

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2000

CORRECTED AGENDA

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

*Debra A. Payne, President of Council
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Vice President of Council
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member
Michael O'Brien, Council Member
Donald R. Shepherd, Council Member
Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AAE, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 20, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. Vice President of Council Rebecca W. Stinchcomb called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Vice President Stinchcomb delivered an Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Shepherd.

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

Members Absent: Debra A. Payne

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Stinchcomb noted that a corrected agenda had been distributed and was to be used for the meeting this evening.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS

Nick Hogan, 1040 Venetian Way, stated he was addressing Council as a resident based on recommendation of City Attorney Weber; 3 items on agenda that Council should take a second look at; first one is Creekside Slum and Blight study; work in that area; and it is not a slum area; only purpose is to try and get grant money and feel it would be under false pretenses if we were to obtain grants;;study designates a major repair as adding an awning; commercial square footage is 115,250 with a vacancy rate of 9,300 s.f. which is a 92% occupancy rate in Olde Gahanna; show me any other area in town that has that; this makes no sense; purpose is for grants and is not right; second issue is the Creekside Concept Plan; this Council fought the Planning Commission when they had a concept plan for the Heartland area and told them they couldn't look at possible future commercial and every member of Council said you can't have a concept plan; when do they become reality so you can now pass something that includes a concept; plan is for \$23 million and we know we can't afford that; plan calls for a garage; know there are 2000 employees planned and we know we can't handle that traffic;; ask you to put together a plan that we can handle; residents have spoken out that they don't want mill race going under Mill Street; plan specifically calls for it; taking a portion of it under the road and could be instituted in the future; consider the wishes of the people who have spoken; third issue is agreement with Urban Spaces; appropriation of \$140,000 tonight of which \$100,000 has already been spent with no authorization; Mayor objected when he said at a meeting that we were moving into engineering functions and we're not seeing the plans; Council indicated in that same meeting that we had pushed for this additional work; under what authority did we push Groves; Council did go on to say that it had gone further than anticipated; when we hire consultants it is imperative to keep them within contract; that before that additional \$100,000 is expended they come back to us for approval.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Ordinances and Statutory Resolution, introduced by title, by Angelou.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

[ORD-0267-2000](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Convention & Visitors Bureau

Introduced**ORD-0268-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Police Retirements & Resignations

Introduced**ORD-0269-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Statutory Refunds

Introduced**Supplemental - Real Estate Tax**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Real Estate Tax

Introduced, to Development Committee**ORD-0273-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KANWAL N. AND LYNN W. SINGH FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON TAYLOR ROAD; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$550,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0274-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH N. M. SAVKO & SONS, INC., FOR THE PRICE ROAD WATERLINE; IMPROVEMENT NO. 751; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$75,760 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced**ORD-0275-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Mayor's Court

Introduced, to Communications & Technology Committee**ORD-0276-2000**

TO REDEFINE THE JOB RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PART-TIME PLANNER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2001; TO SET COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0277-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Income Tax Sharing Agreement

Introduced**ORD-0278-2000**

TO ADOPT THE HAMILTON ROAD CORRIDOR/TRIANGLE AREA TRAFFIC STUDY, PREPARED BY MOODY/NOLAN LTD., INC. FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO

Introduced**ORD-0279-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GGC ENGINEERS, FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE PRICE ROAD WATERLINE, IMPROVEMENT NO. 751; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$5,800 THEREFOR; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced**ORD-0280-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GGC ENGINEERING, FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR BALLARD DRIVE LIGHTING; IMPROVEMENT #540, TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$3,300 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced

ORD-0281-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, FOR UPDATE OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER ATLASES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0282-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Big Walnut Bridge

Introduced

ORD-0283-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Additional Inspection Fees - Big Walnut Bridge

Introduced

Statutory Resolutions Requiring Two Readings

SR-0008-2000

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, CONSISTING OF 0.141 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF 2.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY JACK A AND SUE WILLIAMS, FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR THE TRIANGLE WEST SUBTRUNK SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 740; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes - To Approve

