

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 3, 1999**

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT OBSERVANCE**

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

**City Council**

**GAHANNA'S VISION is . . .**

. . . to be an innovative model community that values its rich heritage, pursues high standards, and where citizens respect one another.

**Members Present:** Debra A. Payne, Karen J. Angelou, L. Nicholas Hogan, Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Robert W. Kelley

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

President of Council Robert W. Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., with an invocation delivered by Council Chaplain Debra A. Payne, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Student Counterparts in attendance were introduced.

**B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.****C. HEARING OF VISITORS****Dennis Murphy, Chief of Police**

Murphy thanked Council for their leadership and foresight in developing the tactical response unit; success breeds success and 6 days after the high school bust received a tip regarding a house on Clotts Road; obtained a search warrant and found 433 pounds of marijuana with an approximate street value of \$750,000 and \$50,900 in cash; 20% of the cash will automatically go to seizure and the balance will be split 40% to DEA and 40% to us; we are not immune from drugs or violence; tactical unit is highly motivated and well trained.

Frank Stewart introduced Samson to Council; 3-1/2 year old who was donated to the Police Department and is in his 6th week of training of a 14 week course; is very friendly and great with people and kids; perfect temperament; had him in Chapelfield with 60 first graders and they loved him; will be working on building searches, tracking, etc.

**Mrs. Lou Briggs, Worthington Council Member/COTA Representative**

Lou Briggs spoke to Council regarding COTA's Vision 2020; distributed a summary report and highlighted the key issues; concluded with a short video on the plan; noted she will return prior to the November election.

**Windy McKenna - School Board**

McKenna updated Council on last School Board meeting where contracts were renewed; also approved drawings and specifications for new sign plaza; has been 3 or 4 years in the planning stage; is an all inclusive sign that will do away with all the signs down on the corner; will be for community use as well as school use; next month meetings will move back to the 2nd Thursday and be that way for the rest of the year; noted that sign is being paid for by donations and private funds.

**D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

**Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee**

All legislation listed under item D introduced, by title, by Council member Payne.

**990190**

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**990191**

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, WHICH PROVIDED RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**990192**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE SHELLY COMPANY FOR 1999 ASPHALT OVERLAY, IMPROVEMENT NO. 725; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**990193**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 1999 ASPHALT OVERLAY, IMPROVEMENT NO. 725; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**990194**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR WATER FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY YEARS, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN THE CONTRACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**990195**

TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 98 NORTH HIGH STREET FROM KRANER INVESTMENT COMPANY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF LAND KNOWN AS 810 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$37,500 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Council Member James-Arnold, to Pass the Consent Agenda, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes	7	Vice President of Council Payne, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and President of Council Kelley
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**Minutes - To Approve - April 19, 1999**

**A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Council Member James-Arnold, to Approve**

**Ordinances on Second Reading****990168**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Computer Equipment.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**990175**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH LEE AND ASSOCIATES, FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE SERVICE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[990177](#)

TO ZONE 0.748 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS CC-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MODIFIED; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MORSE AND HAMILTON ROADS; THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY, OWNER

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

[990178](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR MCCORKLE PARK FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$686,400.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Ordinance To Postpone to May 17, 1999**

[990164](#)

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EASTGATE INDUSTRIAL CENTER TIF DISTRICT AND THAT IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DESCRIBING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT THE DISTRICT; REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading**

[990184](#)

REAFFIRMING AND SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ANNUAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

[990185](#)

RECOGNIZING WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1999 AS SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

Payne presented the resolution to Don McLeod and Danise Hall. McLeod noted they had recently had 175 people visiting from surrounding areas and they were very impressed with our center; hope that we can continue on.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

[990186](#)

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JOHN H. "JACK" SELVEY AS HE RETIRES AS MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

[990196](#)

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) FOR LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT TO FRA MORSE ROAD, MORSE ROAD FROM APPIAN WAY TO HIGHMEADOWS DRIVE.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Motion Resolution**

[990187](#)

MOTION RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO SET

UP TWO NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS: ONE, FOR FEDERAL SEIZURES;  
AND TWO FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME GRANT.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**990188**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZETHE USE OF FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500  
FROM ACCOUNT NO. 220.330.5512, STREETS, CAPITAL  
PROJECTS/EQUIPMENT, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE FOR THE LINE  
LAZER PAINTER. TO BE USED TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW  
ELECTRIC PLATFORM LIFT FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**990189**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000, PREVIOUSLY DOUBLE  
APPROPRIATED FOR THE INSPECTIONS ON THE WATERBURY/MORRISON  
INTERSECTION TO BE USED FOR OLDE GAHANNA ALLEYS.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**990197**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF \$30,200 FROM THE ACCOUNT  
PREVIOUSLY SET ASIDE FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF OKLAHOMA  
AVENUE FOR A TRAFFIC STUDY OF HAMILTON ROAD TO BE CONDUCTED  
BY CLYDE E. WILLIAMS.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**End of the Consent Agenda**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (none)**

**G. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Committee of the Whole - Payne**

Payne stated she had spoken with Dave Haney; is putting numbers together and should  
have something for us soon.

