

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2001

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, President of Council

Michael O'Brien, Vice President of Council

Karen J. Angelou, Council Member

L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member

Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member

Debra A. Payne, Council Member

Donald R. Shepherd, Council Member

Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AEE, Clerk of Council

A. CALL TO ORDER - Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Rebecca Stinchcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Guest Chaplain this evening was Rev. John Deuble of Gahanna Community Congregational Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Debra Payne.

Members Absent: Thomas R. Kneeland

Members Present: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Karen J. Angelou, Michael O'Brien, Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan and Donald R. Shepherd

Attorney Glen Dugger, stated he was present regarding the Woodmere Place Plat and the abandonment of McCutcheon Road; will need to leave to attend Reynoldsburg City Council meeting; will be glad to answer any questions now on these matters. Angelou stated these items were on the Consent Agenda. McGregor noted that Carlisle Perry was present also. Stinchcomb asked if there was a motion to move these items to the regular agenda. No motion was made.

A1. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION by Payne, seconded by O'Brien, to adjourn into Executive Session under the authority of Article 5.40(c) of Council Rules of Procedure to confer with the City Attorney on pending litigation. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Payne, O'Brien, Hogan, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Angelou. Motion carried.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. with Clerk noting that all members in attendance returned to the dais.

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Clerk noted that ORD-0016-2001, vetoed by the Mayor, would need to be added to Correspondence and Actions.

MOTION by Hogan, seconded by Payne, to add ORD-0016-2001 to the Agenda under Correspondence and Actions. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Hogan, Payne, O'Brien, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Angelou. Motion carried.

ORD-0021-2001

TO REZONE 5.1+/- ACRES TO L-AR, LIMITED OVERLAY MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 329 WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; ALBERT AND JESSIE HAMM, APPLICANTS

Weber stated that the reason for this postponement is that we received a new text; some changes were made last Friday; feel there are some remaining changes to be made; feel process is best served if we postpone for 2 weeks.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Angelou, that this matter be Postponed to Date Certain to the Regular Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd
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Absent 1 Council Member Kneeland

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Video Presentation "Drug Arrests in Franklin County" - Dennis Murphy

Chief stated he had heard several good comments regarding what a good job we had done on drug arrests; was highlighted in a Channel 10 news story; obtained a copy of that video and wish to share it with you this evening.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Payne.

ORD-0025-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SCHIEBER AND ASSOCIATES FOR LANDSCAPE CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE OLDE GAHANNA DESIGN GUIDELINE TEAM.

Introduced

ORD-0026-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND CHARLES W. HENDERSON FOR GAHANNA ANIMAL CONTROL; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$3,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced

ORD-0027-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. (AMPO) TO PROVIDE CONTINUING SERVICES AS THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION CONSULTANT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0028-2001

TO AMEND CHAPTER 505, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced

ORD-0029-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Network Operations

Introduced

ORD-0030-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR A PORTION OF THE DESIGN OF THE TECH CENTER DRIVE EXTENSION FOR ROADWAY ACROSS THE BUCKLES PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENT NOS. 762, 770 AND 771; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced

ORD-0031-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FRA-US62-26.34 (FRA-CR17-9.18) WHICH PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF US62 AND CR17 (MORSE ROAD) BY ADDING TURN AND ADDITIONAL THROUGH LANES FOR FUTURE TRAFFIC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced

ORD-0032-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MOODY NOLAN LTD INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE US62 MORSE ROAD INTERSECTION DESIGN; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0033-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON AND TILTON, INC., FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE MORSE ROAD CULVERT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$14,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0034-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR PROPERTY LYING IN LOT 2 OF THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE, NEAR GAHANNA PARKWAY AND CLAYCRAFT ROADS; CONTAINING 352 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS

Introduced

ORD-0035-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JACK AND SUE WILLIAMS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR THE TRIANGLE WEST SUBTRUNK SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 740; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$11,250 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0036-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT GRANTING EASEMENTS ON CITY OWNED LAND TO FRANKLIN COUNTY; FOR THE WIDENING OF THE TAYLOR ROAD AND TAYLOR STATION ROAD INTERSECTION.

