City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 2, 1998

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

GAHANNA'S VISION is . . .

. . . to be an innovative model community that values its rich heritage, pursues high standards, and where citizens respect one another.

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

Gahanna City Council met in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio, on Monday, February 2, 1998. President of Council Karen J. Angelou called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an Invocation by Council Chaplain Robert W. Kelley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Council member L. Nicholas Hogan.

Members Present: Karen J. Angelou, Robert W. Kelley, L. Nicholas Hogan, Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Debra A. Payne

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

980010 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AT 79 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD (KNOWN AS THE LUSTRON HOUSE); TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE $135,000 THEREFOR

Moved from Consent to Regular agenda under item H

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, that this matter be Referred. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

980004 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, Garage, Capital Projects - Data Processing

Moved from Consent to Regular agenda under item H

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Referred. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

980022 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ROBERT L. HENEMAN FOR EMPLOYEE AUDIT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Added to Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice President Kelley, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Referred. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

980023 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WAYNE BUILDERS CO., LTD., TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL $20,212 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Added to Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Vice President Kelley, that this matter be Referred. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

C. HEARING OF VISITORS

Andrew G. Zukowski, 453 Woodmark Run Drive, said he is not working and the family has had no income since January 10, 1997; is trying to get some help; wants to protect honor; asked the City to not act under duress and not disconnect their water without a good reason; felt the way he was treated by the Mayor and Director of Water should not take place for a family which is in desperate situation; was at Mayor's office, but Mayor would not take any action; thinks City is going wrong direction. Noted having problems with property tax for 6 years, but this year are in desperate situation. Asked city to take proper action to him as a citizen of the U.S. and protect the honor of his family. Angelou noted Water & Sewer Review Board. Zukowski noted writing two letters to water and sewer department. paid $65 on Thursday, but it was not enough; has debt from his credit cards; deeper in debt ; noted property; do not want to pay more tax; contractor did not finish house according to FHA requirements. Said six years is a long time.

Robert Shaffer, represents vending business. food push cart. Spoke to Mr. Tailford and told his request is the first. The rules in Gahanna will be very similar in Columbus. Interested in Academy Park during little league; also in schools areas during little league; has left messages for Director of Parks, but has not heard from him; did not know if this is the proper forum; would like to see if someone can give him some guidance. Tailford had told him he thought little league sports has been given exclusive rights to sell concessions. Felt without free enterprise, there is no one to govern prices. Have sponsored tournaments; have invited people from out of town.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (As amended2/2/98)

A motion was made by Vice President Kelley, seconded by Council Member Payne, to Pass the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

1. Minutes - To Approve - Regular, January 20, 1998

A motion was made by Vice President Kelley, seconded by Council Member Payne, to Approve

2. Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

980015 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Microsoft Office '97

This Matter was Introduced, on the Consent Agenda.

980016 TO ACCEPT THE GENEROUS GIFT OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM JACOR BROADCASTING COMPANY FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

This Matter was Introduced, on the Consent Agenda.

980017 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - D.A.R.E. Program (Gift Distribution)

This Matter was Introduced, on the Consent Agenda.

980018 AN ORDINANCE TO SET FORTH A STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 9.997+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA; REQUESTED BY RICHARD E. CONRAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Introduced, to the Service Committee on the Consent Agenda.

980020 AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE ENTRY BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, RESOLUTION NO. 1169-97, "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PETITION OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA OF 0.96+/- ACRES IN JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA"; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Introduced, to the Development Committee on the Consent Agenda.

980021 TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FROM JAMES L. PURDIE FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES ON JOHNSTOWN ROAD

This Matter was Introduced, to the Development Committee on the Consent Agenda.

3. Ordinances on Second Reading

980005 TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STOTTLEMYER HYDROMULCHING, INC., FOR ENLARGING, SEEDING, AND MULCHING THE ACADEMY WOODS DRIVE SWALE NORTH; TO WAIVE THE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS THEREFOR

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

980009 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO "PCS SITE AGREEMENT" WITH SPRINTCOM, INC., AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

4. Motion Resolution

980012 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING 1998 STREET PROJECTS: TAYLOR ROAD, IMPROVEMENT NO. 645; U.S. 62 INTERSECTIONS, IMPROVEMENT NO. 653; 1998 ASPHALT OVERLAY, IMPROVEMENT NO. 697; FENCHURCH REBUILD, IMPROVEMENT NO. 694

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

980013 COUNCIL FINDS NO OBJECTION TO LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFERS OF D1, D2, D3, AND D6 FROM R. J. SOLOVE TO CAP CITY OF GAHANNA LTD FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1301-03-05 STONERIDGE DRIVE, UNIT 1

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

980014 COUNCIL FINDS NO OBJECTION TO NEW D3A LIQUOR PERMIT BY CAP CITY OF GAHANNA LTD FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1301-03-05 STONERIDGE DRIVE, UNIT 1

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

End of the Consent Agenda

E. PUBLIC MEETING - Riverwalk

President asked Director of Development Sadicka White to lead this presentation. White said this is one of a planned series of forums, and stated the additional dates: Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 6-8 p.m., Gahanna Middle School West Cafeteria; Thursday, February 26, 1998, 3-5 p.m., Gahanna Middle School East Library; Tuesday, March 3, 1998, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., City Hall Council Committee Rooms/Council Chambers; Thursday, March 5, 1998, 6-8 p.m., Gahanna Middle School South Library; and Saturday, March 7, 1998, 9-11 a.m., City Hall Council Committee Rooms/Council Chambers. Called attention to diversity of locations and times; said there will be advertising; will be flyers; said the City is encouraging citizens to come; want as much input from the public as possible on what is being proposed.