2000-0004

To Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 6, 2000

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt as Emergency

ORD-0271-2000

TO AMEND SECTION 941.15, PICKUP AND DISPOSAL FEES, FOR REFUSE AND GARBAGE PICKUP, TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2001; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; 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-0253-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0257-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2000 FISCAL YEAR WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION TO REPRESENT INDIGENT PERSONS BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS UNDER GAHANNA ORDINANCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0258-2000

TO AMEND SECTION 1150.02, DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICTS CREATED, OF CHAPTER 1150, OLDE GAHANNA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, OF THE

CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0263-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Police Prisoners

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0264-2000

TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, STREET AND STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 723; AND SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 724; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN THE GREENS AT CLARENTON, SECTION 1, PART 2; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0265-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MYERS SCHMALENBERGER FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE WEST GAHANNA GATEWAY LANDSCAPE PROJECT, PHASE II; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Postponed to Date Certain of December 4, 2000**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.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading**RES-0036-2000**

TO STATE OBJECTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LITTLE DARBY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution**MR-0073-2000**

Motion Resolution to redirect funds originally appropriated for cabinet in Council office; to allow for purchase of a storage cabinet for committee rooms; not to exceed \$550; funds available in 101.111.5513, Capital Projects, Council.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0074-2000

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the transfer of Liquor Permit from 161 Mill Street Inc., dba 161 Mill St., 1st Floor, to 161 Mill Street Inc., dba Coaches, 230 Granville Street.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0075-2000

Motion Resolution that the City has an objection to the request for New Liquor Permit for Discount Drug Mart, Inc., dba Drug Mart; corner of Hamilton and Beecher Roads, due to the lack of a building on site.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0076-2000

Motion Resolution that taxes paid in error in the amount of \$217.93 be refunded to Diane Bell, 5266 Clotts Road, because she is not a Gahanna resident.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0077-2000

Motion Resolution that taxes withheld in error by the State of Ohio be refunded to

Stanton Culp, in the mount of \$1,300.22, as when he moved out of Gahanna, the withholding did not stop.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0078-2000

Motion Resolution to allow use of funds appropraited for various street projects - Asphalt Overlay Contract and Inspection, Concrete Street Contract and Inspection - to be used for cost overruns on Rt. 62, Dark Star and Beecher Contract and Inspection and the Clark & Oklahoma, Design, Inspection and Contract; breakdown of costs attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0079-2000

Motion Resolution to allow use of funding in the amount of \$14,000 in Account No. 101.145.5533, Capital Projects, Engineering, to be used for the ITS Project mast arm lighting Ridenour Road.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

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

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Stinchcomb read rules for Public Hearings..

Z-0012-2000

To consider a zoning application for 1.8+/- acres of newly annexed property located at 4618 N. Hamilton Road; requested zoning of CC-2, Community Commerical 2; Continental Real Estate by Sean Cullen, applicant. (Public Hearing. Advertised in RFE on 9/21/00 & 9/28/00)

President opened Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Jennifer D'Ambrosio, Deputy Director of Development; stated applicant was requesting that 1.8 acres recently annexed be zoned CC-2, Community Commercial; do have recommendation from Planning Commission; this is a part of the aggregation of parcels on N. Hamilton Road for the proposed Giant Eagle.

President asked for opponents. There were none.

President closed Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

In response to question from Stinchcomb, Cullen displayed drawing showing this piece of property in conjunction with the other properties currently being rezoned and aggregated.

Hogan raised question on access at traffic light by StoneRidge and preliminary plan showing three curb cuts. Cullen stated this was considered; reconsidered the initial site

plan and eliminated one; worked with City Engineer on that issue.

Kneeland asked if there were any unique drainage problems in the area. Cullen stated there was nothing out of the ordinary; is a creek that is being buffered but nothing unusual in the way of drainage.

