

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 18, 2013**

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

**7:00 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Stephen A. Renner, President*

*Ryan P. Jolley, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Karen J. Angelou*

*Brian D. Larick*

*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, March 18, 2013, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council Stephen A. Renner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Council Member Jolley followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Larick. Agenda for this meeting was published on March 14, 2013. Renner stated Mayor would be joining us during the meeting as she was attending the Harrison Pond Civic Association's annual meeting.

**Members Absent:** David L. Samuel

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

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**B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.****C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Claire Yoder, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, stated the meeting started at 4:30 p.m. as the Boys Basketball team was playing in the Regional Tournament at 6:30; they won on Thursday night but did lose on Saturday; McKenna gave a report from Education Foundation about the recipients for Hall of Fame award - Bill Shade, Michelle Abraham and Eileen Tatman; 3 Cornerstone Award winners were also announced including Randy Allen and Leanne Gabriel. Angelou noted that Claire Yoder was also awarded a Cornerstone award. Yoder continued that there is a young man in 6th grade AP science class who received a scholarship from the Buckeye Association of School Administrators and an organization called Education First; he will be going to Costa Rica on a 10 day environmental science trip; was one of 20 students in country who was eligible to receive this scholarship; great accomplishment for him; also heard from students at Blacklick about Shepherd's Corner and a partnership the kindergartners have with them; this is run by Dominican Sisters; do lots of organic gardening, raise chickens, and sell their organic produce and eggs; great they made that contribution to our school district; Education Foundation Celebration of Excellence brought in \$129,000 net profit; the date for next year has been set for February 22, 2014; this is time of year to hire teachers, acknowledge retirements, etc., very busy right now; Spring Break is next week; hope everyone enjoys.

Wright asked where we stand on the Chinese program; know there was a setback with funding; Superintendent stated support; is anything moving forward on that to continue the program. Yoder stated that at February board meeting a course of study was passed for high school that included a 4 year program in Mandarin Chinese; we do continue to have teachers at the high school who are teaching that and will continue to do so; always looking ahead to improve and be better; will be programs implemented at lower grades, some as enrichment programs after school; more than likely will see some first year Mandarin Chinese in the 8th grade. Wright stated he thought he read it was a comprehensive program starting from kindergarten or early ages and going up to high school; is cut in funds the reason to reassess program and only serve high school and not that comprehensive program. Yoder stated the block grant schools were getting from the federal government encompassed what we have now which is 8-12; we will be taking over the cost; enrichment in elementary level was after school; we are looking at the elementary grades but shouldn't speak to that as a decision has not yet been made; will keep you posted; will definitely have languages at the high school. Wright stated he was a big proponent that foreign language needs to be inside of education; if you could take back to the Board, starting at high school is great but the earlier you start is all the

better; by the time the students would get to high school they already accelerated the pace of what a normal high school student would; am definitely for a comprehensive program where you start at the elementary and the enrichments there so by the time they get to high school they could be taking AP classes; by the time they get to college they wouldn't be struggling and have to take basic classes; if there is any way we can look at that I would like to see it pushed forward. Yoder stated that when it was discussed at one of the coffees, we put dollars and millage with it; yes, we have a wish list and lots of good things are on that wish list; just like the City has their wish list; are two things we have to balance - what needs to be done, what we want to get done and how much money we have; are some additional costs we need to look at.

Anderson stated on that same note, to what extent is the Chinese program impacted in the summer program Yoder stated they have not come out yet with Journey to Learning program; just appointed people who will be coordinating that; programs offered in the summer are based on need; people apply to come to summer school and sometimes the enrollment dictates what we actually do teach; for example, the early intervention reading program has "X" amount of dollars and staff so only "X" amount of spaces are available; am open to all of this. Anderson stated she did understand; was specifically asking about the Chinese program. Yoder stated she can't speak to what the curriculum would be for the summer; coordinators are working on this now; mid to end of April something should come out. Anderson also asked about the status of the Gifted and Talented program; used to start in 3rd grade; now I hear it is starting in the 4th grade; why the change. Yoder stated she was not aware of any changes being made to the GATE program.

Angelou asked about the April meeting. Yoder thanked her for the reminder and stated the April Board meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 10; will be sending out announcements about that change.