Introduced

ORD-0037-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CLARK STATE HAMILTON ROAD INTERSECTION; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$29,800 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0038-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR THE LAKES AT HARRISON POND WATERSHED STUDY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0039-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SALE OF 26+/- ACRES ON TAYLOR ROAD OWNED BY THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO HIGHLAND GLEN DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0040-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BURNS, BERTSCH & HARRIS, INC, FOR AN UPDATE TO THE LAND USE PLAN

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Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes - To Approve****2001-0006**

To approve minutes of the following meetings:
1) December 3, 2001 Regular Meeting

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Postpone to Date Certain - March 5, 2001**ORD-0017-2001**

TO REESTABLISH THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0018-2001

TO AMEND ORD-0287-2000; TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading**ORD-0014-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DAVID ANTRIM, TO ACT AS PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE BRENTWOOD FOUNDATION DRAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0015-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GFC LEASING FOR THREE IMAGERUNNER 5000S COPIERS AND ONE CANON IR 210 COPIER; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0019-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Holiday Lights

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0023-2001

TO ACCEPT FEES IN LIEU OF LAND DEDICATION FOR THE BEECHER CROSSING CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT; FROM CANINI AND PELLECCCHIA

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0024-2001

TO ADOPT THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0243-2000

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS WOODMERE PLACE; BROOKWOOD CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., APPLICANT

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances: To Amend by Substitution, and adopt.**ORD-0022-2001**

TO ABANDON A PORTION OF MCCUTCHEON ROAD AS A PUBLIC ROADWAY WITH UTILITY EASEMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED; TO DECLARE AS EXCESS LAND; FOR 0.106 ACRES AND 0.553 ACRES LOCATED ON MCCUTCHEON ROAD EAST OF STYGLER ROAD AND WEST OF OLDE RIDENOUR ROAD.

This Matter was Adopted, as Amended, as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading**RES-000172001**

RECOGNIZING MARCH AS MENTAL RETARDATION/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution**MR-0007-2001**

To Authorize the purchase of an Ibico, EPK-21 document binding machine at the cost of \$1,295 with existing funding in Account 101.141.5511, Capital Projects/Lands & Buildings.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0008-2001

To authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for informal quotes for the cleaning, resurfacing and resealing of the Garage Complex floor.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0009-2001

To appoint Robert Zelli to the Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for a 3 year term.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0010-2001

To authorize the expenditure of \$6,000 appropriated to Account 101.343.5275, Development, Promotions, to the Olde Gahanna Community Partnership for promotion of Olde Gahanna businesses and the Creekside development.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0011-2001

To Authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the 2001 Street Program.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0012-2001

To Establish a Special Committee on Ward Boundaries with Karen Angelou as Chair, Mike O'Brien and Debra Payne as members; Becky Stinchcomb and Tom Weber as ex officio.

Stinchcomb noted the establishment of this committee with Angelou agreeing to serve as Chair; Weber and Stinchcomb will be ex-officio; desire is that this committee finish their work as expeditiously as possible as ward seats are up this November; need to get this work done; appreciate your willingness to take this on.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice President of Council O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Payne, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

End of the Consent Agenda

Angelou stated resolution had been passed recognizing March as Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Month; with the Northeast School and Arc Industries here, this community is particularly aware of what the possibilities are; want to thank Council for supporting this resolution; in this community we also have many rental homes that provide housing for people with disabilities; these residents are very accepted in our community; thank citizens of Gahanna for supporting.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland: No Report.

Development Committee - Payne: No Report.

Service Committee - Hogan

Hogan stated agenda was packed; thank people responsible for working through it - Wetherholt, Hall and other members of the administration; they were so well prepared and we were able to get through it;.

Safety Committee - Shepherd: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - O'Brien

O'Brien thanked Stinchcomb for chairing committee meeting last week. In response to question from O'Brien, McGregor stated that we routinely use \$350 of supplies in a month for a city this size for a printer; was not a burden to us; think we would be using anyway; can discuss in Finance if I am incorrect. O'Brien stated he was surprised by the dollar amount of materials we had to buy in a month.

Finance - Angelou

Angelou referenced letter from YMCA; this issue will be first on Finance Committee agenda next week; will let Bickley know.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal

2001-0011

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF NEW D5 LIQUOR PERMIT FOR BLOCK INVESTMENTS INC; 1344-92 CHERRYBOTTOM ROAD, GAHANNA OH.