Stinchcomb stated this item would be discussed in Development Committee at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 27.

Z-0013-2000

To consider an initial zoning for 28.7+/- acres located at 6547 Clark State Road and known as the Hannah property; ER-1 zoning pursuant to Section 1133.08 of the Codified Ordinances; City of Gahanna, landowner.

Vice President opened Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m.

Jennifer D'Ambrosio, Deputy Director of Development, stated this was the city owned property recently annexed; intent is to use as a park; requesting this be zoned to ER-1 as which is standard procedure for this size property on an initial zoning.

Vice President asked for opponents. There were none.

Vice President closed Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

O'Brien asked Mayor if we did move forward with a lot split for the property the home sits on will we have to come back for another zoning. Mayor noted that we are attempting to do a 1 acre lot; that would require a zoning change to the ER-2 category; sale of this would maximize our return on the property.

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G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland**

Kneeland stated a lot a conduit has been put in last couple of days; hope to get Needs Assessment in committee next week.

Development Committee - Angelou

Angelou noted there was a Resolution removed from the corrected agenda this evening regarding the township boundary lines; was not ready for action tonight; need to put that on as a monitor item; feel we need to do that this year; it needs to be done; possibly we need to consider a policy change that we do it with each annexation so we don't run into same situation while we waited; discuss as a regular item on next agenda.

Service Committee - Stinchcomb

Stinchcomb stated that the West Gahanna Entry Phase II was discussed; requested of City Engineer that it be brought back to Service Committee; received a request this evening to bring to Committee of the Whole; ask that it be added to next week's agenda; will have updated plans to look at.

Safety Committee - Hogan: No Report.**Committee of the Whole - Stinchcomb**

Stinchcomb stated that we had discussed the relationship with Franklin County

Emergency Management Agency and Mayor would like to address that. McGregor stated there was been excellent cooperation from Thomas on relocating the siren; AEP is looking to donate a pole; Moose Lodge has donated property; Franklin County is providing the triggering device to allow it to be set off by the County system; siren is repaired and this should come together shortly.

McGregor continued that a letter has been written to Thomas withdrawing our withdrawal; should go out tomorrow morning; look forward to continuing to work with the County. Stinchcomb stated she appreciated the Mayor and Thomas taking the time to work on this issue. Hogan stated we are approaching appropriations and was pointed out that we do have holes in our system; asked Thomas if they would be supplying us with the maps to show that area. Thomas stated he had agreed to do that; did have some suggestions this morning but not happy with it totally and want to rework it one more time; will relay those to the Mayor when we have appropriate locations sited. McGregor noted that we could also use our police officers in the field when the sirens go off; see where the blank areas are and where we are getting coverage that grid says we're not getting; Franklin County Deputy Director under Thomas lives in College Park and is outside the circle but hears it well; great wall seems to rebounding the siren and making it broader; some obstruction may make a smaller grid; General Williams won't start until we have a place for him to sit; he will study that and see where the real gaps exist; that will take a couple of months; feel this would become a savings account issue when we know what it is and should not be a part of appropriations.

Finance - Angelou

Angelou stated tentative meetings had been set for appropriations on the 27th and 28th with the paperwork to be in packets on 22nd. Isler stated they will not be available. Angelou noted we will start discussions on the 4th and 5th of December with continuation on the 11th and 12th, if necessary. Stinchcomb stated she had a mandatory work commitment on the 5th and won't make it; brought that up before; would like to be at these meetings.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

Clerk - Legal

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinances Reported Out of Committee

[ORD-0252-2000](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Garage Mechanic

McGregor stated there is a web-site in which you can type in the name of your city and your job description and it will tell you what positions are paying in the area; have talked to people in private industry and it appears that our Mechanic I is a competitive salary for an experienced mechanic; during the interview process we may discover that's not an accurate assumption, at which point we could come back for Mechanic II; doesn't feel we should be paying more than the market requires, our salary should be competitive and it appears that the Mechanic I is competitive; believe we should test that premise before we pay more for services than we're able to get at a fairer price.

