

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 21, 1999

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

Additional Attendees:

Director of Parks and Recreation Raleigh Mitchell
City Engineer Karl Wetherholt
Director of Development Sadicka White
Director of Finance Jerry Isler
Chief of Police Dennis Murphy
new media
visitors

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

GAHANNA'S MISSION is . . .

. . . to ensure an exceptional quality of life by providing comprehensive services, financial stability, and well-planned development which preserves the natural environment, so that city government will continue to be responsive, accessible, and accountable to our diverse and growing community of citizens.

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

President of Council Robert W. Kelley called the Regular Meeting of Gahanna City Council to order in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 21, 1999. Council Chaplain Debra A. Payne, delivered an Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**990252**

TO ACCEPT 1.1+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, REQUESTED BY WILLIAM M. STEWART, ET AL.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Payne, seconded by Council Member Hogan, that this matter be Assigned to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate). 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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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.

A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Vice President of Council Payne, that this matter be Postponed to Date Certain. 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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C. HEARING OF VISITORS

School Board Representative Windy McKenna reported that most of the business was contracts for summer and for the 1999-2000 school year. Said they hope to have high school finished by August; had approved resurfacing of tennis courts; authorized advertising for the addition to Jefferson. Said they ended the last year with 6,927 student enrollment; graduated 429 on June 5. Thanked Becky for coming to June meeting; on behalf of the Board extended to Tom Kneeland sincere condolences on the death of his father. Said Beckie Miller of the Board had lost her mother. Kneeland asked if the Board had ever given any consideration to realigning the school parking lot egress with the Gary Lee, which is directly across from the lot. McKenna said she will ask. On questioning, Wetherholt said there is a detector loop that operates at 3:15 in the afternoons; said the first bus initiates a preemption route for letting buses through; is only in the p.m.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

Introduced, by title, by Council member James-Arnold.

990105

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - 1999 Asphalt Overlay Program.

990253

TO ACCEPT A TEN-FOOT STRIP OF LAND BETWEEN LOTS 96 AND 97 AS THE SAME ARE NUMBERED AND DELINEATED UPON THE SUBDIVISION PLAT ENTITLED "FARM CREEK, SECTION 3." FOR WALKWAY PURPOSES.

990254

TO ACCEPT 0.016 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES ALONG CLARK STATE ROAD.

990255

TO ACCEPT 0.092 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND ALONG SHULL ROAD FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES FROM JOANN J. HICKLE; TO ACCEPT 0.052 ACRE, MORE OF LESS, OF LAND ALONG SHULL ROAD FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES FROM JOHN ROWE AND BARBARA ROWE.

990258

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Chamber Parking Lot & Kraner Property.

990261

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Knights Avenue Rebuild.

990263

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MILLER PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION INC FOR THE US ROUTE 62 DARK STAR BEECHER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT, IMPROVEMENT NO. 709; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

990264

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLYDE E WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES INC., FOR INSPECTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE US ROUTE 62 DARK STAR BEECHER INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT, IMPROVEMENT NO. 709; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[990265](#) TO ACCEPT THE GAHANNA HEARTLAND CONCEPTUAL PLAN, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1999, AS PREPARED BY BURNS, BERTSCH & HARRIS, INC., AND GEORGE PARKER & ASSOCIATES, AIA, AND THE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES THEREON AS A GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

Assigned to Development Committee

[990266](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, Legislative Tracking Software - Clerk of Council

Assigned to Communications & Technology Committee

E. CONSENT AGENDA - As amended:

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Vice President of Council Payne, 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 - June 7, 1999 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Vice President of Council Payne, to Approve. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances on Second Reading

[990215](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON BRICKLAWN AVENUE.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[990218](#) TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Network Intern

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[990221](#) AN ORDINANCE TO SET FORTH A STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 6.49+/-ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA; REQUESTED BY ROBERT N. KERTZINGER, ET AL.; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

[990223](#) TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS HARRISON POND, THE VILLAGES AT ROCKY FORK, SECTION 10, PART 1; EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON, APPLICANT.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[990252](#) TO ACCEPT 1.1+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, REQUESTED BY WILLIAM M. STEWART, ET AL.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance - To Postpone 2nd Reading to July 5, 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.

Motion Resolution990250

Motion that Council has no objection to the Transfer of D-1, D-2, and D-3 Permits from "Stack Em High, Inc.," 120 North Hamilton Rd. & Patio, to Bru Pet, Inc., DBA Jordan's Mart & Deli, 140 North Hamilton Road & Patio.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

990262

Motion Resolution to Authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the 1999 Concrete Street Repair Program, Improvement No. 729.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

End of the Consent Agenda**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

President of Council stated the public hearing rules that would prevail this evening: 7 minutes for proponents; 10 minutes for opponents, and 3 minutes for rebuttal, unless said time is extended by majority vote of Council.