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS**

**Clerk - (Legal)**

**990167** FEBRUARY 1999 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Received April 7, 1999

**Liquor License Fee Distribution - \$26,912.34**

**990198** CONSIDERATION OF THE GAHANNA HEARTLAND CONCEPT PLAN AS  
RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON APRIL 7, 1999.

**Council**

Kneeland noted 5 letters received regarding YMCA. Kneeland noted that DARE  
Graduation is 5/27/99 at 7:00 p.m. at the high school.

**I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES**

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

**K. REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland**

White recapped the CIC meeting held last week; looking for a master developer for Creekside; request for qualifications have gone out with a June 4 response date; will be conducting a pre-submission conference and site tour next week; RFQ is on the internet as well as having ads in the paper; hope that through this process can get 6 to 8 responses; issue the RFP and will probably be looking at 2 to 3 at that point and then CIC would have the decision to make that final choice and recommendation; are well underway; also broached another concept as we would like to do something with the fire station on a temporary basis; have an idea and took to CIC and was requested to pursue the idea of an open air market and allow for it to be used without major renovations; have a list of potential groups that might be interested; opportunity to get people accustomed to going down there; hope to have something established on an interim basis; grand opening scheduled for June 12; slight modification as it will be an all day celebration; hope Council will be present around noon when festivities and speeches are going on and then that evening will have a double patio reception culminated with a jazz walk; having it in evening at engineer's request so that the lighting will be seen.

Kneeland requested an updated time line produced to show us the progress. White stated she would prepare one; where we're at and what we have accomplished; will also be a mystery guest you won't want to miss.

### **L. OFFICIAL REPORTS**

### **M. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Kneeland stated he enjoyed the announcement of the new sign structure at the school; requested we research the feasibility of creating something similar in the Stygler and 62 area by McDonald's where several signs are always placed; tie it in to sign at high school so they would have the same messages. White noted that in the West Gahanna Entryway Plan there is an opportunity for community signage; would be done in a consistent way; will be done through Parks and Recreation. Kneeland thanked Wetherholt for the manhole cover repair. Wetherholt noted that Stygler was done and were just a few more on Granville to do.

Angelou noted that the COTA's Vision 2020 is a visionary thing; coming from a city that has mass transit this is a missing link to making us a world class city; fast train from Cleveland to Columbus is extraordinary; need to look at this in every way; will enhance the entire area; also had the chance to come down Stygler Road and saw most extraordinary sight with trees all in bloom; makes for a memorable car ride; found myself not wanting to leave that beautiful experience; can not do enough to put those kinds of trees on our streets; thank everyone who had a part in selecting the trees and need to make sure we always include street trees when we widen a road.

Payne stated she agreed on COTA; Ron Barnes and his staff are doing an excellent job in promoting; need alternate methods in transportation; am excited about Creekside; know the waterfall is coming when we saw the huge stones being delivered; thank White for all her work.

Kelley stated he felt Creekside will be well received; have been teaching 3rd grade at Chapelfield; they knew where this was at; and were very enthused about what they were seeing; explained holiday lights and everything else going on and it was well received.

Hogan noted he has been able to watch the Creekside development on a daily basis; is very exciting; do have a concern on the water contract and ask that every member sit

down and read the proposed water contract before committees; led to believe through memos that we were being given the exclusive right to service the area out by Reynoldsburg New Albany; don't have any rights whatsoever; noted one paragraph specifically for attention; concern is that it is a one way contract in that it does give an exclusive right to Columbus but we don't get exclusive back; if an area was annexed to Columbus could be zoned AR-12 which would dump a lot of kids into the school system; urge you to read very carefully and have good discussion next week.

## **N. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Land Acquisition**

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Payne, seconded by Council Member Angelou, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	Vice President of Council Payne, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and President of Council Kelley
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8:22 p.m. - Council rose to Executive Session under Article 540.B of the Rules of Council.

9:30 p.m. - Council rose to report from Executive Session.

## **O. ADJOURNMENT - 9:30 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member Hogan, to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **End of Agenda**

**ISOBEL L. SHERWOOD, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council, reporting**

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

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

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**Chair Signature**