

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 17, 2008**

**Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Nancy R. McGregor, President*

*Thomas C. Evers, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Shane Ewald*

*Thomas R. Kneeland*

*John R. McAlister*

*David L. Samuel*

*Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council*

**A. CALL TO ORDER - Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:**

*Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, November 17, 2008, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Nancy R. McGregor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Vice President Evers delivered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on November 14, 2008.*

**Members Present:** Nancy R. McGregor, Thomas C. Evers, Thomas R. Kneeland, Shane W. Ewald, John McAlister, Beryl D. Anderson and David L. Samuel

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**B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

*MOTION by Kneeland, seconded by Evers, to move ORD-0261-2008 from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda, Second Reading of Ordinances. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Kneeland, Evers, McAlister, McGregor, Samuel, Anderson, Ewald. Motion carried.*

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

*Jeff Carson, Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education, stated they were hoping to select their architect on Wednesday; 6 or 7 months ago talked about the establishment of an environmental advisory group to have community members advise administration from grass roots level on what we are doing as a district; how we can do better; reducing our carbon footprint; Steve Renner is chairing this committee; all walks of life are on this committee from an elementary young lady, a middle schooler, retirees, parents, etc.; did a brainstorming session; have a small budget; possibly offer grants to students; ask how they think we can do better; right away an elementary student whose grandparents live in a condo talked about the fact they don't have a recycling program; talked about filing petitions and getting signatures to try to get them to do recycling; award her with grant money; one issue one person; get people more involved; real excited about that. announce that Ohio School Board Association met in a week long conference last week where governor spoke about school funding issue; he has 6 more roundtable sessions across the state; dates are set; mentioned he will be putting forth legislation to revamp school funding; if legislators will not move forward will put on ballot for voters to decide; that's what's going on now in the schools. Anderson asked about the meeting on Wednesday and the 6 roundtable sessions. Carson stated the meeting on Wednesday is at 5:00 p.m. at the central office; of the 6 sessions one is in Columbus and believe it is on the 22nd; is by invitation only but will be telecast; will double check and let you know.*

*Lynne Vermillion, 647 Ridenour Road, stated that on 11/3 due to concerns with child safety you chose not to extend the leash waiver at Pizzurro Park; appreciate your concerns but ask one more thing; if you are worried about child safety you should ask Parks Department to build a small fence around the playground; even though dogs must be on leash, the ordinance will not protect children; people will still let their dogs out of their car to run to the fenced dog park area; on crowded days cars are parked right in front of the playground; second issue is that playground is much closer to the road than any other park; just about 20' to the playground from the parking area and kids could run out into the road; third concern is that when the east field is included in the dog park area it will run right behind the playground; without another layer of separation kids could stick fingers through fence; ask for a small 3' or 4' fence around playground; ask that you give Parks and Recreation the funds to build this fence; real quickly, at last meeting you were researching dog breeds; statistics show 77% of people who are bitten are bitten by their own dogs or family dogs; 60% happen at home;*

*looking at child safety, more children are injured in sports than in dog bites; keep that in perspective; look at it in relation to everything else; small percentage of injuries; any questions. Evers stated he did talk to Euton last week about the proximity of playground to road and the need for some sort of barrier. Collins stated that Vermillion had approached the Parks Board last week and we are looking at her concerns. McGregor stated her comment at last meeting was that some breeds have tendency to her and there are lots of breeds that shouldn't be around small children; kids on playground often make quick moves. Anderson stated that she did mention in committee that an alternative would be to have two fences; both areas enclosed; just make sure barrier is there; appreciate the statistics; we want to be proactive in being sure that not one child is injured or bit.*

*Zoe Bennett, 725 Ronson Way, stated this last week a young girl in our community was killed by people breaking laws that aren't always enforceable; hope no one ever has to see their child serve as a pallbearer for their friend or give a eulogy at a young person's funeral; person charged just kept breaking laws that weren't always enforceable; to flip to the dog park; you can't enforce regulations for most of us who try to keep others safe; want to go to the dog park and not worry about dogs running loose; if you have laws and rules and you have something happen you can at least have it reported; not just about children at dog park but it is a bigger thing than just that; if someone is letting their dog run wild don't know how you enforce; laws are there for a reason; appreciate we are supposed to keep dogs on leash; fence around playground is a whole other thing; worried about fence because kids would put fingers through fence; different aspects to this; appreciate they are not allowed to run wild.*

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

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

#### **ORD-0267-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO FIRST AMENDMENT TO CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT FOR THE ST. MATTHEW ATHLETIC FIELDS LOCATED ADJACENT TO BIG WALNUT CREEK AND THE CITY OF GAHANNA PROPERTY ON PARKLAND DRIVE

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0268-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MASTER FIBER SWAP AND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF NEW ALBANY AND THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0269-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF DESIGN SERVICES WITH W.E. STILSON CONSULTING GROUP, TO MEET EPA WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS AND TO ADD A SIDEWALK ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET; TO THE EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT; BEECHER TO YMCA PLACE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0270-2008**

TO ZONE 27.9+/- ACRES AS M-1, MANUFACTURING; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5847 TAYLOR ROAD AS PART OF CENTRAL PARK AND ADDITIONAL ADJACENT PARCELS; VALUE RECOVERY GROUP II, LLC, OWNER.

