



To: Gahanna City Council
Raymond Mularski, City Attorney

From: Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Date: September 30, 2020

Re: Mayor's Request for Council Action (October 5, 2020 Meeting)

UPDATES

See, Mayor's Report, attached to Council agenda.

ACTION ITEM(S)

ACTION ITEM #1 – REQUEST TO ISSUE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Pursuant to Section 5.02 of the Gahanna Charter, the Mayor, **"with consent and approval of Council, may by ordinance: establish new departments, divisions or other sub-units thereof; abolish, revise, merge or combine departments, divisions or other subunits therefore, whether create by this Charter or by ordinance or resolution, provided they shall not establish, abolish, merge or combine any department which is headed by an official elected by the people of the City... ."**

In an effort to streamline internal operations and align related job functions, we have reorganized the reporting structure of building, zoning and code enforcement duties to fall under the supervision of the City Planner and Zoning Administrator. We now seek to finalize this reorganization by officially separating the Departments of Planning & Development and create a new "Department of Planning" with this realigned structure. Consistent with Section 5.02 of the Gahanna Charter, I am respectfully requesting that Council issue an Ordinance to officially create and recognize the Department of Planning. Because of budget preparations for 2021, and because of Council's current meeting schedule, I am respectfully requesting that the Ordinance be issued with an Emergency/Waiver.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: **Emergency/Waiver**
Vendor Name: N/A
Vendor Address: N/A
Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): N/A