

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 18, 2012

Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 6:45 p.m.

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

*Brian D. Larick, President
Stephen A. Renner, Vice President*

Beryl D. Anderson

Karen J. Angelou

Ryan P. Jolley

David L. Samuel

Brandon Wright

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Meeting on Monday, June 18, 2012, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council Brian D. Larick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Vice President of Council Renner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Samuel. Agenda for this meeting was published on June 15, 2012.

Members Present: Brian D. Larick, Stephen Renner, Karen J. Angelou, David L. Samuel, Beryl D. Anderson, Ryan P. Jolley and Brandon Wright

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Wright, seconded by Angelou, to move ORD-0121-2012 to the regular agenda as the first item under Second Reading of Ordinances. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Wright, Angelou, Jolley, Larick, Renner, Samuel, Anderson. Motion carried.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Mayor Stinchcomb presented Retired Fire Chief Jim DeConnick with a proclamation for his 43 years of service to Mifflin Township; proclaimed June 18 as Jim DeConnick day in the City of Gahanna. Chief DeConnick thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation; grew up a charter member of Gahanna at a time when there was only one elementary school; most of the fire department was volunteer at that time; I'd hear the siren and couldn't wait until I was able to be out there myself; it's great to be able to help people in their time of need; didn't do this by myself; had a team behind me and that team is still there; feel we are a part of the City of Gahanna; done some trying things over the years like winds from Hurricane Ike, or the floods we've had in Gahanna, or the ice storms; it wasn't just Mifflin Township standing up to the plate, there was the police department, the road department, the water department and many others; happy to have been a part of that; will miss you; appreciate this recognition; was able to do a job I cherished and was proud to serve; do plan on being around; thank you.

Claire Yoder, Gahanna Jefferson School Board; apologized for not being here regularly; as you know we have employed a new superintendent; Francis Scruzi; will be a time when he will be coming with me to the meeting; said good bye last Thursday to 24 staff people who have retired; conservatively they gave about 850 years of service to our kids; also had many donations that were approved; changed the calendar for the school year beginning in August 2013 with the first day of school for the students being August 19; at the other end students are done on May 29; did this way as 1st semester will be moved up and semester exam week will be before Christmas; statistics and research have shown that a break and then coming back to exams is not the best thing; hopeful this will be a good thing for kids and parents; will be on the website soon if it is not already. Anderson asked question about holiday break. Yoder stated winter break will start on December 23 and come back on January 2; term ends on December 19; Spring Break is the last full week of March; will also not have school the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Scott Chappelle, 1427 W. Saginaw, East Lansing, MI, stated he was with Strathmore; Director of Real Estate Terry Benton is also here; hoping to gain approval of the various documents submitted to you by the City Attorney, the estoppels and other documents related to sale of Creekside; entered into agreement with receiver to purchase and it must close by 20th of this month; one of the requirements was the City of Gahanna approving the assignment of the land leases and development agreements; for that reason we are here seeking that approval tonight; lot of you have had questions as well as

members of the community regarding our intentions; we are flattered we have been allowed to come into your community and look at this project; believe that the original vision is still sound; think it is an excellent opportunity; we intend to move the project forward and finish it consistent with the same objectives you had originally; to that end have been working with existing residents and tenants and hope to commence construction on residences almost immediately; have retained a construction company and will be hiring local trades; we also have secured a number of new commercial tenants including Chocolate Tree Bakery, Honey Grove Botanicals, and Ameriprise; several other commercial tenants in process and a number of letters of intent; we believe that if we are able to proceed in the next 6 to 12 months we should have the project stabilized; make myself available for questions; thank you.