**Introduced, to Finance Committee**

#### **ORD-0271-2008**

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 1163.07, PARKING SPACES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES; OF CHAPTER 1163, PARKING REGULATIONS, OF THE

## CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

**Introduced, to Finance Committee****ORD-0272-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Parks, Land Acquisition

**Introduced****ORD-0273-2008**

TO ACCEPT STORM WATER SEWER EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR TECH CENTER DRIVE FROM MERITEX PROPERTIES, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced****ORD-0275-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER AMENDMENT WITH DHB NETWORKS, LTD., TO EXTEND THE FIBER OPTIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**Introduced****ORD-0276-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH ELLEN L. LEPERA, TRUSTEE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1.931+/- ACRES LOCATED TO THE REAR OF 496 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; TO TRANSFER FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced, to Finance Committee****Statutory Resolutions Requiring Two Readings:****SR-0004-2008**

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE FOR FUTURE PARK DEVELOPMENT; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG A TRIBUTARY OF THE BIG WALNUT CREEK FROM GAHANNA WOODS PARK TO PIZZURRO PARK.

**Introduced****SR-0005-2008**

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF A RETENTION BASIN; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF HAMILTON ROAD ACROSS FROM TRESHAM ROAD; AND TO DECLARE ANY EMERGENCY.

**Introduced****SR-0006-2008**

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES FOR THE HAMILTON ROAD CENTRAL PROJECT, AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; IMPROVEMENT NO. 785; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced****E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2008-0001**

- 1) November 17, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2) November 24, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes

**This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.****Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:****ORD-0274-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Vending Machine Fund

**This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

**ORD-0248-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH BROAD & JAMES TOWING TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR 2009.

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

**ORD-0249-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MID-OHIO AUTO RECOVERY SERVICES, INC., TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR 2009.

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

**ORD-0250-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ROCKWOOD CLEANERS FOR DRY CLEANING SERVICE FOR POLICE UNIFORMS FOR 2009.

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

**ORD-0251-2008**

TO ACCEPT STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT #ST932 AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, FOR WHIT'S FROZEN CUSTARD, 121 SOUTH STYGLER ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0252-2008**

TO ACCEPT SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT #SA930 AND WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT #ST931 AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, FOR MORSE ROAD MEDICAL OFFICE, 5175 MORSE ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0253-2008**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT IN THE AREA OF 5175 MORSE ROAD, FOR A 0.369 ACRE UTILITY EASEMENT FROM PIZZUTI/STONYBROOK MEDICAL CENTER LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0254-2008**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT IN THE AREA OF 5175 MORSE ROAD, FOR A 0.188 ACRE UTILITY EASEMENT FROM PIERCE PARTNERS LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0255-2008**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT IN THE AREA OF 5175 MORSE ROAD, FOR A 0.085 ACRE UTILITY EASEMENT FROM REX MICHAEL AND JOSETTE PIERCE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0256-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF SERVICES WITH W.E. STILSON CONSULTING GROUP, TO COVER INSPECTION OF THE ADDITIONAL PAVING WORK ON US 62 AND MATERIAL TESTING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0257-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BILL WALKER FOR CLEANING OF THE GAHANNA GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE

FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2010.

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

**ORD-0258-2008**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Gahanna Swim Club Accounts

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

**ORD-0259-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN FEDERAL STATUS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR MILITARY SALARY AND THE BASE SALARY THEY RECEIVE AS A CITY OF GAHANNA EMPLOYEE.

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

**ORD-0260-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Human Resources, Safety Supplies

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

**ORD-0264-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A 0.548 ACRE PARCEL OF CITY OWNED LAND ON LANDRUM COURT IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

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

**ORD-0265-2008**

TO AMEND THE ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 148, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; TO INCLUDE REVISIONS TO THE BUILDING FEES

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

**ORD-0266-2008**

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 148.13, FEES; EXEMPTIONS, OF CHAPTER 148, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA

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

**Postponed to Date Certain of December 1, 2008:**

**ORD-0246-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CDW-G FOR THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATORS FOR THE MARKED POLICE FLEET; TO WAIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES THEREFOR; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain to the Finance Committee on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

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

Yes	7	President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel
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**End of the Consent Agenda**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Z-0015-2008**

To consider an initial zoning of 27.9 acres located at 5847 Taylor Road (Central Park) and including additional adjacent parcels; recommended zoning of M-1 (Manufacturing); pursuant to Section 1133.08 of the Codified Ordinances; by James Sisto, Value Recovery Group II, LLC, landowner.