Referred to Safety Committee

[ORD-0016-2001](#)

TO AMEND CHAPTER 931, COMPREHENSIVE RIGHT OF WAY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Stinchcomb stated it was Weber's opinion that to keep everything clean we need to place this legislation on for a vote to override the veto; that makes the record very clear that we followed Charter and code and did address the veto; can vote either way. Weber stated that was correct.

Hogan stated that this is the second time that we are in a situation where Mayor has had to veto something with Council's blessing because things got screwed up; this was passed with a waiver at the request of the administration; my concern is that if Special Counsel hadn't reviewed it prior, maybe they should be reviewing before we get a request for waiver; gets a little embarrassing; simply ask in the future that with a waiver request that all t's are crossed and i's dotted.

O'Brien stated he was not sure if he agreed or disagreed; feel it is prudent for us to support the veto and to vote no; believe the people of Gahanna may have a valuable right here; there is the arbitrary right of utilities to raise rates with no prior notification to us; don't understand why they are complaining; would hope that the consultants we hired understood and hope they will be able to come forward and explain why this is happening, along with Mr. Dunn; not sure we need to change anything; don't want us to make a mistake.

Angelou stated she also felt Special Counsel should have looked at this legislation; part of the problem is that this type of legislation is under litigation as well and may be overturned; believe that ORC sections on the utilities will undoubtedly be overturned; we have a right to manage our right of way; went to actual workshop on this at NLC and one of the questions brought up had to do with the mapping of infrastructure; utilities say they have been in the ground for 100 years and we can't map; at NLC they said of course they can map; it is their duty to map; shame on them for not wanting to map; think what we have is a lot of issues from utility standpoint that were in the legislation all along; it has been on the books even though we may not have enforced; felt that our meeting with them was very threatening and it was unconscionable and rude the way utilities counsel acted toward the elected officials and members of the administration that were there; totally surprised by their rudeness; they were chuckling at our \$1,000 a day fine; quite honestly think we should take this to the mats; hope was to do this beginning in January; when we did not introduce so we could look at it one more time, decided to waive the second reading to keep to the original time line; we have to make sure we take care of that right of way; wish we had the money we have put into road restructuring because of road cuts by the utilities over the years; personally would like to override and have this go into effect but appreciate the Mayor's writing this veto in a sensitive way; hope that it would be right; think it will fall apart anyway because ORC will be overturned.

Payne stated she hoped we will do the new wording in a timely fashion; have been working on this a long time; don't want the utilities to feel we're backing off. Weber stated issue that needs addressed is mostly to fee structure; our rights to the right of way and ownership are sacrosanct; fee schedule is where we are on the cusp; is a danger zone here; revisit some of the fees but not the underlying concept.

McGregor stated the first meeting will be Thursday with Greg Dunn and Tracie Davies; notified the big 3 we will be meeting; don't need to come if they don't wish; this is our meeting; they submitted their complaints; shouldn't take but one more meeting after that to submit this legislation back to Council; don't want to take more than 2 weeks to have this back to you.

Shepherd stated that we are not making decisions based on the threat of legal action;

doing what is right for citizens of Gahanna.

O'Brien stated he will support Mayor in his veto; not in favor of changing anything; just looking at it and hearing from our attorneys; that is valuable City of Gahanna property; if we can get top dollar out of it we should; don't have a problem with the concept; that is our right; we need to enforce; when you've had a free ride for 100 years it is real hard to reach down into your for profit companies bottom line; in the one case they have been in the right of way for 100 years and are now being asked to pay for that right; they are a for profit company.

Stinchcomb stated she also wanted to repass this legislation quickly; we get threats to sue daily; that is not the reason for this action; my vote to sustain the Mayor's veto is to make sure we have legislation that our Special Counsel can tell us will hold up to the best of his judgment and can withstand the scrutiny; indeed have been talking about this for many years in general and in specifics; sorry utility companies didn't pay attention until it was passed; there has been public discussion for quite a while.