Angelou stated that the test is sometime in January, that is all prefaced on the fact that it would be a Mechanic II hired and if the test is not going to be given until January then

there is no need for this piece of legislation; however, do believe this has been the controversy - do we need the Mechanic I as was previously asked for or do we need the Mechanic II; agree that if we can get a Mechanic I competitively that's the way we should go, again don't see any need for this particular ordinance at this time.

In response to question from Kneeland, Mayor responded that competitive cities around Central Ohio were looked at; probably included MORPC's data and it appeared that the City of Gahanna was competitive city to city; reference was from a national resource and will share it with Council.

O'Brien stated we need an experienced mechanic; held our first joint committee meeting with Jefferson and Mifflin Township and it was unanimous amongst all agencies present that we are short handed in the garage; they all felt we needed to have experienced mechanics there to do the work, agree with the Mayor that we do need to get the very best deal that we can for our money but what kind of a problem are we going to have with two people doing the same job but being paid differently; that's something that we really need to be thinking about between now and January when we bring this back up.

McGregor stated we have that in most areas of work in the City; in fact when you enter into the unclassified contracts we'll be trying to sort them out; gave Angelou copies of those for first proposal for Council review this evening; fairness is very hard to determine and is in the eye of the beholder; what seems fair from one perspective doesn't seem fair in another perspective; wage inflation that has taken place here in Franklin County is phenomenal in many fields; data appears to support Mechanic I, but it appears to be a competitive rate; do agree that we need an experienced mechanic and not someone who needs training; if we fail at the one then have no objection with going to the two.

In response to question from , Hall stated the current Mechanic II list expires on November 24; even if legislation passes, Mayor has final hiring authority; it might be too late. Hogan stated that if we pass the ordinance tonight for the supplemental and we can't hire someone because they're not available, then obviously we're not going to carry it over to the next year; issue can be carried over, but the money will be gone.

Angelou stated if this was passed and we went after the Mechanic II, the list is good until the 24th; if nobody was left on the list, we still would run into the issue that the Mayor believes that a Mechanic I can fulfill what's needed in the garage; that's something that administration needs to develop not Council; this is something that should be acted upon at appropriations; a Mechanic I cannot be tested until the middle of January; am aware that it was brought up at the joint meeting and that there is some amount of problem about getting work done in the garage for those entities that are paying us and that we're partnering with; certainly we don't want to lose their business.

Hogan stated that if the Mayor doesn't want to hire someone they don't get hired; let's assume the ordinance would pass tonight and we simply gave you the authority to hire someone and you decided that you didn't want to. McGregor responded that he would not want to divide Council's direction; but guess that it is true. Hogan stated we want a fully trained and operational Mechanic who can do the job when he walks in the door.

Stinchcomb stated husband is in the field as an automotive engineer; looked at the job description with Col. Hall last week and felt that a Mechanic I is an experienced person and would be able to do the job; felt the salary of a Mechanic I is competitive with what private sector would be paying.

Angelou stated that at joint meeting that Councilmen O'Brien chaired there was some concern about whether or not things were being done in a timely manner at the garage; obviously Mifflin Township has their own mechanic based in our garage; however, their own mechanic doesn't only work on their things so it might be a good idea to have another joint meeting with Mifflin Township to find out what are some of their concerns; Mifflin does have a meeting tomorrow evening and perhaps discussing the issues more in-depth is needed to keep the good partnership that we have; perhaps getting another mechanic is one of those things that is a necessity.