*Sadicka White, Director of Development; stated this application is for consideration for an initial zoning of 27.9 acres; part of Central Park and will be a part of that overall development; recommended as M-1; current zoning for the particular uses that this land will be developed in the future; request is pursuant to Section 1133.08 of the codified ordinances; went before Planning Commission and was recommended in a unanimous vote on October 8; sliver shown on map gets us out to Taylor Station; there is further ingress/egress into central core and old Bedford Landfill; this area is surrounded by M-1; this is one of the larger annexations and rezonings that we will have in the future; others will be island areas that are left and eastern areas of our industrial area; this is land that will be quite productive in the manufacturing zoning.*

*President opened Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.*

*Keith Conroy, Value Recovery Group, 919 Old Henderson Road, Columbus, OH; stated he just wanted to say we have been working closely with the city on this project; this rezoning is the last phase of the annexation process; our plan is to come forward shortly after the rezoning is approved; will go to Council in January or February on how this should be redeveloped.*

*President asked for Opponents. There were none. President closed Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.*

**Heard in Public Hearing****CC-0005-2008**

To recommend to Council the approval of changes to Section 1163.07, Parking Spaces for People with Disabilities; of Chapter 1163, Parking Regulations, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna.

*Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated this is a proposed amendment for Section 1153.07, Parking Spaces for People With Disabilities, of the codified ordinances and is required to update this section of code to meet current requirements; have new dimensions from those in current code; is a change to those standard dimensions; when we indicate to a developer or someone else in this City want to give them code that is at right dimension and provide accordingly; in the actual ordinance are talking about the height and width dimensions of the parking spaces; we have expanded the width to 8' but the space in between which is the access aisle has a certain dimension to it and there will be a van designation space as well as other spaces; this is so we meet current state code; also talks about how many are required per building dimensions.*

*President opened Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m. White stated that Planning Commission did make this recommendation and it would be the administration's position that you consider making these changes to the code.*

*President asked for Opponents. There were none. President closed Public Hearing at 7:58 p.m.*

**Heard in Public Hearing****G. STANDING COMMITTEES:****Development & Parks Committee - Ewald: No Report.**

**Public Service & Safety Committee - McAlister: No Report.**

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

**Finance - Kneeland: No Report.**

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk - Legal:: No Report.**

**Council:**

*Samuel stated there would be a meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at Lew Griffin's home regarding "Gahanna Bridge", a new organization in the area.*

*Anderson stated they had received an invitation from Ballet Met regarding a backstage event on December 11 prior to a Nutcracker presentation.*

## **I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**

### **Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:**

#### **ORD-0262-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND CHARLES W. HENDERSON FOR GAHANNA ANIMAL CONTROL FOR 2009, 2010 AND 2011.

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Evers, seconded by Kneeland, that this matter be Amended by Substitution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel
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**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Evers, seconded by Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel
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#### **ORD-0263-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN FOR DESIGN MODIFICATIONS OF LINCOLN CIRCLE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council Evers, seconded by McAlister, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel
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#### **ORD-0261-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MOUNT CARMEL CORPORATE HEALTH & WELLNESS TO PROVIDE INITIAL ASSESSMENT AND COACHING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND SPOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR THE GAHANNA HEALTHY MERITS PLAN.

*Kneeland stated he had gone back and forth for several weeks; voiced my concern about the amount of money we expend on health care; at some point need to look at just the impact and amount we are being asked to pay; had a couple of e-mails today; would like to read from my reply to one of them - "will not be supporting the plan as presented, however, having private sector experience, I will tell you that as the pay*



*rates for the different titles without our departments are raised to more closely match those of private industry, we have to find a way to stay in balance with our finances, just like the private sector, and evaluate the best package for employees and the City; this will very likely require employees to share more in the cost for things like health care; we just have to find that fine line where there is balance and equity" - that being said believe we are going in the right direction; concern with amount that we are jumping into and asking employees to participate; won't support this piece of legislation.*

*McGregor stated her concern is the balance between health care costs and encouraging people to be more healthy; little bit too much at this time; can go along with a good part of this but the requirement for the blood draw is invasive; have a problem with that being a requirement to get the baseline they need; a bit too invasive; quite a bit more premium if they don't do; struggle with that and the fact they are being penalized financially.*