President opened the public hearing at 7:41 p.m., calling for proponents.

990265

TO ACCEPT THE GAHANNA HEARTLAND CONCEPTUAL PLAN, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1999, AS PREPARED BY BURNS, BERTSCH & HARRIS, INC., AND GEORGE PARKER & ASSOCIATES, AIA, AND THE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES THEREON AS A GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

Dale Bertsch, Burns, Bertsch, and Harris, 830 one lane, Columbus, said this plan is one of a series brought before Planning Commission and CC; said aim is not to establish in a concrete way dictates for what land use should be; rather, to establish an area of vision; this area is called the Heartland; encompasses area from the point where the park is on the south to the joining of U.S. 62 and Hamilton Road on the north; said it is a well-established area; general thought is that it would become under extreme pressure as development occurs; said aim primarily is to establish a framework for public policy dialogue, and set forth principles; said one of the key parts assumes that the properties as they exist within the area are useful and proper and will continue to function as they are; however, in case of change, the thought was to set some guiding principles; one of the major aims, in reflecting many other plans, is to recognize that the existing platting area of lots were fine and suitable and continue to be useful for the purposes they are developed for. Bertsch continued that should there be a decision to have other changes, a number of other concerns are expressed said one, is a reallocation of parcels in order to create larger land masses for the uses anticipated; said if they remain in the way that they are being used today, that is fine; but if there is a desire to change use, there needs

to be recognition of that in configuration in ownership and relationships--whether in some cooperative or collaborative effort that lawyers may develop; said the central part is a very viable set of neighborhoods, and whatever is done, along the Hamilton Road side and possibly the 62 side, there be clear recognition that those neighbors are paramount.

Bertsch recapped briefly the development principles: 1) There be a requirement for redevelopment of a sketch plan; 2) Reconignition under no circumstances to adopt or make a commitment by the City to rezoning or major changes; they have to be considered as they come up, and must be in the public interest; 3) identifies ingress and egress; as those larger parcels are created, you narrow down the number of access points to those major streets; 4) Builds on a corridor all through Shull Park and Sycamore Run; creates a connectivity throughout these neighborhoods; 5) There is also a recognition at the top end for need of retention area, should that area develop. would asservate to a certain extent to the neighborhoods. 6) The Open green space would occur as parcels become available. Bertsch said there is nothing in the plan on acquisitions. Said it also anticipated that considering rezoning proposals that there be paramount. portion of planning that deals with Carpenter Road area; said feeling is there should be nothing done on the Carpenter Road side. Noted the text covers the intent of the proposal.

President called for opponents.

Tom Liszkay, 457 Tresham Road, said he is not totally an opponent; said there are some interesting concepts; main concern is lots along East Johnstown Road and Hamilton Road possibly turned into bigger parcels; reminded when this plan first went before Planning Commission they were identified as O/R; that concept was then changed to R/O; asked Council to delete any reference to office zoning along East Johnstown and Hamilton Road. Said he knows Council is dedicated to maintaining the residential corridor along Hamilton Road; said they enjoy large lots; he knows people by name; feels there is still a demand for these larger lots. Noted developers buy a house for \$900,000 and then tearing it down for the lots.

Mickey Levine, 460 Old Mill Drive, which he said is adjacent to Hamilton Road; had talked with Tom; had talked to this body before; wants to keep area a residential area; felt this body expressed an interest in keeping it residential. noted learning of redevelopment of this area; does not want to be against anything the City wants to propose; said it is important to a number of them to keep that area residential; reminded of the Creed on the wall; said it is important that the area remain a residential area; said he is sure those lots that are on Hamilton Road will maintain a great deal of value if they remain residential; is a lot of people out there; asked Council to please keep them in mind during deliberations.

Marti Anderson, 4082 Clotts Road, echoed the previous comments regarding residential character. Added that as stated by the proponent, adoption of this plan is not a commitment; reminded that if you come up before this body and Planning Commission, there will be frequently be raised the fact that if one would look look back at Land Use Plans, a corridor had been used for such and such a use; felt it does tend to be used as a bootstrapping type of argument; said if this is adopted, we will be looking at a conceptual plan; said another thing; Clotts Road intersection at U.S. is just east of this plan; noted where you have plans for the north side of 62, you don't have any plans for south side of 62; perhaps that would make some sense.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Hogan, to extend opponents speaking time by 5 minutes. 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

Wes Barnishan, 456 Tresham, supports the zoning of that area as residential; said he moved to Tresham Road because it is in the heart of a residential community.