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

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

Ordinances introduced, by title, by

#### **ORD-0058-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH OHIO POWER CO., A DIVISION OF AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOR A CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0059-2013**

DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0060-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GAHANNA INFRASTRUCTURE SRTS, PID NUMBER 88483; ALSO KNOWN AS THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PHASE I, IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 961 PROJECT; TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ODOT FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$28,638; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0061-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, PHASE

II, IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 1002; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0062-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND CITY OF GAHANNA FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT, STYGLER ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$30,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced**

**ORD-0063-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CINTAS CORPORATION FOR UNIFORMS, MATS AND TOWELS.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0064-2013**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Sewer System Capital Improvement Capacity Charges

**Introduced**

**ORD-0065-2013**

TO REAUTHORIZE AND CONFIRM THE PLANNED TRANSFERS AS APPROPRIATED IN ORD-0001-2013.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0066-2013**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - FEMA Operational Expenses

**Introduced**

**ORD-0067-2013**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Tax Incentives, Development Tax Rebates

**Introduced**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes - To Approve:**

**2013-0009**

To Approve the Following Set of Minutes:  
1) March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

**ORD-0047-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A TRANSFER EXEMPT PERMIT APPLICATION TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR CHIPOTLE, 95 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD

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

**ORD-0048-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILLION BROTHERS EXCAVATING, INC., FOR TIZ FIBER EXTENSION, PHASE II; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 973.

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

**ORD-0049-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DIRT DAWG EXCAVATING FOR TRIANGLE EAST SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION, PHASE I; IMPROVEMENT NO. SA 871; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$46,060; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0050-2013**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 110 CLARK AVENUE FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM THOMAS A. AND MARGIE A. GYDE.

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

**ORD-0051-2013**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 116 CLARK AVENUE FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FROM JEFFERY AND TRACEY GIRARD.

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

**ORD-0052-2013**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR BUCKLES WATERLINE NEAR TECHCENTER DRIVE FROM ANDRE M. BUCKLES.

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

**ORD-0053-2013**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 907, DRIVEWAYS AND CURB CUTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

**ORD-0054-2013**

TO ALLOW THE SURFACE APPLICATION OF BRINE; FOR DUST CONTROL AT SUBURBAN STEEL SUPPLY.

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

**ORD-0055-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF AN AERIAL BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0056-2013**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR THE YEARLY MAINTENANCE OF GOLF CARTS UTILIZED BY THE GAHANNA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FOR 2013.

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

**ORD-0057-2013**

TO ACCEPT FEES IN LIEU OF LAND DEDICATION FOR MEADOWBROOKE DEVELOPMENT; FROM BROOKWOOD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

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

**Motion Resolution:**

**MR-0013-2013**

Motion Resolution that this Council hereby authorizes payment of the Franklin County Municipal Court invoice in the amount of \$23,790.89.

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

**MR-0014-2013**

Motion Resolution to appoint Judith N. Glenn to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a 2 year term commencing June 1, 2013.

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

**MR-0015-2013**

Motion Resolution that Council hereby authorizes payment of the 1st Quarter Sanitary Sewer Fees to the City of Columbus in the amount of \$232,378.

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

**MR-0016-2013**

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for rock salt for the 2013/2014 season.

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

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

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

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|---------------|----------|---|
| <b>Yes</b>    | <b>6</b> | President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley, Larick, Angelou, Anderson and Wright |
| <b>Absent</b> | <b>1</b> | Samuel  |

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

**Committee of the Whole - Jolley: No Report.**

**Finance, Service & Safety - Larick:**

Larick stated several conversations on shared services have been held in committee; looking at what is currently being done; also looking at some things that may be done; still making progress; additional update in April.

**Development & Parks - Wright:**

Wright referenced the Development Department report regarding access from Hunters Ridge Shopping Center and the new Huntington Bank/Tim Horton's site; also a resolution was reached on 172 Andalus between 2 neighbors and fencing; happy compromise; still needed a variance which passed Planning Commission; good to see neighbors working together; Otterbein Nursing had their Final Development Plan and Design Review approved at Planning Commission; waiting for submission of building plans.

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk:**

Clerk stated that former Council member, Dolly Morgan, passed away last week; a card was sent from Council to her family; Morgan served in the 1980's.

**Council:**

Anderson noted the Twin Rivers Chapter of the Links is holding a Parent Summit this Saturday at Eastmoor Academy from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with lunch included; can register at [twinriverslinks.org](http://twinriverslinks.org).