A motion was made by Council Member O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

ORD-0259-2000

TO ZONE 2.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS CC-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MODIFIED; CURRENTLY ZONED L-AR; TO ZONE 1.80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MODIFIED; CURRENTLY ZONED AS ER-2; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4598 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD AND EXTENDING TO THE EAST; CONTINENTAL REAL ESTATE BY SEAN CULLEN, APPLICANT.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member O'Brien, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ORD-0261-2000

TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH URBAN SPACES; TO ALLOW CONTINUING SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BY ORD-0099-2000; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$140,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

Yes	5	Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
Abstain, COI	1	Council Member Hogan
Absent	1	President of Council Payne

ORD-0266-2000

TO ADOPT THE CREEKSIDE CONCEPT PLAN, PREPARED BY URBAN SPACES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO

Angelou stated she believed this plan goes further than what is expected to happen in next few years; this plan is continually in motion; will be massaging and changing it; can see that in 40 or 50 years we would potentially have a larger plan than what is there; this will be driven by private enterprise; the seed area we are able to accomplish immediately is stopping with creek enhancement and canal enhancement; this project will draw

private enterprise to make the rest of this happen; in looking at financial picture it is clear that the City at this time could not forge ahead on a \$23 million project at one time; can do a portion of that project and look to the future and private enterprise driving the rest; adopting this plan, with recommendation by Planning Commission and CIC input, is something that should be done at this time; can not be done in one short period of time; will be many years in the making; as we go into Holiday Lights we will see again how people are anxious for more things to be happening; feel comfortable with adopting the plan knowing full well we are not going forward with entire plan and that it may be reinvented many times; think it does give us a direction and feel comfortable with that direction.

O'Brien stated he would like to make a point for all citizens to recognize that this ordinance doesn't spend any money; this is a concept; if anything it protects the citizens against unwanted private development that could go in and give us an architecturally displeasing development; this does give people of Gahanna some control of what goes on down there; gives us a direction; if for the benefit of all people; this did go to Planning Commission and their considerations were adopted as part of ours; hope we are able to preserve the area for a gathering place for the community; this isn't a finality as indicated by other members of Council; this represents thousands of hours of community input, departmental input, as well as outside consultants; this is good for Gahanna.

Kneeland reiterated that this is not brick and mortar; creating an opportunity that we can make history happen; all have envisioned what can be done in Olde Gahanna; without a plan it is not possible.

Stinchcomb also stated that this doesn't spend money and there is no time frame; private industry will drive any time frame.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member O'Brien, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	5	Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
Abstain, COI	1	Council Member Hogan
Absent	1	President of Council Payne

Statutory Resolutions Reported Out of Committee

SR-0007-2000

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND DESIGNATING A BLIGHTED AREA KNOWN AS "CREEKSIDE"

A motion was made by Council Member O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Angelou, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent	1	President of Council Payne
Yes	5	Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
Abstain, COI	1	Council Member Hogan

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

K. REPRESENTATIVES

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Kneeland noted next meeting is December 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No Report.**Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools**

Clerk noted that School Board Member Marlene Eader's mother had passed away. Council expressed their condolences and requested a card be sent.

In response to question, Clerk noted she would e-mail Council Tuesday for attendance at School Board meeting for December.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien

O'Brien stated the committee had met last Thursday; present were Jim Noe, newest School Board member, and Bob Mehl; Mifflin Township Trustee Dick Angelou; Jefferson Township Administrator Ellen Walker and Fire Chief Dale Ingram; from City were myself, Dave Thom from Planning Commission and Development Director Sadicka White; was a great meeting; started out by trying to develop an informal purpose and that was to find commonalities for schools, townships and City; also agreed we would not discuss any issues that could not be settled that evening; felt everyone left meeting with understanding that there were areas we could work on including priorities of schools, and overall safety; all entities are working on disaster planning and that can be coordinated; technology and sharing of fiber optics is another common issue and is one of the things that City and schools are out in front on; need to make our Thoroughfare plans and our development plans available to other jurisdictions so they can plan; was some confusion regarding joint fueling and how prices are set; need to know what that contract says and how prices are set; some felt they agreed to criteria in contract; some were told price would be equal to or lower than what would be available at corner station; don't believe that has happened; would like for our next meeting to have a copy of the contract available; set our next meeting for January 30 at Police Station at 7:00 p.m. and would like to have John Kring from City garage attend; also, if possible, General Williams; after that date will meet every three months; was a good way for neighbors to meet and work with commonalities.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS**Mayor**