Sandra Miller, 221 Creekside Plaza, Gahanna, stated she hoped you enjoyed the party in our front yard the last few days; a few weeks ago the residents of Creekside came here and expressed our concerns regarding the conversion of the lofts at Creekside to rental apartments; since then we have met with Chappelle and received many emails from him; my personal comfort level is much better as is that of many of the residents; he wants to work with us and has expressed his understanding of our concerns; realize there are no guarantees; do know what it has been for over a year with nothing being done to our building; has not been pleasant; it is our hope our building will be filled with new owners and yearly renters; we want Creekside and Chappelle to succeed; as it has been said we are the heart of Gahanna and we want it to continue to grow.

Jenny McLaughlin, 409 Creekside Plaza; stated that like other residents am happy that the project is moving ahead; certainly is better than all the uncertainty we have had to date; glad to be working with the City and new potential owner; do still have some concerns about our property values and how it will work out; one thing we were told is that the project could not be profitable unless more units were added; unfortunately a lot more smaller units will devalue the larger units; with real estate going down here as it has everywhere, having it go down further is of concern; given the fact that the purchase price for the new buyer is substantially less by more than 2/3 than the original purchase price, it seems to me we shouldn't have to have that many more units in the building to make it profitable; to increase the number of units by the number being proposed when the purchase price is so much lower, don't see how those numbers work; hope we do not need as many units as has been proposed for property value reasons as well as infrastructure, traffic, water pressure; if there is anything that we can do to encourage the lowering of the density to something in between it would be beneficial for the city and current and future owners of the project; did meet with Chappelle and was pleased to have that opportunity; has indicated since that meeting there has been some interest already in purchase of larger units; since that has happened would like to encourage Strathmore to see if perhaps advertising the larger units would bring in more interest since there is early interest; let people express interest a little longer; all to the good in moving forward; express that and hope that with encouragement of the City and current owners, maybe we can work together towards that goal; thank you.

Danh Dang, 1114 Golden Willow Place, Blacklick, stated he was present to represent his brother; he has business at Creekside; concern is the city gave up a lot of things to the new owner; but my question is do they have obligation or are they willing to work with my brother and other tenants; my brother's lease is with Dioun but was never updated; right now the new landlord presented to my brother a lease with which he can't survive; is not correct number; never asked for update; will he be willing to update the lease correctly and also help him to have a competitive market rate so he can survive; other tenants also to be able to survive in this economic environment; thank you.

Larick asked Chappelle if he would like to respond; density and lease negotiations are business specific and outside of the scope we have purview over; however if Chappelle would like to make any comments. Chappelle stated that on the density issue, the financial feasibility of the project does not vary whether 95 or 105 units; what changes is the offering of the residential unit mix; trying to create a unit mix that appeals to the broadest demographic; when we looked at feasibility originally, thought a larger number of smaller units would enable us to stabilize the project quicker; since then we were able to get almost 12 reservations and the bulk were for the larger units; since then the project architects have revised the plans from 105 units, which includes the existing 11 residences, down to 94; somewhere in the middle now; other issue with unit mix is that it was designed to facilitate financing; maintaining the smaller number of larger units made it more difficult to obtain financing; those are the factors we considered when we initially moved forward; think everyone will get their wish; should drop back down around 95; in terms of the commercial tenants have met with almost all of them; have had discussions regarding more competitive lease terms; made a significant number of amendments; have met with the owners of Golden Nails on two separate occasions and are in the process of evaluating some written material I received from him about 3 hours ago; was some confusion on original lease terms; they have been able to provide us documentation to justify why a more competitive lease term would be warranted; are evaluating that; in last meeting indicated I would get back to him by tomorrow and will be doing that.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Anderson.

ORD-0135-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THOMPSON EXCAVATION, FOR GAHANNA WOODS DETENTION BASIN PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 979.

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

2012-0028

To approve the following sets of Minutes:

- 1) June 4, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2) June 11, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:

ORD-0134-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF A MOTOROLA APX 7500 CONSOLETTE RADIO FOR POLICE RADIO DISPATCHING; UNDER OHIO STATE TERM SCHEDULE PRICING, #STS 573077-0-1; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$6,600; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

ORD-0120-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH B & C COMMUNICATIONS FOR EQUIPPING AND UPFITTING TEN POLICE VEHICLES; TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0122-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLUMBUS ASPHALT PAVING FOR TECHCENTER COMMONS PUBLIC WATERMAIN PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. 976.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0123-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MCWHORTER'S LANDSCAPE COMPANY, LLC, FOR SCIENCE BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING; IMPROVEMENT NO. 991.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0124-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F250 TRUCK FROM THE STATE CONTRACT.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0125-2012

TO TERMINATE THE OFFICE & INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CYPRESS CARE SOLUTIONS, 775 TAYLOR ROAD.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

End of the Consent Agenda**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.****G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Committee of the Whole - Renner: No Report.

Finance & Development - Samuel: No Report.

Parks, Service & Safety - Anderson: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk:

2012-0026

Notice to Legislative Authority of a transfer of D5A and D6 liquor permits from Towneplace Management, LLC, DBA Towneplace Suites Columbus Airport, 695 Taylor

Road, Gahanna, OH 43230 to Sage Restaurant Manager LLC, dba Towneplace Suites Columbus Airport, 695 Taylor Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is July 6, 2012.

Received and Filed

2012-0027

Notice to Legislative Authority of a transfer of D5A and D6 liquor permits from Springhill SMC LLC, dba Springhill Suites Columbus Airport, 665 Taylor Road & Patio, Gahanna, OH 43230 to Sage Restaurant Manager LLC, dba Springhill Suites Columbus Airport & Patio, 665 Taylor Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is July 6, 2012.

Received and Filed

2012-0029

Notice to Legislative Authority of a transfer of C1, C2 and D6 liquor permits from BVG Carryout Inc., 154 S. Styler Road, Gahanna, OH 43230 to Tran Investments LLC, dba Rosettis, 154 S. Styler Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is July 16, 2012.

Received and Filed

Council:

Larick acknowledged receipt of an e-mail from Wine Guy expressing a positive comment with regard to new developer; also received e-mail from Honey Grove Botanicals, Ameriprise and Chocolate Tree, new businesses to go in to Creekside.

Anderson stated Council received an invitation for a ribbon cutting at Scioto Downs, for Tuesday, June 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:

ORD-0121-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PROS CONSULTING FOR UPDATING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN ESTABLISHED IN 2005; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$43,400; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wright stated after reviewing the master plan firmly believe that there is a lot there; think we need to have this brought back to committee; there is lot in the old master plan that needs further discussion; urge anybody else who has actually read the master plan adopted in 2006 to give support to have this come back to committee.

MOTION by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to postpone this item until July 2. President asked for discussion.

Stinchcomb requested that Director of Parks & Recreation Collins be given an opportunity to address since this really affects the time line. Collins stated he did request an emergency on this because of the time line; were concerned about the public survey component and the research component in getting that completed in a time prior to the challenges that will come up with the election process in the fall; also in getting the data back in time for the appropriations planning in the fall.

Wright stated he didn't want to go into much detail; but after reviewing the document, there is still a lot within that document that is not accomplished; by sending it back to committee, know that we will run up against a time frame on elections but if we are going to spend that much money on this plan, there are a lot of elements that are still livable in the document adopted back in 2006; firm reason I want to come back to

committee is there a need to explore in there before we move forward with having an updated revised plan.

Renner asked that Wright provide an example; this did go through committee; there was ample time to review everything; can you give one example for reason to postpone. Wright stated the document is supposed to be a 10 year living document; from what was written in there that's the indication I got; it is a very comprehensive document to where it outlines a lot of goals and objectives of where Gahanna should be pushing and moving forward; don't believe we have started to accomplish part of that; many cases where land acquisition was part of that document and I haven't seen where Parks & Rec has moved forward with securing more land; another part of it is making sure that the City has a healthy component that Parks & Rec is taking a lead on and haven't seen that; another component that advises that there is preservation and naturalization of land and don't see that; those are the somewhat specifics; take a firm look at that; am all for updating master plans and making sure we are moving forward but have some concerns that there are things in the written document that we have not attained as of now; ask you to give support to having this sent back to committee.

