

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 14, 2000

8:15 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Committee of the Whole

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Karen J. Angelou

Sherie James-Arnold

Michael O'Brien

L. Nicholas Hogan

Thomas R. Kneeland

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Members Absent: Sherie James-Arnold and Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Thomas R. Kneeland, L. Nicholas Hogan, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Mayor McGregor, Isobel Sherwood, Jerry Isler, Raleigh Mitchell, Tom Weber, Sadicka White, Tracie Davies, George Jackson; Press; visitors.

ISSUES:

Aggregation - Electric Utility Deregulation Options

Kevin Maynard, AMP Ohio gave a presentation focusing on Local Government Opportunities in a Restructured Energy Industry, explaining what deregulation is doing and opportunities that are now available. (Information from the presentation is available in the Council Office.) Maynard also provided sample ordinance language. Everyone thanked Maynard for the presentation.

Council discussed the need to move immediately to pass legislation to effect a government electricity aggregation; Opt-In and Opt-Out. Opt-Out has to be a ballot issue and if passed, then the City notifies customers that they will be automatically enrolled, but they still will have the right to opt out of the program if they want. Waiver of second reading and emergency language is necessary to pass this at the next Council meeting (August 21st) since the Board of Elections must receive any November ballot issues by August 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Council agreed to proceed with legislation for Opt-Out Aggregation.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Waiver of second, Emergency, Consent.

AL GROVES

Groves said he worked with ODOT today, and things went very well; interesting and productive. There was a concern that ODOT would have a problem with going under Mill Street, but ODOT did not protest it, as long as we meet their standards. They discussed the flood wall, and even though the study is not quite complete, we can do the flood wall and meet FEMA requirements. Groves discussed elevations in the general area and the flood gate, and the need to raise Mill Street up to 800 ft.; and said we can do that.

Groves continued that they have determined that the parking lot as proposed would have too large a footprint. He met with parking consultants this afternoon and they agreed that perhaps a parking structure for approximately 400 automobiles to begin with would be the best way to go; with more parking coming in a future stage. They agreed that the parking garage should be constructed so that you see only the entrance to the parking garage at street level; not have ramp system on the exterior walls; work around the plaza. When the Planning Commission makes their recommendation and Council adopts we will be able to move forward quickly. Groves also presented pictures of various parking garages around the country that would be good models. Groves said it has been a good day and we are moving in a positive direction.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0189-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LOADOMETER CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF WHEEL LOAD WEIGHING DEVICES; AND TO WAIVE THE BIDDING PROCESS

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0194-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MECHANICAL SERVICES INC FOR THE HVAC PORTION OF THE REMODELING OF CITY HALL; TO WAIVE THE BIDDING PROCEDURE; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$18,268 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

It was agreed to proceed with the legislation, but the Administration is to file claims against insurance carriers of American Refrigeration.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0195-2000

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, THE ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL TO ADJUST THE SALARY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2000; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$4,104 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Motion Resolution to forward to the Charter Review Commission, January 1, 2001, under Civil Service unclassified positions, that each department be allowed to have a certain number of unclassified positions, and not list them by name, as it is very limiting in how a department is organized.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES:

Supp. App. - Clerk's Office/Furniture

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Waiver of 2nd, Consent; Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,200.

Inspection of Inspectors

Create Position - Director of Communications

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent.

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council