McGregor stated that Mayor Coleman held press conference regarding traffic congestion; invited all Mayors to look at long range traffic congestion solutions; we are state of the art with our ITS system; we are doing very well comparatively; traffic moves reasonably well; 5 years from now none of our solutions will be adequate unless we find a variety of ways to address; creative efforts are being made; COTA is buying small shuttle buses; they are looking at more outerbelt services rather than just traditional wheel hub; there is a new effort to be innovative and creative; we do have a long term relationship of working with Columbus; glad to see Mayor Coleman's commitment to recognizing the problem as area wide.

City Attorney

Weber noted that with regard to the Township Boundary Resolution we should try to get that filed; we are trying to follow annual schedule; should get to County Commissioners by end of year.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

O'Brien expressed sympathies to Sam & Debra Payne on the passing of Sam's mother; also to Marlene Eader on the loss of her mother; would also like to praise all the work that has gone into Creekside thus far; with all the people involved that has now been going on for 5 or 6 years, it is tremendous; even before there was a Creekside it was moving; appreciate all the citizen input; hundreds of people have responded positively to what is going on down there; suggestions of our citizens have been put in down there.

Hogan stated that with what is happening in Florida, shows that a smaller government where people took care of themselves and neighbors and prices weren't so high, wouldn't be so bad; it wouldn't be as big a thing as this is right now; echo condolences to Payne and Eader families; have a great Thanksgiving; hope your families come home safely; Festival of Lights is back and it is amazing how successful it is and am proud of it; have invitation for City Barbecue at the fire station; Kiwanis want me to walk with them in parade; Council has a float; extend my invitation to you; my company will have doors open from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to come in and warm up and have some hot cider; drop in and won't talk politics just lights and families.

Kneeland stated they had a nice dedication of Veterans' Memorial on November 11; was a very moving ceremony; City of Columbus Fire and Police Pipe and Drum Corps had bagpipers present; publicly thank Mitchell and Parks Department for all their hard work; they always come through; very gracious in getting pa system down there for us and brought bleachers in; veterans are getting up there; amazing how many show up for these events; make sure those memories are not forgotten; my sincere appreciations to everyone involved; also thank Colonel Hall.

Shepherd stated he also attended memorial; nice to be done every year and make it a part of our heritage; something that is needed; appreciate Hogan's concerns on Creekside; a lot of his ideas are in final plan; it is a concept plan; see concept cars each year; is a wish list but gives you a direction to work and find out what is marketable; we need a direction; that's all we have done tonight.

Angelou expressed sincere sympathy to Payne family; those of us who have recently lost our mothers know how painful that is; praise work of volunteers for Holiday Lights; raised \$50,000 and put in countless hours; express our thanks to Parks & Recreation Department, Service Department, Development Department; this is a whole city effort; Council gets to ride on a float but the people here are making it work; the commercials are great and we couldn't do this without volunteers; congratulate them ahead of time; little bit of snow would be nice; everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Stinchcomb congratulated the Kneeland family; George Kneeland's vision is in the Veterans Memorial and Tom and Becky are seeing it through; thank Tom's family who still plant every brick themselves; some of the best money we have spent in the last few years; see you Saturday; dress warm.; Happy Thanksgiving.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Stinchcomb stated that Council would hold an Executive Session under Authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Rules of Procedure to discuss personnel issues (salaries for Council Office staff) and under Authority of Section 5.40(c) to discuss pending litigation.

MOTION by O'Brien, seconded by Shepherd, to go into Executive Session. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: O'Brien, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Angelou, Hogan, Kneeland.

Motion carried.

Council rose to Executive Session at 8:39 p.m.

All members of Council in attendance returned to the dais when the meeting reconvened at 9:59 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 p.m. - Motion by O'Brien.

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature