



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Thomas J. Wester, Chair
John Hicks, Vice Chair
Bobbie Burba
Joe Keehner
Jennifer Price
Donald R. Shepherd
Michael Suriano

Kayla Holbrook, Deputy Clerk of Council

The Commission may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Gahanna Planning Commission met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio, on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. The agenda for this meeting was published on January 19, 2018. Chair Tom Wester called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Michael Suriano.

Present 7 - Bobbie Burba, Thomas J. Wester, Jennifer Tisone Price, Joe Keehner, John Hicks, Michael Suriano, and Donald R. Shepherd

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2018-0021](#)

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A motion was made by Hicks, seconded by Burba, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Burba, Wester, Price, Keehner, Hicks, Suriano and Shepherd

D. SWEAR IN APPLICANTS & SPEAKERS

City Attorney Shane Ewald administered an oath to those persons wishing to present testimony this evening.

E. APPLICATIONS - PUBLIC COMMENT

[DR-0002-2018](#)

To consider a Certificate of Appropriateness Application for a demolition; for property located at 181 Granville Street; Parcel ID No. 025-000278; City of Gahanna, Grant Crawford, applicant.

Blackford gave a summary of the application; property located south of Shull Ave; reviewed criteria that must be met for approval.

Rob Priestas, Director of Engineering, no questions.

There was no public present to comment.

Burba asked the timeline for tearing it down and building the road; Priestas said demolition is planned for 2018; roadway extension is being looked at; is in the future; identified in Capital Needs Assessment; believe design was requested for 2018; not approved this year; possibly 2019 into 2020; Burba asked if you will redevelop; Priestas said potential; just a concept; not an initiative City is taking; identified Shull Ave to take to the parcel to the south; Suriano clarified what is being shown will not necessarily be the result; Keehner asked if the City has a plan at all; Priestas said seeing general concepts; involves possible access; very preliminary at this time; nothing we have taken a stance on; Keehner said could help stop light in that area; attended workshop at Ohio Historical Society years ago; looked at mid-20th-century architecture; only mid-century thing close to that was that building; not sure if that stone was original to that building; it is the only one in Gahanna but is not super significant; could be interesting to keep the sign; like the fact that you save some things because they are interesting; hopes to keep sign up until firm plans are made; Priestas said will take that into consideration; Shepherd asked if it will be capped or grass; Priestas said intent is to backfill with a suitable base and then soil and seed; basically grass; Shepherd said would almost be nice to have a short-term park or something to add to the area; Wester asked how this will fall into the land use plan; Blackford said at this point we will not have an answer; have not dove into the land use plan deep enough; more opportunities to explore and will be quite varied; Wester asked if it will be a 4th light or potential for roundabout; Priestas said preliminary shows 4th light; could look at a roundabout but requires a large footprint; Burba asked how this impacts the dry cleaners next door; Priestas said they are not impacted; they have an access easement; little to no effect.

Priestas said Fire Department using for training in next few weeks, but they are not burning it down.

A motion was made by Suriano, seconded by Shepherd, that the Design Review be Approved.

Discussion on the Motion: Keehner said going to vote for it.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Burba, Wester, Price, Keehner, Hicks, Suriano and Shepherd

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

G. NEW BUSINESS

H. OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Attorney

No report.

City Engineer

Priestas said working on a comprehensive update to Thouroughfare Plan; plan to present in the next several months.

Planning & Development

Blackford said we had a new land use plan steering committee earlier this week; going through several phases; main discussion on Tuesday was result of Regional Demographic Analysis; looked at growth in Franklin County, Gahanna, and Jefferson Township; we are able to project our growth needs; most analysis will relate to residential side; also will be doing a phone survey; is statistically valid; will do public engagement meetings; will get the tools we need; Wester asked for a scheduled update; Blackford said absolutely; will discuss as frequently as needed.

Council Liaison

No report.

CIC Liaison

No report.

Chair

No report.

I. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

None.

J. POLL MEMBERS FOR COMMENT

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

7:19 p.m. by Hicks.