



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Brian D. Larick, President*  
*Jamie Leeseberg, Vice President*  
*Karen J. Angelou*  
*Nancy R. McGregor*  
*Brian Metzbower*  
*Stephen A. Renner*  
*Michael Schnetzer*

*Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council*  
*Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.*

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Tuesday, September 4, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 4, 2018, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian D. Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Jamie Leeseberg, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on August 31, 2018.

**Present** 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Brian Metzbower, and Nancy R. McGregor

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

None.

#### **C. HEARING OF VISITORS.**

None.

#### **D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:**

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

[ORD-0077-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PERSONAL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY LOCATED AT ACADEMY PARK.

**This Ordinance was introduced.**

[ORD-0078-2018](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- End of Year Salaries & Benefits

This Ordinance was introduced.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes - To Approve:**

[2018-0168](#) Minutes for the August 20, 2018 Council meeting, August 27, 2018 Committee of the Whole and Finance Committee meetings.

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

[ORD-0076-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FOR THE 2018-2019 WINTER SEASON.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

**Statutory Resolutions on Second Reading:**

[SR-0003-2018](#) TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEIL DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 1047.

This Statutory Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS:**

[MR-0036-2018](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR-END PROJECTION OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Larick, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

**End of the Consent Agenda**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**G. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

None.

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk**

None.

**Council**

Leeseberg said he and Brian Metzbower spoke about government and City Council to Ms. Airel's third grade class at High Point Elementary; they received a lot of thank you cards for their time.

**I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**K. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS: None.**

None.

**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg**

No report.

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

Angelou said the Executive Committee meets this Thursday and regular meeting will be one week from Thursday.

**Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education - Metzbower**

No report.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Renner**

On Sunday, October 7, Visit Gahanna will host a brand new event

called “Pies in the Park.” Held in beautiful Friendship Park on a fall afternoon, the event will feature Gahanna’s best pizzas, along with beverages, free family activities, music and more. Over the past two weeks, Visit Gahanna has been busy developing marketing materials (logo, posters, flyers, postcards and more), securing sponsors, organizing logistics and securing vendors. More details on the event will soon be available on [visitgahanna.com](http://visitgahanna.com). To get involved (whether as a sponsor, vendor or volunteer), contact Visit Gahanna at [info@visitgahanna.com](mailto:info@visitgahanna.com).

- In an effort to decrease costs while maximizing marketing exposure for Gahanna, Visit Gahanna has increased its partnerships with both the state tourism office and Experience Columbus to take advantage of opportunities to promote businesses, attractions and events in the city - including expanding our presence in the group tour market and leveraging cross-promotional opportunities for the Herbal Cocktail Trail and more.
- In relation to its expanded partnership with Experience Columbus, Team Visit Gahanna has been developing new group itineraries and designing and creating marketing profile sheets to promote to tour operators. These will be used during an upcoming travel show with operators that is scheduled for next week in Indiana. The team is already working on bookings for the 2019 season. This Saturday, September 8, Visit Gahanna will welcome a group tour from Wisconsin, who will be participating in a customized workshop at the Ohio Herb Center and touring Gahanna herbal gardens.
- Staff of Visit Gahanna provided organizational and marketing support to the Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce in its recent presentation of the 21st annual Taste of Gahanna, held last Thursday evening in its new location at Creekside Plaza. Approximately 300 attendees enjoyed delicious food from more than 20+ Gahanna area restaurants.
- In an effort to further grow its position in the statewide tourism industry, Visit Gahanna staff has been working with the Ohio Travel Association in planning the upcoming 2018 Ohio Conference on Travel, specifically in developing an educational “boot camp” for CVBs across the state. This year’s Conference will be held in late September in Sandusky.

**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor**

First Ministerial Association meeting from May; walked through Issue 29; offer from one of the pastors to have coffee and inform voters; there are 6 meetings that are on the same night; might need help; this is opening weekend for soccer; Mayor asked if anyone can spend an hour or two; make sure on the schedule; Sunday will be same people; FAQ is done; it's a clear and concise message; City website is supposed to launch tonight; working through issues; he has master calendar; will send out for distribution; if you'd like to participate in any meetings let him know.

**City Attorney**

No report.

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Angelou stated CIC presentation was really interesting; noted social media is very negative; some people have no clue about the process on branding and the website; a lot of dialogue is not correct; potentially at some point, say something back about the true inaccurate information; get the facts out there; we are not buying Creekside; she doesn't know why people are wishing for bad things for the City; it doesn't make sense to her; she is a person who certainly has good ethics and religion; she would like to come up with something with the group.

McGregor said Touch A Truck is a great event; fun for the kids.

Metzbower said he echoes Angelou's thoughts about social media.

Renner said Angelou's comments are spot on; he said it's going on in the whole Country; he was at presentation on Friday and the speaker said that it's the elected official's duty to make things better; he totally believes that; it's the resident's duty to make things better; doesn't understand why anyone would get on social media and tear the City apart; deliver fake news; he would do anything to help with this matter to help alleviate the negativity; on a cheery note; family rode bikes from Morse Rd all the way to Price Rd to Hamilton Road and Rocky Fork to get a donut; someday he'd love the trails to be completely united; to have trails that we have is

remarkable; fantastic family time; then played basketball.

Schnetzer said his little guy loved Touch A Truck; he spent a solid three hours admiring the truck; nice to have low cost entertainment for him; piggy backing on what the Mayor and Angelou said while the FAQ is great and the video is great, it's going to be impossible to answer every single question; that's why face to face interaction with the City is very beneficial to get the residents informed; everyone think about organizations, whether it's Scouts, Soccer Assoc., etc. any network that you can get tapped into to get voters the facts; try to get as many groups together as possible.

Leeseberg said the presentation on Friday was very interesting; somebody asked him the definition of insanity; he agreed with most of the presentation; heard a lot of suggestions; found it interesting; we try to do what we think is right; he'd like to see some of the ideas get implemented; he agrees with Angelou on social media; he's felt that way for a long time; frustrating to say the least; he tells people to come to him instead getting information off social media.

Larick said he enjoyed Touch A Truck; he went by himself and had fun; great event; Taste of Gahanna was great event as well; like to see more people participate; especially when it's due to weather; like to get to a place where that doesn't affect people attending City events.

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(d) of the Council Rules of Procedure to prepare for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.**

**A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Metzbower, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(d) of the Council Rules of Procedure to prepare for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment and under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.**

**President Larick requested Council attend the Executive Session to be held in the Council Conference Room.**

**Council rose to Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.**

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. with no action taken.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

- by Larick at 7:55 p.m.