President and asked for everyone's support.

   Ms. Klemack stated that she is humbled to be considered for the Presidency. She said she has thought long and hard about the challenges facing the community and about personally being able to face those challenges with her fellow council members. After much consideration and agonizing, in this period of by-partisanship, she has decided to cast her vote to allow herself to step forward and play a pivotal role as the next council president.

   There being no further comments, the Clerk called the roll for the election of Budd Eversman as Council President.

Ms. Klemack	No
Mr. Radi	Yes
Mr. Saxton	No
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Hatley	No

   There being no majority vote in favor of Mr. Eversman, the Clerk called the roll for Ms. Klemack as Council President.

Mr. Radi	No
Mr. Saxton	Yes
Mr. Eversman	Yes
Mr. Hatley	Yes
Ms. Klemack	Yes

Ms. Kelly congratulated Ms. Klemack on being elected the Council President and turned the floor over to her.

5. Incoming President Klemack took the Chair and opened the floor for nominations for a Clerk of Council.

   Mr. Radi nominated Tami Kelly, cmc/aae for Clerk of Council.

6. There being no further nominations, the floor was closed and roll was called for the election of Tami Kelly as Clerk of Council.

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

7. President Klemack administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Kelly for Clerk of Council.

8. President Klemack, with the concurrence of Council, announced the seating of Council to be from her right to left: Mr. Radi, Mr. Hatley, Ms. Klemack, Mr. Eversman and Mr. Saxton.

9. President Klemack announced the Chairmanship of Committees of Council to be:

Lands & Zoning:	Mr. Saxton	Public Safety:	Mr. Radi
Public Service:	Mr. Eversman	Finance:	Mr. Hatley

   There being no objections, these assignments were approved by unanimous consent.

10. Mr. Eversman moved to adopt the Rules of Council; seconded by Ms. Klemack.

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

11. President Klemack moved to add Ordinance C-01-02 to the Agenda; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

   Ordinance C-01-02 (Establish the Compensation and Benefits for the Clerk of Council and declare an emergency) was given its reading and public hearing.

   Mr. Eversman explained that this is something new that Council has not done in the past. Mr. Clark, Dir. of Law, felt it was required by Charter and the reason it is an emergency is due to the nature of the ordinance being required by the Charter. In order to keep in tune with the Charter, he felt it should be kept to only those issues that are required by Charter. Mr. Stage, City Admin., had recommended a different ordinance that had some items in it that certainly not required by Charter and because it must be an emergency measure, he doesn't believe that items should be brought into it that are not required by Charter.

Mr. Stage commented that the question of how to handle the Clerk of Council and the terms of employment, which must be done at the organizational meeting, were discussed by outside legal council. His recommended ordinance is not much different from the one added this evening. However, he proposed that the ordinance be postponed until the next meeting and his proposed ordinance be placed on that same meeting agenda for discussion at that time.

Mr. Clark provided some background on how we have come to this point. When revisions to Chapters 159 and 161 were being discussed with outside legal counsel, a couple of issues were brought up – one being the Clerk of Council position and whether or not the position was an employee of the city or an elected official. He said he has spoken with both Mr. Eversman and Mr. Stage and believe that the ordinance before Council is the minimum, which meets the requirements of the Charter. Mr. Stage's version goes beyond the Charter and is expanded beyond what is required by the Charter. He said either version is acceptable. He said in speaking with Mr. Eversman, the issue of Administrative Orders applying to this position could be addressed by Council at a separate time.

Much discussion took place over the language needed in this ordinance, the fact that Council has not had the benefit of being brought into the discussions with the outside legal counsel, and the necessity for it to be passed this evening. After much discussion, President Klemack moved to amend Section 2 to read, in part ". . . under the direct supervision **and at the pleasure of** the Council members . . ."; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

President Klemack moved it be approved, as amended; seconded by Mr. Eversman.

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

President Klemack, with the concurrence of Council, established the following liaisons: Mr. Eversman, Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Hatley, School Board; Mr. Saxton, Visitors & Convention Bureau; and Ms. Klemack, MORPC.

14. Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Tami K. Kelly

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Clerk of Council

Maria C. Klemack

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