*McAlister stated he didn't know there would be discussion on this; thought it was a foregone conclusion that we wanted to join the rest of the real world in how we address our health care; have been in health insurance business over 20 years; this type of program has been going on for several years; you've always been able to get a physical test to get a better rate; now selling policies with preferred rates, standard rates, and select rates; have a \$5,000 deductible on my personal policy just to make my health insurance affordable; my wife's company has this same plan; we are not being out of line in asking people if they want to do this; we are not putting a gun to their head; someone wrote e-mail to us saying this was Orwellian; believe this is a wise move on the part of the city; reapplaud administration for researching; 99% of the eligible city employees will be participating; not like we are putting a gun to their heads; will support.*

*Evers stated he made comments in committee last week; will give my support to the program; had some concern over requiring blood draws; chronic diseases, however, are now being termed epidemics; things like heart disease and diabetes; they are two of the major ones; way you test for early detection is through blood draws; requiring blood draws is the only way; it is a regular preventative maintenance tool; while I struggled initially, have to look at the fact that we are trying to be preventative; incentivising employees to get annual physical; part of that process is checking for early stages of chronic diseases.*

*Anderson concurred with Evers regarding major chronic diseases and fast paced life styles; we don't make time to go to the doctor; incentive for people to be well and benefit if the city and people are here and part of the work force; join the movement towards a healthy country; people don't know they have these chronic diseases or the factors that can cause it; they are asked to draw blood; they do have an option; there is a choice; one has to consider the cost benefit analysis; look at the health of our work force; is an opportunity for the individual to have knowledge about having a long healthy life.*

*Samuel stated he agreed with comments made; bottom line is that the goal is better health which means lower cost down the road.*

*McGregor stated she was not disputing the value of blood test; concern with having to have it done to get the lower premium and not being drawn by your doctor.*

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

Yes 5 Vice President of Council Evers, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel

No 2 President of Council McGregor and Kneeland

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

**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.**

**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Ewald/Kneeland:**

*Kneeland stated they did get through the strategic direction and planning; next meeting will be in December.*

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor/Anderson:**

*McGregor stated meeting is Thursday. Anderson stated that MORPC is calling for help with food banks with aftermath of Hurricane Ike, windstorm, economy in turmoil, and holidays coming; please donate to food drives and food banks.*

**Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - McAlister:**

*McAlister stated that on behalf of Council expressed sympathy for the people in schools who knew young lady who was killed; stated that we had voted down the dog ordinance; bike path plan is in place; also talked about the issue on rock salt; can't run the busses without rock salt.*

**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Mayor:**

*Stinchcomb announced two awards from the Ohio Planning Conference, Central Ohio Chapter, first is Sustainable Project of the Year, second is Planning For All Categories for our Creekside Project; very proud to add these awards; also our Parks & Recreation Department has won 10 OPRA awards including 6 superiors, 3 Outstanding and 1 Honorable Mention; the 6th Superior was an individual accomplishment by Christa Hester as Outstanding Leadership Youth Award.*

**City Attorney: No Report.**

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

*Samuel offered kudos to the Parks & Recreation Department for receiving accreditation status for Camp Friendship program; thank our citizen partners who are here tonight; thank you for your input; federal government needs to realize the only way national economic crisis can be resolved is by rebuilding Main Street USA and we are the people who can do it.*

*Ewald stated that Creekside Park looks wonderful; enjoy the atmosphere.*

*McAlister stated he had stopped by a restaurant he had forgotten about; Creekside Cafe; had outstanding food; need to remember all of our local businesses.*

*Kneeland noted that several of us attended NLC; am also on EENR subcommittee; that organization is very committed to sustainability issues if not more than most*

*organizations; one of the better conferences I have attended; did find one example of a benefit and that is that NLC offers as a benefit a prescription drug plan that gives people a 20% discount if they choose to use the cards; for those folks who may be underinsured or uninsured this might be a program to go to; maybe this could help; looking forward to Holiday Lights.*

*Anderson also offered congratulations to Camp Friendship; also remember there is free home energy assistance for anyone who might need it; looking forward to holidays; enjoy every day, every moment; tomorrow is not promised.*

*Evers stated he did attend the Creekside tree lighting ceremony; had a good crowd; much nicer than it is today; in addition showed Polar Express; lot of families were down there; watched parking garage fill up; 75 cars pulled in within 25 minutes; if you have programming down there we can get them down there; Abbey Brooks has been with us and done an outstanding job; she is leaving us soon; she will be missed; moving on to a better opportunity; the economy turn around starts here; think about shopping or eating here; support your local economy; will reap those benefits if you spend your money here.*

*McGregor stated she missed the tree lighting; was showing the movie when I was able to get there; surprised by the number of people watching the movie.*

**O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:27 p.m. - Motion by Anderson.**

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**Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC**  
**Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this*  
*day of 2008.*

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**Nancy R. McGregor**  
**President of Council**