Angelou stated each member of Council, Mayor and City Attorney have been given a copy of a letter sent to Representative Grossman from MORPC; thought that would be something you would like to see; also received a call from a resident of Blacklick regarding Municipal Income Tax compliance for the City; asked him for information on

his program; have asked Renner to have this placed on Committee of the Whole; Mr. Curtin has been in municipal tax field for many years; believe he has also had contact with Finance Department; has his own consulting company and does business with Grove City, New Albany, etc.; his idea is similar to what we have used in terms of license plates to bring taxes into the City that might be missed; may have \$100,000 sitting on the table; will ask him if he can be here next Monday to pitch his deal; this is revenue that might be lost. Renner asked Angelou to work with the Council office on scheduling.

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

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

**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:**

**RES-0006-2013**

STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF  
ORDINANCE 0034-2013 PENDING FORMAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE  
0034-2013

Motion by Jolley, seconded by Wright to adopt RES-0006-2013.

Motion by Angelou, seconded by Anderson, to postpone indefinitely RES-0006-2013.

**A motion was made by Larick, seconded by Anderson, to amend motion on the floor to  
postpone to date certain of April 1, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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|---------------|----------|---|
| <b>Yes</b>    | <b>5</b> | President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley,<br>Larick, Anderson and Wright |
| <b>No</b>     | <b>1</b> | Angelou   |
| <b>Absent</b> | <b>1</b> | Samuel  |

Jolley stated the intent of this legislation is to give voters a complete picture of what they are going to be voting on when they go to polls on May 7; to postpone this resolution to April 1, that is the day before early voting starts; won't be published in the paper until 2 days after early voting starts; ask you to vote against postponing and discuss this evening.

Anderson stated she was actually in favor of the postponement; was going to ask to postpone until April 1 if the indefinite postponement did not pass; my rationale for that is that we have a lot of conversation and dialogue from constituents; many issues are still not answered; no pending action for it to be passed tonight; heard purpose that was shared but don't think the purpose is fully understood by electorate; this is also outside of our normal procedure; could have been discussed in committee last week; to have that discussion now doesn't allow for us to flush out issues; in addition we have a contingent of citizenry who feels this whole issue of the tax is being rushed and swept very quickly without major dialogue; another example to some of them that this is the same situation that it is something we haven't discussed; from a public relations perspective would be wise to allow us to have dialogue on this so we can bring up thoughts we have heard from our various constituents; from a general view in terms of what this does, am personally not clear on what it does; the ordinance itself allows for that; even if this passes tonight it is something that is not binding; we can vote as we choose to vote; assuming it passes it is not binding; just something saying we intend to do; is conditional; with all those thoughts in mind think we need to flush out the issues; put on the table what we have heard from our constituents and move forward from there within

our normal procedures; lot of misconceptions even among us sitting up here; those are my thoughts with regard to the importance of having dialogue and having open communication; don't think that's been allowed for.

Jolley stated tonight is the perfect opportunity for dialogue; it is open to the public; intent of legislation is quite clear; simple resolution; colleagues indicating that there are issues left unresolved is exactly why this is on the table because the issue is unresolved as to whether this Council will change the tax credit or not; when voters go to the polls given that ORD-0034-2013 is contingent upon the issue passing at the ballot; vote, is unresolved at this point whether Council will vote for or against the tax credit; there is nothing binding in this resolution, but one can infer that anyone who votes for this resolution will similarly vote for the ordinance on May 6; time line was not rushed; we have had 3 public hearings on this issue alone, in addition to all the discussion we have had over the past year or more; am not in favor of postponing.

Wright stated in the matter of issue of the amendment to April 1, and in thinking of the whole aspect of it, may be a fair compromise on coming forward with the resolution; firmly believe that the credit is out of sync with realities of Gahanna; could be simple and less complex; you know when you do your taxes that it gets a little crazy on trying to calculate that based on the percentage; fully believe we need to look at that; needs to be at a consistent level with other municipalities within Franklin County; as for the information given, there has been a plethora of information since I've been on Council in regards to the budget, the process, and in looking at all this we still stand at point of process; the Mayor has proposed what she feels we need for the City; up to citizens to decide what they wish to do moving forward; think amended date for postponement is a fair compromise.

Renner stated that on issue of postponement to date certain greatly sympathize with what Jolley is trying to do; do think we have had time but do agree with some comments of Wright and Anderson; April 1 is a fair time line.

