



TO: Gahanna City Council
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DATE: March 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Dept. of Economic Development- Request for Council Action (March 9, 2026 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE SELECTION OF SUCCESSOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE GAHANNA NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY, CLARIFYING TERMS FOR TRUSTEES, AND FORMALIZING AND CLARIFYING APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO BOARD

On March 17, 2025, Council adopted Resolution 0005-2025, which declared an alternate method of selecting representatives to the Gahanna New Community Authority (NCA) Board of Directors. Per the Resolution, this alternate method for selection was for a period of one year. Authorized under Ohio Rev. Code §349.04, the alternate system simply extends the current statutory selection system of one (1) City Representative, three (3) Citizen Representatives, and three (3) Developer Representatives to the Board of Trustees for the NCA. In order to maintain consistency in operations, the Administration is requesting that this alternate method be made permanent.

In addition, while Resolution 0005-2025 and the founding documents of the NCA specify that the Trustees will serve a term for a period of two (2) years, neither the Resolution nor the founding documents of the NCA specify the terms will run. In order to remain consistent with the City's boards and commissions, the Administration requests legislation to specify that each Trustee term will run on a calendar year basis, such that terms begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the two-year term period.

Finally, in previous public discussion related to the NCA Board, Council has expressed that a resident from within the NCA boundaries be appointed to serve as a Trustee for the NCA. In order to formalize that interest, the Administration requests that language be added to require that one Citizen Representative shall be a resident from within the NCA boundaries but provide that, in the event a resident from within the boundary cannot be identified, Council may appoint a resident of the City from outside of the NCA boundaries in a manner consistent with the previous statutorily-required selection criteria for the Board of Trustees.

Based on the above, the Administration is requesting that Council adopt a Resolution that:

- permanently adopts the selection method for the selection of successor members of the Board of Trustees for the Gahanna New Community Authority,
- clarifies that Trustees of the NCA will serve a two-year term period that runs on a calendar year, beginning on January 1 of the year of appointment and ending on December 31 at the end of the two-year term, and
- clarify that one of the three Citizen Representatives on the NCA Board of Trustees will be a resident within the NCA boundaries, but that Council otherwise may appoint a resident of the City from outside the NCA boundaries in the event a resident from within the boundaries cannot be identified to serve, in accordance with the statutorily-required selection criteria for the Board of Trustees.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed:	Resolution
Emergency/Waiver:	N/A
Vendor Name:	N/A
Vendor Address:	N/A
Already Appropriated:	N/A
Supplemental/Transfer:	N/A

Attachments: N/A