Samuel asked Collins if by delaying won't this cause us to spend more money in the long run. Collins stated that the submittal sent to us was based on moving forward this year; what that does on costs moving forward don't know; would have to talk to consultant; a broader question is that this document is an update of the 2006 plan; when you have a strategic plan of this manner it prioritizes spending; in that case getting a current priority on spending may save us time and effort as well.

Larick stated he understands Wright's concerns on how items in a document created in 2006 as a master plan have not been accomplished, but see this as a reevaluation of the master plan of where we sit in 2012 based on what we have been through in the last 4 years and what is relevant today; whether that master plan as is, is the correct master plan, or whether it needs to be modified and adjusted to the situation we exist in today; seems prudent we would review that master plan.

Anderson asked in order to narrow the time frame with regard to question asked already, would 2 weeks make that much of a difference. Collins replied yes; as I stated the concern is that the research component and the survey component are on a tight time line; takes a while to get your steering committee together which is composed of all the representation similar to the last process; once you have that steering committee together to put a time line together, to formulate the questions, to go through that entire process takes some time; behind as it is; want to have that accomplished prior to the whole election campaign process hitting Ohio; were conscious of that; typical in this time of year; because of the way this came up in our scheduling in terms of the Council planning process, this is when we can do it; have to agree with Larick that Council asked us to update our plans to make sure they are in line with Council, the administration, and citizens' priorities; this is a 10 year document when this was created that's correct; there have been a number of things accomplished in that plan that may not be obvious to folks who skim through it; but those of us with history and know things we have accomplished know that a number of things have been done; however, in these recent years there have been a number of Council members and other folks who have said maybe it is time to go back and look at it with the change in the economy, the change in the demographics in our community and the change in the community itself, maybe some of these priorities have changed; feel that's why Council recommended in your early planning session that we reevaluate our plans; we proceeded forward and went through process of selecting a consultant and brought it to you in the quickest time line we could; very specific to get this and move forward; if you choose to bump it back we will come back; but don't think

what you are asking pertains to approving the agreement; if nothing else would prefer to come back and update you on the progress of the 2006 plan but proceed forward with the update so we can get that time line moving and bring the consultant in and start getting the steering committee together and start getting the work done.

Anderson stated to follow up to that, is consultant needed to get steering committee together; certain times when you can start planning something even before you can officially start; can have a tentative list; don't have to wait for actual approval; may have ideas of what you want to do and have the time line formulated; in some instances some things can be done in advance and accelerated; don't know if that is relevant; best case scenario is you would like to move forward now; don't quite understand why 2 weeks makes that big a difference. Collins stated can only say we are trying to beat the time line for the election process in our public survey; to do that need to start as soon as possible; we can't begin that work without consultant here; don't create surveys; don't write questions; I don't go through process; that's not my expertise; don't have anybody on site that does that nor do we have the time or the resources to do it; we need to do it with somebody from the outside.

Angelou stated she agreed that 2 weeks should not make that big a difference; won't take the emergency clause off; Wright has asked for it to be continued because he has issues with the fact whether the 2006 plan has a 10 year life span. Collins stated it was to be a 5 to 10 year document; however, as you stated before some priorities have changed and things have changed in this community; in the strategic planning process definitely a best practice to look at plans sooner now than 10 years; we are coming back and saying there are things in this document that were outlined in 2006 that we wanted to have accomplished; now hearing that because the economy has changed, because where we are as a community, because of the demographics, the things we have accomplished, those priorities have changed and we need to find that out and confirm that. Angelou stated she heard what was being said but don't think 2 weeks will make that much of a difference.