Jolley reiterated that postponing this means that notification will take place after voting has started; a good bulk of absentee voting takes place on first day; intent of this is to put all the information in front of the voters with certainty; we've gotten inquiries on this specific issue; our voters are informed and are looking at this; if we postpone further we are going beyond the date early voting starts; we are locked in to waiting 60 days based on what the tax credit ordinance says on making amendments; pushing past the point where people are making decisions.

Anderson stated the ordinance already provides for that; query is what else does this do; can read it in newspaper; don't see this causes any angst with those voting early; all we need to do is put out the information; one of the objectives and goals of this Council and also the administration is to make a better effort to communicate; and to utilize all of our resources; getting to the people is necessary; just because there has been a plethora of information doesn't mean people are tuned in; is the whole challenge of government; people are apathetic and not involved; some of that is done; not sure having a resolution will make that much of a difference.

Jolley stated he was not sure what colleague was referring to as to what people will know or not know; the issue is that people are inquiring as to whether or not the tax credit will be passed; Council will not be acting on until May 6 per our ordinance restricting us from voting fewer than 60 days after the last public hearing; people will not know until May 6 whether or not Council intends to change the credit; won't matter if they read the newspaper now or 2 weeks from now, they are not going to have that



information; intent is to confer Council's intent to vote for the tax credit; voters will then know that when this is passed if a majority of Council intends to vote for the tax credit; people are inquiring; if someone votes absentee on April 2, without knowing if the credit is going forward, they are not voting on a complete picture; people who are paying attention and work in Columbus know that they will pay more if Council does not pass the credit; if we pass the credit then the tax rate changes; is a completely different piece of information than what is out there right now; our code does not permit voting on the credit until 60 days after the last public hearing.

Larick called the question.

#### **RES-0006-2013**

STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS IN SUPPORT OF  
ORDINANCE 0034-2013 PENDING FORMAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE  
0034-2013

**A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Anderson, to postpone, as amended, to date certain of April 1. The motion failed by the following vote:**

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| <b>Yes</b>    | <b>3</b> | Larick, Angelou and Anderson   |
| <b>Absent</b> | <b>1</b> | Samuel   |
| <b>No</b>     | <b>3</b> | President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley and Wright |

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Jolley, seconded by Wright, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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|---------------|----------|---|
| <b>Yes</b>    | <b>6</b> | President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley, Larick, Angelou, Anderson and Wright |
| <b>Absent</b> | <b>1</b> | Samuel  |

## **L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

### **Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:**

Larick stated next meeting is April 2 at 6:00 p.m. in committee rooms; in committee next week CIC will present their annual report.

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

Angelou stated meeting was last Thursday; in policy committee had 2 resolutions brought forward: "To amend the State fiscal year for the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program and "Amending the Adjusted Columbus Urban Area Based on the 2010 Census"; will be acted on next time; in Commission meeting 2 proposed resolutions; first for "Upgrading GIS license to a 3 Year Small Municipal and County Enterprise License Agreement with ESRI" and "Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into a MOU and Letter of Intent to Participate in the Central Ohio Public Sector IT Partnership"; Auditor of State did give award of distinction for MORPC's finances; Experience Columbus did a wonderful presentation in terms of the \$7.8 million of visitor generated spending; President's Cup golf tournament will be held in Dublin this fall; HB5 is sitting and waiting at this point; did distribute a letter to all of you from MORPC to Rep. Grossman; discussion on transportation budget and the turnpike proposal including raising the speed limit to 70 mph; nothing is moving fast; was able to attend the Columbus Council on World Affairs luncheon; so many wonderful things to hear about; one of the things that stuck out was that there are 109 different languages spoken by those in grades K through 12; New Albany Schools won the International

Education Project of the Year for their hand in hand project with Haiti for clean water.

**Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Angelou:**

Angelou stated a good outline was given by Yoder; congratulate Yoder on Cornerstone Award; certainly something you deserve to have and should be proud of; also of note is that Dwight Carter principal at the high school was named the Digital Learning Principal of the Year.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley:**

Jolley stated they met last Thursday; topic of discussion was the Executive Director search; search committee is starting to tally the scores from 5 folks who were interviewed; whittling down to 2 and then bringing forward to the entire board for further interviews; since some of our big projects like the Blues & Jazz Festival are fast approaching, authorized continuation of consulting contract with our former Executive Director who has been working remotely to help us through this transition; looking for a new part time person but will be holding off until the new Executive Director is in place.

**Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel: No Report.**

**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Mayor:**

Stinchcomb stated she attended the Harrison Pond Civic Association annual meeting; about 50 people in attendance; Chief was also present to discuss safety in the neighborhood; have held 2 Coffee with Mayor events; 6 more are scheduled; the schedule has been published.