Maurine Johnson, 322 Worman, noted all her years of watching Council and the opposition of South Hamilton Road going commercial; questioned how do we justify making North Hamilton commercial; said she has lived here for many, many years, and feels safe in that neighborhood; with expansion, should not feel that safe. Pointed out that Hamilton Road is up 30 feet higher than Worman; felt if you start putting in commercial, it is going to look like skyscrapers; certainly not going to enhance the properties at all.

Sadicka White, said she appreciated citizens coming out. Explained that one of the main reasons they (the Administration) asked for this concept plan is because in doing development, the City has been approached by many developers to do developments along Hamilton Area as well as along Johnstown Road; said we had no plan; so how do we direct people; noted the City has been very successful in other plans; we then commissioned Dale Bertsch to do a Heartland area; said this is the heart of Gahanna and the heart of our neighborhoods--and how do we protect it and how do we keep it in that particular zoning and not allow encroachment. Noting talking to Mr. Liskay and others in neighborhood; said when Planning Commission looked at, we looked at the bubbles of hot spots where developers were approaching and trying to get homeowners to sell. Emphasized we are not proposing any rezonings--but in event someone would come, the only way you could/would look at the rezoning is that you would look at the large aggregate of land. Said all those lots are individually owned; said we did wrestle with what to call them; said the plan identifies all areas to be approached. Said if, in fact, any change we could consider is suburban office, which is our lowest commercial use; other would be residential. If any one would come, they would need a large assembly of land; the priority would be to retain residential and then office and only suburban office. Said it is not paramount that it be residential office; can be just residential; said if there is going to be some kind of reasoning, it is that we would look at a large assembly; this would be a guide that this is what we are thinking and this is the direction we should be going; said it is the best way to retain what is there because we know there has been this desire for encroachment.

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, to extend the proponents speaking time for 5 minutes. 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

Bertsch said in rebuttal that: 1. It is really important that is that you establish a statement of public interest; said if you don't the courts might overturn; said the courts have been moving more toward the highest and best; said is better if there is a clear articulation of public interest. 2. The kinds of demands and pressures put on this land to make it market friendly; try to reflect public interest; emphasized that this plan frames the public interest, and sets basis for dialogue in case developments come forward; said it is important to set aside some kind of intent, so it is perfectly clear for developers.

There being no further comment, President closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Comments:

Angelou said that 1) the administration is bringing this plan to council; and 2) feels it is a way to calm--that is to put a big arch over Hamilton Road; said she has committed 18 years on this Council for residential on Hamilton Road; said it is up to people to keep it residential; reminded if they sell, there is potential for development; said it will be widened; reminded that we adopt our plans; questioned change on Carpenter Road. Bertsch noted several proposals for multi family on a piece-meal basis, on a lot by lot basis. Angelou said she was not sure she would not agree with office on 62. Angelou questioned new parkland area: Bertsch said he believed it had already been dedicated to the City; is just open space; parkland if it comes up for sale. Kelley agreed we are committed to support residential; said he was very surprised to see the plan. Bertsch said they can change those R/O designations to R; noted office space on curve, and said there was concern with safety.

Stinchcomb said she has just read the text, and felt it is clear; noted two parts in italic; felt text is supporting the concept of residential; felt map sends another message; does not feel the two pieces work together. Bertsch responded that the text is talking about the internal portion; the bubbles are concepts along the thoroughfares; feels residential sends a message; said in planning circles, suburban office is less obtrusive than apartments; you can control open space; is only occupied for limited hours. SO can be less intrusive; noted if those parcels were to be assembled, it would be for suburban office or apartments. Hogan reminded of resolution of residential for Hamilton Road; said in this realm of residential, doesn't mind upscale; feels we have enough apartments in Olde Gahanna; feels it is imperative we adopt a conceptual plan that is not against us--rather for us; said when putting parcels together, the price goes up; questioned how do we put in the conceptual plan that we want this single family residential, so a developer goes somewhere else. Bertsch said you can as long as you do not state ownership or occupant; said he recommends against anything that infers "upscale;" said you may even want to explore with a new concept of single family; said that message needs to be made very clear so it can be passed on. Payne noted a large parcel on Carpenter Road. Bertsch responded that those are very deep lots; said there have been a number of inquiries to begin lot splits and take the rear of those lots off; said if you are going to develop Carpenter Road, you need both side at the same time; noted when they changed from O/R to R/O, that bubble was left off. Kneeland said he was concerned that this is looking like a zoning map; felt the map should go away; felt the text is what we need to concentrate on to protect the properties, or we will be in position of trying to convey what a concept is---multi family and suburban office.