Angelou stated she would like to ask for a specific date this be back before us; no more than 6 weeks; would like to see this back to us by the middle of March. McGregor stated his agenda is to have it back in 2 weeks; point is not to negotiate; Greg Dunn is to review and tell us the changes needed; once those are recommended will send it immediately back to you.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Hogan, that this matter be Approved by Overriding Mayoral Veto. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes	0	
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland
No	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances Reported Out of Committee

ORD-0021-2001

TO REZONE 5.1+/- ACRES TO L-AR, LIMITED OVERLAY MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 329 WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; ALBERT AND JESSIE HAMM, APPLICANTS

Stinchcomb stated this item was previously postponed to the date certain of March 5.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0020-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE ROBERT WEILER COMPANY FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE CREEKSIDE PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$12,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Angelou asked if this needed to be amended to reflect emergency designation since a waiver of second reading was requested. McGregor stated he was uncomfortable with waivers; don't think we need waivers; very satisfied with just introducing. Angelou stated this was to be done two weeks ago and did not introduce due to a change that was

needed in the legislation; rather than introduce and then amend we opted not to introduce; was felt that we would waive second reading. White stated this would need emergency.

Angelou stated she felt there was a valid reason to waive second reading; we have to get a contract in place for Weiler to be able to negotiate; have already discussed this; need to get moving on 3 parcels; need to be able to have him working for us and get started on Creekside; to have to wait thirty days moves that project back more.

In response to question from Hogan, Weber stated he did not see any possibility of a conflict here.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland
Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd

K. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Shepherd stated they had a good report from Roger Madison of the CVB, was the main discussion at CIC this morning.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No Report.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Shepherd

Shepherd stated the February meeting was held at Middle School East; went fairly well; nice presentation by 8th grade theater group; was a very positive meeting.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien

O'Brien stated next meeting won't be for a couple of months yet; should receive minutes of last meeting soon; was elected permanent chair of the committee with Mat Flanagan as Vice Chair.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor:

McGregor stated that General Williams should have things finalized in the next few days for the hiring of an ESECC director; should have this week a proposal from Benatec to give us a thorough fleet management review; as soon as we receive we will forward it to

Council for review; feel this is a good time to do a thorough look at all aspects of our fleet.

In response to question from Stinchcomb, McGregor stated that the County is working on the rogue alarm; maintenance people for the County would like to see us replace it; we want to wait until our evaluation is done of the entire system; hope it will be easily corrected and back in service. Hall stated it should be back in service shortly; was a faulty part.

City Attorney:

Weber stated the County Commissioners had sent notice of approval of our boundary change; that was routine and they approved it without too much discussion; there was an annexation to Urbancrest that was quite contentious; Commissioners are openly lobbying for the changes to the annexation law to be passed. obviously trying to speak to the crowd; need to keep the pressure on our legislators.

Sherwood noted distributing information on a Legislator's luncheon; anyone wishing to attend should give information to office.

White attended a meeting downtown today; Senate bill hearing is at 2:00 tomorrow; we will be there attempting to give some testimony that will relate to annexation bill; is scheduled to be voted on the 27th.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Shepherd commended General Williams who jumped in his car and pulled the power to the rogue siren; wish to let Chief know that personnel were none too kind when I called; hope citizens calling in were treated nicer than I was. Murphy stated that he had to get on radio and call in as he could not get through on phone lines; they were not meaning to be rude; apologize if you got less than quality service; hopefully with a Communications Director we will avert future problems.

Payne stated they had a new daughter in law; wedding went very well; also let you know that Sam told me I was hearing things when I heard the siren.

Angelou stated that with regard to meeting on right of way she attended at NLC; one point made was that all are works in progress and ever changing; need to know that nothing is in stone; we are doing what we need to do to be protective of that right of way; it can be an enormous ability to capture funds; we need to take care of the recovery of the streets damaged by utility companies, as well as beautification; they never pay for the landscaping they take out; that has always been very important to us; we spend thousands of dollars each year taking care of parks and making our city the best place to live in Franklin County and beautification of the city is part of that; is something we should always keep in mind and is ever changing.

Hogan stated he has been on Council for 8 years now; except for the last couple of months, we don't have to deal with many vetos; like that fact; don't veto a lot of things for real.

O'Brien congratulated Payne's on marriage of their son; our 10th grandchild was born on Feb. 8 - William Burke Luft and mother and baby doing fine; can't get this right of way issue off my mind; think about all we are doing at Creekside; they will charge us a fortune to put those utilities underground; need to look at all these facts when we think as to what is appropriate.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 p.m. - Motion by Hogan.

End of Agenda

**Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.*

Chair Signature