Wright stated the reason you write master plans is not to be swayed each time something happens in the course of the economy; it's to give you a firm direction of where you would like to see the city push and move towards; back in 2006 and 2005 when the meetings were, this is what people who were investors said these are our priorities; with this master plan, have had no conversation with anyone in Parks & Rec stating that this is where we are; this is how much progress we have made; another part of that document was signage; the one thing I have a problem with is we have a park, and have asked repeatedly, when are we going to get a sign for that park; there was a big emphasis within the document on signage; another emphasis was land acquisition; have not seen that we have acquired any land for purpose of Parks & Rec; have existing problems where there is not enough for soccer field usage; looking at overall aspect, feel this needs to come back; everything that comes to Council shouldn't be because we are under the gun because of the election; if that's the case then believe we need to delay until next year.

Larick stated motion on the table is to postpone to date certain of July 2. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Wright, Anderson, Angelou. Voting no: Samuel, Jolley, Larick, Renner. Motion fails.

Wright asked for reconsideration. Ewald stated motion to reconsider would only be on the postponement. Larick stated only option is to repeat the motion. Angelou stated that if this is voted the same way with 4 yes and 3 no's then the emergency part of it fails. Ewald stated that is correct; need 6 affirmative votes for emergency; still have the main

motion on the table unless you entertain Wright's motion to reconsider postponement. Wright stated he would not pursue reconsideration.

Larick asked for discussion on the main motion.

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Renner, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 4 President Larick, Renner, Samuel and Jolley

No 3 Angelou, Anderson and Wright

Clerk stated that ORD-0121-2012 passed but not as an emergency.

ORD-0126-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF GROUND LEASES WITH CREEKSIDER INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Samuel stated he will be voting yes on the 8 pieces of legislation; this will allow the buyer to move forward in working with current tenants and attract new ones; will bring a rebirth to the center of our city; would be remiss if didn't recognize the hard work that Mo Dioun and his family did in starting this development way back when.

Anderson stated this has been a long and arduous process but well worth it because we have all learned a lot; we've had listening ears to our constituency; think we are all on the same page that the goal is collaboration for a win win win situation so that we can revitalize the heart of Gahanna; heard many concerns; the goals in getting the project up and running not just on residential side but commercial side; bleeds over into the view of what our city is; as we have looked at what our identity is part of that is our heartbeat; part of that is how others perceive what we are and the marketing of our city and our revenue; it is time to move forward to make a difference so that this heartbeat can indeed be throbbing; and indeed make a difference so it pumps life in our city from the very center; will be in support of this legislation; in addition to acknowledging Mo Dioun, would like to acknowledge the Council that was in place at the time that moved to go forward with this; did a lot of research and also to our Department of Development and other departments who worked in tandem with them as we moved forward; also recognize Mayor for her work; owe it to not just those visionaries but everyone in the process; has been a long and arduous process but that's part of what this involves.

Jolley stated he moved to Gahanna in early 1995; cannot remember a time since when the local papers were not running some story or another about Creekside; the blight, the plans, the project, the foreclosure; tonight we move on to the next story; Council's commitment to project is critical, both substantively and symbolically; there is no guarantee that moving forward with the plan before us will result in this project's success; however it is guaranteed that continued stagnation will result in this project's failure; by protecting the city's public investment and by empowering our private businesses to do what they do best, we are providing the most possible opportunities for our residents to live, work, and play in the heart of our City; believe in the vision of the Creekside development and am excited about the potential that it holds for Gahanna's future; want to thank the original developer, Mo Dioun, the new developer Scott Chappelle, our City Attorney Shane Ewald, our Development Director Anthony Jones, our Mayor Becky Stinchcomb, and everyone else who has worked diligently to move Creekside forward; anxiously await the great things to come from this project and am proud to vote yes on these ordinances.

Wright stated he wanted to really thank everyone for this long process coming about and that this moves forward; as I've said before the Creekside development is the heart of

Gahanna; moving forward that's where we need to keep our focus in order for our city to grow and prosper; feel better that the developer has made contact with the residents and that's he shown an effort that he's truly invested in this project; believe that is probably a better position of where we are sitting and feel more comfortable now; thank him for his candor; thank him for showing the effort to actually take the time to meet with the residents and business people; thank everyone on staff because it has been very quick moving and a lot of information at once.