White said when she came with the City she was asked to look at the concept of embodying a riverwalk into what we consider downtown Gahanna; noted a plan has already been presented; has tried to talk to citizens, Council persons, residents and businesses; some downtown had some concerns about the plan being proposed for the downtown revitalization. Said in looking at that, surmised 3 concerns: 1. The scope--how much of Olde Gahanna will this entail? 2. The infrastructure--can Gahanna and the road systems handle it? 3. Density--how much space can be accommodated in downtown Gahanna? Said those were the things most people had concerns about; not one said they were flat out against the plan. What about traffic? . . . How will we handle that? So she talked to the consultant. Our downtown needs revitalization; simply said, we want to stimulate what is down there; if we do not embrace and revitalize what is downtown, it will disappear. Said historically the downtowns have literally died--and they do not come back; said this is one of the major problems; one of the major problems we are facing in this country. Noted how we used to shop in our own neighborhoods for our goods, and reminded we live in a totally different market than when we all grew up; felt today we have an option. White continued that she thinks the most exciting thing is we have something on which we can capitalize; we can do a mix, and turn it around; can go into a niche that makes up a special interest ; our Council and Administration have had the vision. Repeated we are talking about a concept; we're trying to take what is visualized and put in on paper.

White requested a response from everyone present. Said if anyone is part of a service group, church group, or whatever, that has an interest in listening, we will try to work that opportunity in to that group for questions and concerns so we can go forward. Traffic; recreation; entertainment opportunities; more commercial; more retail; more office; more residential that will stabilize the residential character that already exists. On map on overhead noted boundaries of this revitalization; pointed out is all on the west side of Mill Street.

Said they are looking at parking; is a concept is not defined; noting on the map an existing parking area and felt we should utilize our resources--provide more parking for the downtown development; Said we're talking about an amphitheater; might have the local choral group perform; a local kind of a production. a number of activities; will be more creek routed into the gazebo area; channel for Big Walnut Creek is 1,300 feet; does not at this time cross Mill Street; are rechanneling the Big Walnut Creek. Said we are talking about a hotel concept for 120-125 rooms; this is a special hotel--is an anchor for the down town; is for local people; also for people from other locations, the towers would be providing entertainment facilities; could provide for some retail space; noted winter activity of ice skating; looking at where it needs to be done; we create the environment so private enterprise will come in; they will make decisions on businesses, restaurants and residential opportunities.

Simply the West side of Gahanna; White said it is her recommendation that is all we need to do; some design criteria. Noted back of the survey --" . . . knowing that all final development is subject to the normal development process in Gahanna according to its Planning and Zoning regulation." White clarified that when it comes to the final plan we will know exactly what the plan would be; assured we are not talking eminent domain. Said most of the people--the critical mass of the revitalization--has not included one building where the people would not be willing to be a part of this revitalization.

Angelou felt this is Phase I, would be driven by the success and private enterprise. If property owners east of Mill street wish to have their property look like what is developed on the west, that will be their own decision. Talked to a property owner on the East side who felt when the West side developed, they would change their plans; noted the parking could be multi-level; amphitheater would be initially 1,000 . Concept is using the water as a focal point and capitalize on that.

Tom Lizskay, 457 Tresham Road, does not have visions; not a visionary; likes opening up the Vista, being able to use bicycle; maybe a second bike path. Right now you can't walk east/west without getting your feet wet. Noted letter he had sent to Council. Said he does not want to hear rock music from the amphitheater, and urged keeping this at a small scale. Felt maybe we will need some kind of a noise ordinance. This has to be done before the businesses that make the noise. Surprised to see the parking garage and where it is; likes the lay of the land as it is now; feels you may need to move that to Mill Street; would be a long walk to the businesses. The post office--hopes we have room in Gahanna for them. Is a step in the right direction. Look at noise, limit amphitheater; move the parking garage. Angelou agreed with the importance of post office; knows they want something centralized.

Jane Turley, 716 Dark Star Avenue, said she has lived in Gahanna over 25 years, and felt she wanted to explain why she supports. Said she served on Design Review Board for 10 years; has seen City officials wrestle with Olde Gahanna; noted work on sidewalks and facades; felt this never caught on with the private sector; will take a bold stroke to create a architecture in Olde Gahanna. Said we've always looked like Westerville or Worthington. Felt it is time for our own character and we need to look at the older parts of the City ; felt it is not a matter of how many commercial areas we should have. Emphasized our identity is in Olde Gahanna. Said she liked the original plan since it addressed all the areas; however, feels this proposal is more doable and realistic; felt parking does solve the problem of how to get that traffic through Olde Gahanna. Felt the current proposal will not erupt the unique mix of residential and businesses on the east side of Mill Street. Is still just a concept and we need to proceed cautiously . Angelou said she still feels Phase I will drive the rest of the plan; does not see original concept gone.

Laura Jack, Ellie Lane, said she seconded comments on the amphitheater and parking garage; felt we are dealing with theoretical maximums; cannot support; said any amphitheater of 8,000 leads to lot of congestion and noise, and not sensitive to the area.

James-Arnold--as a resident--talking about stabilizing residential character; was not going to be another bridge. Reminded that Ridenour is a two-lane road; understands concept plan; neighbors understand they live in a residential area. Questioned putting parking in this location. Noted we do not get 8,000 people at the 4th of July; encouraged everyone in Ward 2 to get to some of these public meetings; still have some tweaking to do on traffic; feels people would like to see some of these things happen, but sees problems on both side of the creek. If we are stabilize residential character, questioned putting a parking garage in the middle of it.

Kelley has great concerns on traffic on Chapelfield and Ridenour; would probably have more comments on these changes; need to come up with a good scale. Noted you can already hear golfers; people at the swimming pool; feels noise will be hard to control. Angelou felt ideas have come from our own people.

Hogan said he is bothered by parking garage; is currently a parking lot; is doubled to 300 with one layer; felt the big thing is with a term "revitalization" thinks of South Ohio Avenue and Detroit. Felt we have so many new businesses springing up every day; many renovations in the last year. feels Olde Gahanna is a viable entity.

Miller thinks revitalization is the good word; said her vision is to take Olde Gahanna one more step; felt our downtown was never like Dublin or Westerville. Noted Ward 3 concerns with the airport with the new runway; trucks in the industrial area. Echoed Mrs. Turley. Asked Council not to back out; felt we need to stick by our plans ; need to have the courage to stick by them; can accept as a Phase I; need to see that this plan continues; feels we may have to have a little inconvenience for the better good.

Richard Peck, 102 Oklahoma Avenue, thanked everyone for getting us to the point where we are today; recognizes as a citizen who wants a place where his children can grow; this is the picture of what we want to have; talking about better ways to accomplish this goal. feels this is the way government is supposed to work said if this ends up different from where we started, then that is the way it is supposed to work.

F. STANDING COMMITTEES Reports distributed on 1/26 meetings.

G. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

1. Clerk - (Legal)

$43,888.41 Franchise Fee Payment received from Time Warner Communications for quarter ending December 31, 1997.

Liquor Permit Licensing Fee Distribution of $402.76.

Safety Report for period ending December, 1997.

Liquor Permit Transfer from R. J. Solove to Cap City of Gahanna, Ltd., and correspondence from Chief of Police Murphy.

New Liquor Permit application for Cap City of Gahanna, Ltd., and correspondence from Chief of Police Murphy.

H. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

1. Ordinances Reported Out of Committee

980004 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, Garage, Capital Projects - Data Processing

to add to title "Capital Projects

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

to change Account No. to read 101.512.5512, Garage, CAPITAL PROJECTS, Data Processing

Amended

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

980010 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY AT 79 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD (KNOWN AS THE LUSTRON HOUSE); TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE $135,000 THEREFOR

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Vice President Kelley, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **7** President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

J. REPRESENTATIVES

1. Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Angelou reported that Sadika White gave overview of the Riverwalk. Officers were elected: Tiny McComb, President, Brad Eldridge, Treasurer, and Karen Angelou, Secretary. The group went over ideas on Riverwalk and that was most of the meeting. Will meet at Heartland Bank on February 23 at 7:30 a.,.m.

K. OFFICIAL REPORTS

1. Mayor

There is a footbridge at Woodside Park. Also a Bicycle Advisory Board.

2. City Attorney

Reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

L. COUNCIL COMMENT

Hogan thanked Sadicka for her work on Riverwalk.

Kelley also urged everyone to vote.

Angelou congratulated Debra Payne on being endorsed for the Senate race.

Angelou noted all members of Council had received letter from Franklin County Commissioners.

Payne announced Children's Defense Fund meeting on the 17th.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Vice President Kelley, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, to go into Executive Session to discussion the appointment of a City employee and to discuss land acquisition. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	**7**	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

Council rose to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

APPOINTMENT - LANDSCAPE BOARD

A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Council Member Payne, to appoint WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS, JR., 431 Tresham Court, to Landscape Board to fill an unexpired term of two years.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	**7**	President of Council Angelou, Vice President Kelley, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Stinchcomb and Council Member Payne

N. ADJOURNMENT- 9:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice President Kelley, seconded by Council Member Hogan, 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