**City Attorney: No Report.**

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Wright stated he was a big fan of Speech & Debate Team at the high school; 3 members are going to Nationals in June; the other thing has nothing to do with Council work; am very passionate about foreign language and having that start as a comprehensive program because the situation in US regarding teaching it; by the time we start foreign language in high school you are already behind the eight ball; in Europe, China and other countries they are already learning this in elementary school; to progress as a country we need to grapple with that; have to have the mind set that we want to learn so we can communicate with others; with regard to Chinese, if you are looking at international studies or relations, China is where it is going to be; that's where the economy is going to be and where the population is going to be; if we can get ahead of that curve ball by sending students out of Gahanna that speak fluent Chinese and can communicate, that's not only a tool for college but a good marketing tool for their resume; if you can speak Chinese it isn't a deal breaker but you will be ahead of the curve; vastly important that we start early as in kindergarten and drill it up through 12; by the time they get to college it should be you're done with your Chinese degree so you only need to take 2 classes or is there anything else you'd like to take or whatever foreign language it is; this is something that is of value to us and as a City we need to support; something I'm very passionate about because it has affected my life to where I was able to take foreign language in high school and study abroad; opens your mind and the more you know the better, especially in communication and trying to understand people from a cultural aspect; not many schools have Chinese within their curriculum; most schools is just Spanish and maybe French and/or German; really need to push the

study of Chinese because it is extremely valuable; just wanted to point that out; also want to thank the City for all their efforts they are doing to do better on communications with people; gotten a lot of comments from Ward 2 residents that it is eye opening on how they can call and get answers they need; commend the City on that.

Angelou stated that back on August 6, 2012 we passed an ordinance with waiver and emergency hiring the Slavin Company to do unclassified salary survey and review; have not heard anything and it's been over 6 months. Stinchcomb stated she would be updating Council in executive session.

Anderson stated she would ditto comments of Wright with regard to foreign language; been impacted myself in learning a language and studying abroad; not with just regard to Chinese but it is the language to know since we are so indebted to Chinese; that program has been lauded and aired on local and national news; understand what Yoder was saying about finances, but if we could put our heads together to make a difference to the funding search and get that opportunity it would be great, not only in the school year but in the summer also; the opportunity to travel to our sister city in China and to partner with Chinese community here; there are 109 different languages and more than 140 countries represented in Columbus; am always amazed when I go to United Nations celebration each year; we are a global community and with that it is important to know about other people and other cultures so that when we sit side by side, we are indeed knowledgeable of what is proper etiquette and how to dialogue with others; decisions and remedies for the future will come from that; absolutely imperative.

Larick stated the Celebration of Excellence is a great event; let you know that I will not be here for committees next week.

Jolley congratulated former colleague Yoder; know how much time and effort you put into the community; well deserved award; echo comments of Wright and Anderson in support of foreign language; am a large proponent of that; all comes down to funding; folks in state legislature or federal Department of Education decide that it is a priority for us to educate our children in a foreign language at an early age so they are able to absorb it properly so we can be competitive in global marketplace; Gahanna schools have worked long and hard to make that a reality and it does come down to dollars to spend in the classroom.

Renner thanked Angelou for bringing up the Cornerstone Award for Yoder; it is what we do for our public service but you get an opportunity to be recognized; Friday I had opportunity to chaperone 4th graders from Chapelfield to the Statehouse; Anne Gonzales did a great job of welcoming the entire 4th grade into legislative chambers; got to stand at speaker podium; was fun to watch the 4th graders learn what happens at the state level.

## **O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Jolley, seconded by Anderson, to go into Executive Session 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, official, licensee or regulated individual unless such public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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|---------------|----------|---|
| <b>Yes</b>    | <b>6</b> | President of Council Renner, Vice President of Council Jolley, Larick, Angelou, Anderson and Wright |
| <b>Absent</b> | <b>1</b> | Samuel  |

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. President Renner invited the Mayor, City Attorney, Braun, Wadley, Bell and outside counsel Mike Underwood to the Executive Session. Council rose to report from executive session at 9:20 p.m. with all members in attendance returning to the dais.

**P. ADJOURNMENT: 9:21 p.m. - Motion by Angelou.**

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**Donna L. Jernigan, MMC**  
**Senior Deputy Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2013.*

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**Chair Signature**