Angelou stated it has been the best of times and worst of times; now at a new challenge; hope that Chappelle and his team can come forward and complete the vision that was Creekside; a vision that began with the rechannelization of the creek and taking away that island filled with bicycles and tires and trash and cleaning it up as a matter of pride for this community; thank Chappelle for his good words about Mo Dioun and the effort he made and gave to us; not many people would have done what Dioun did in terms of his own personal finances to try and keep the project alive; wish he could still be here and would have been successful; now we have a new chapter and look forward to good things to happen in the near future.

Larick stated that having read the documents when they were prepared and having met with Chappelle, having met with residents and listening to folks who are most directly impacted, as well as the folks within the community, do support this.

Anderson stated she wished to underscore that in conversations with Strathmore and Chappelle, one of the things said is that Gahanna would be a partner in this, not just the city, but businesses in Gahanna to help move this forward; know you are from out of state but having buy in, tie in, and heart and energy of the people here is key to the success; look forward to that commitment being maintained; many people are interested; many people are out of work; many people in Gahanna who are skilled and would provide great opportunity to make this project go forward; wanted to underscore that; Gahanna has a lot of talented people.

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Renner, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

ORD-0127-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDER INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Renner, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

ORD-0128-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDER INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

ORD-0129-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDER INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC;

AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Wright, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

ORD-0130-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO GROUND LESSOR (BUILDING B) ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

ORD-0131-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO GROUND LESSOR (BUILDING C) ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

ORD-0132-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Renner, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

ORD-0133-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:

Renner stated meeting is tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the committee rooms.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou:

Angelou stated they met last Thursday; Policy Committee distributed a Columbus Metro Bike Map; will give to the Clerk's office for reference; also will be bringing forward a document expressing approval and support for the designation of US bike route through Franklin County; update concerning the Franklin County coordinated plan that will be up for vote in July as well as the Scioto greenways; did pass on consent agenda T-8-12 Amending State Fiscal Year Transportation Program; ODOT has found about \$200 million for 2013 and \$50 million extra each for 2014 through 2017; been some new projects added to those lists; regular commission meeting met and ECO summit was discussed; started 4 years ago in Beijing; will be in Columbus and 1400 people from all over the world coming to Columbus in September; MORPC is pushing this hard; did pass a resolution to authorize the Executive Director to enter into agreement with Pataskala for their Community Housing Improvement Program; also talked about dues coming up; 5 year maximums and will be setting one for 2013 next month; over the past 4 years have been static at \$0.46 per capita; in 2013 it is expected to go to \$0.475 with 1-1/2 cents each year for the next 5 years; setting for next year but establishing maximums for next 5 years; National Association of Regional Councils is planning to develop energy plans on a regional basis; first time done in US; want to boost energy economy.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Samuel:

Samuel stated a consultant contract was approved with Scruci for a not to exceed 20 days during the months of June and July; passed resolution to join the Alliance for Adequate School Funding which provides representation on state funding issues; also approved contract with TriStar to provide transportation for special education students; they are very good people; they hire retirees with good driving records; also approved the school resource officer contract.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley:

Jolley stated he hoped everyone had opportunity to get to the Blues & Jazz Festival; was an exceptional event; attendance probably set a new record; worked admissions on Saturday evening and there was a nonstop flow of people; huge thanks to everyone who put in time; event pretty much went off without a hitch; waiting for next CVB meeting for hard data.

Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel:

Samuel stated there will be a COTA Board retreat tomorrow morning; will be discussing tax levy renewal for COTA and continued negotiations with employees; may face a strike in near future.