James-Arnold noted that 5 years ago, she was approached to put together land for this; knows our Planning Commission and administration have told people what is in place; said she agrees that we need to tighten up and drop this map. Angelou felt anything should be residential. Mayor said we have been assaulted for use of this land; said we

need a plan and it needs to be a strong plan so we can go to court with it.; said you can comply with the law and be a lousy neighbor; noting these bubbles; if developers get hold of them, we start fighting the zode violations; if we can assemble one of these bubbles and secure the neighborhood. Angelou reminded of plans that are constantly changing; obviously we change all the time; said at this time, feels looking at this we need single family.; may look later, and feel this is not appropriate.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES Reports were distributed on meetings of 7/14/99.

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland

Kneeland advised that the Y2K testing had started this date. The Y2K Task Force will meet at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, Wednesday, June 23; committee rooms.

Finance - Angelou

Angelou announced Finance meetings for 8-10 p.m., 6/28; 7-9 p.m., 6/29; and after meeting of 7/6. Budget could then be passed at a special meeting on 7/12.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

Clerk - (Legal)

Mayor's Court Report - May, 1999

990267

NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND SIDNEY I. AND SELMA K. BLATT AND FRANKLIN STEEL, OF DESIRE TO EXERCISE OPTION TO REPAY TO FIRSTSTAR THE AMOUNT OF \$640,000 ON JULY 29, 1999. REQUEST TO PREPAY THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$640,000 OF BONDS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1999

Council

President announced that Solid Waste Authority has requested time to go over their 5-year update. Has invited for the July 6 meeting.

It was noted that there is a need for round table discussion with some of our recreation groups; reports had been heard from junior league; reports of money spend in other communities; it was noted we are low because of great volunteers; there is pressure on our fields; questions on whether this should be done in Committee of the Whole. Director of Parks and Recreation Mitchell advised he is scheduling such a meeting at the next Parks and Recreation Board--7:00 p.m., Wednesday in the Tax Conference Room; may go to the Senior Center.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

990251

TO ZONE 42.035+/- ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SF-2/ROD, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-2 BASE ZONING, WITH RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6505 MORSE ROAD; GLEN DUGGER, AGENT FOR APPLICANT.

Discussion: Kelley said he made a trip to Lakes at Powell, and one of the things he noticed was sthe siding was all the same; it had a project look. Glen Dugger, representing the applicant, said it is one of the better kinds of siding; is a particular New Albany type siding; there were some variations; there is no color specified;; is of high quality, embossed wood look. Angelou said when she want out to visit, did not see a lot

of open space. Dugger responded that this proposal has 4 to 5 times the open space in the plan. Angelou said she also felt the homes are large for the lot; questioned also the average price as \$234,000. Dugger responded that the signs usually read from a certain amount of money, listing their lowest version to the high end; said he has actual figures to back that average price. Angelou said she would like more brick and stone. Dugger reminded that this is not a neighborhood of custom homes (as in Harrison Pond); said they are trying to mix income levels a little bit more. James-Arnold noted have owned an M/I home, there are many things they do not have; clarified the parkland dedication. Dugger responded that the parkland will be given to the City for our use.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Vice President of Council Payne, that this matter be Adopted. 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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J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

K. REPRESENTATIVES

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Next meeting, June 23

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor

Reported that Director of Public Service Jordan's operation went very well; he is home recuperating; is anxious to get his paper work; hopes to be back this week.

City Attorney

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Stinchcomb thanked everyone for Creekside. So different when we look at the plans we had; especially thanked administration and staff who went way over and above the call of duty; everyone who made this one of the most exciting developments we have seen, and it is something everyone is going to use. James-Arnold thanked everyone; said a lot of pride was seen in everyone's faces; we (Council) approved the funds and the others did the work; most residents gave input and approval by the look of pure joy on their faces ; walking around and--saying this is Gahanna--lets move on to the next part. Keeland said he remembers about 3 years ago; felt we have only just begun. Angelou said it was a spectacular day; gave a special thank you for all the people that did such a job of pulling things together; especially thanked Sadicka, Tom, Karl, Raleigh--everyone in this building; said it was just a great day for Gahanna; said it is a spark that is going to ignite the economic development; what is going to come in the Creekside Development is what is going to build our commitment to this older part of the community. Hogan said figures don't lie, but liars figure; said it is a fact, we have more park land per capita than any other cities; said Creekside was fantastic; was a fun time--teamwork--administration, employees, citizens, and council; felt Wally was a very nice gentleman. Payne commended the administration and staff; said everyone did go beyond the call of duty; said they wanted this development to be family oriented, and that is what you saw. Lola's has been full of eating people; feels businesses will see economic improvement. Kelley thanked Sadicka; said he has been back twice with his children; had talked to a

family there from Marysville; enjoyed talking about future plans.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Payne, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, to go into Executive Session to confer with legal counsel and to discuss land acquisition.. 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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Council tose to report to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 9:39 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT - 9:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Payne, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.

Chair Signature