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Stinchcomb stated the 14th Annual Blues & Jazz event was wonderful; thank Karen Eylon, Laurie Jadwin and rest of CVB for all their hard work; hundreds of volunteers are needed for that event; looking forward to seeing the numbers; something we are very proud of; Freedom Festival is again being sponsored by Heartland Bank on Wednesday July 4 at golf course; their generous donation along with those from 102.5, the USO, the Jaycees, YMCA and Parks & Recreation Foundation means that the Freedom Festival and the fireworks show will go on; in order to make the Freedom Festival a true community effort, the planning committee for the festival is seeking more community involvement; if you would like to get involved encourage you to do that; also want to talk about Creekside; congratulate Chappelle and his team for hard work and diligence.

in getting to this point; has been a long haul; agree that the original vision we held for decades now is still out there; visions don't change with bumps in the economy; this vision remains strong; believe firmly it will continue to be successful; we will complete it and it is something we will be proud of for many decades to come; also want to thank Mo Dioun, as many have already, for his efforts and everything he did to get this project to this point; wasn't to be for him but believe that the vision we all held together continues to fruition; thank Ohio Equities and Mark Froehlich for all the work they did to get us to this point; know it has been difficult; receivership is not an easy thing; very pleased that we are here and looking forward to a closing on Wednesday; commit to continue working with Chappelle to do everything we have said we would do and have done in terms of programming; and for the future improvements to make the public portions work with the private portions and continue to make this the successful brand it has become for Gahanna.

City Attorney:

Ewald stated he wished to echo Mayor's comments; looking forward to new business and new owners; really amazed by our staff and hard working professionals that work in this City; ran into Collins, Franey and Euton and others at the festival; not paid to be there but they want to contribute even if they don't live in Gahanna; want to thank everybody who worked hard this weekend to make it a very well attended event that is important to the heart of our city.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Anderson stated she wished to congratulate James DeConnick again on his retirement; kudos to everyone with Blues & Jazz festival; jazz station that was here interviewed many people, 2 of whom were from the Historical Society; wanted to point out and underscore that Gahanna was the home of one of the first African American country clubs in the nation; lot of research being done for that; wanted to underscore that; was located where Friendship Park is; encourage you to come out for the Freedom Festival; today was the start of summer school; have until Wednesday to register; tomorrow night we have a public meeting for discussion and commentary by the public and Council on the 2013 tax budget; will be here at 7:00 p.m. and we want to see this place packed.

Renner stated he wanted to thank the CVB and city staff that helped with the festival this weekend; visited twice over the weekend; was supremely amazed at how fast it was taken down and cleaned up; that is impressive.

Angelou stated the Creekside festival was glorious and weather was great; can remember the first one; has come a long way since those days; something we should all be proud of; draws attention to the heart of Gahanna, the very thing we hope will become a beating heart with no problems; thank Mark Froehlich for speaking to us as you gave us information we needed to be able to move on; congratulations to retired Chief DeConnick; he will be happy and we will see him around all the time..

Wright stated that as of this point, we should be focused on moving forward; and looking towards a brighter future for Creekside; one aspect we, as a city, as a council, and as a community, that we can really improve is the communications aspect; have said that several times; from the developer's standpoint and city standpoint, think we all need to work better to communicate effectively; once we can accomplish that, what we will see is definitely a brighter future.

Larick stated the public forum tomorrow night is a formal opportunity for citizens to come to Council to speak their 3 minutes on their concerns where funds need to be spent where they are not and where funds have been spent that they should not; Council has

worked hard with the administration and Finance Director to identify a path and a process and structure of information that is functional for the community to understand what the city does and what that represents in light of the expenditures and the funds we have; this is the first event of this type we have had in the city; it is the beginning of a new foundation and structure for evaluating our finances going forward; am excited about next step for Creekside; thank residents for coming; clearly their home and it is very pertinent that they speak to us so we are aware of their concerns and their interests; having had the opportunity to sit down with Chappelle, Froehlich and residents individually, there will be some concerns; think we are at an opportunity and time where the future is bright;

O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m. - Motion by Anderson.

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature