

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 20, 2012

Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 6:45 p.m.

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

Brian D. Larick, President

Stephen A. Renner, Vice President

Beryl D. Anderson

Karen J. Angelou

Ryan P. Jolley

David L. Samuel

Brandon Wright

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Meeting on Monday, August 20, 2012, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council Brian D. Larick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Vice President of Council Renner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Jolley. Agenda for this meeting was published on August 17, 2012.

Members Present: Brian D. Larick, Stephen Renner, Karen J. Angelou, David L. Samuel, Beryl D. Anderson, Ryan P. Jolley and Brandon Wright

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Claire Yoder, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, stated opening day was today at high school for staff; new superintendent and administrators did some line dancing to some funky music; School Board was invited to join; concept of work hard, play hard was thrown out as that's what we need to be about this year in addition to many other things; have never had an experience like that in our opening day ceremonies in my 11 years on the board; did approve the goals for the coming year which are on our website; Scruci sat with principals in a retreat at beginning of August; looking at new and exciting things as well as looking at the core curriculum established by the state; looking at new evaluation rules also; will be looking at job descriptions for superintendent and treasurer; lot on our plate this year in addition to getting to know our new superintendent; Governor Kasich was here on July 20 to talk with people at high school about digital learning and online classes; wonderful meeting; Kasich met with students and teachers; hands on opportunity for him to see what we are doing in larger community and education today. Anderson asked if there were demographics for this year. Yoder stated they usually surface in the first week of October; have to be in school to report to the state one full week so we can determine the population and other demographic information until the state report is filed; will include information like free and reduced lunch, minority populations, growth or decline in numbers, etc.; all that information comes to central office and one person takes care of state report; from my experience it will be coming in October; will keep you informed.

Tom Lefchik, 187 Rugby Lane, stated we have ground pollution, water and air pollution; residents are still bothered by noise; heard city government in the past say can't; we are still hearing that; it's been 5 years of violation of the previous ordinance; about time that residents got a chance for relief; heard 3 Council members indicate different things; one wants to hear from bar owners; residents' children are being kept awake by the bars; another said nearby residents should move out if bars are disturbing them; the bar owners know there are residents near by; they don't take us into consideration; appreciate that citations have been issued; on the first citation the person who called measured 75 db on their porch; citation says 69 db as measured by police; residence was 430' from bar; probably was at least 80 db at the site; that is a problem in my mind; have gone through 6 years of this and am tired of it; different readings is an issue; other issue is multiple violations; issue that came up this past weekend is that several calls were made to one bar and they were only cited once; in conclusion we want to hear government say we will; want to see sincere follow through; not games being played; appreciate your time. Angelou asked Ewald about the multiple calls. Ewald stated that in looking at the penalty section of Chapter 559 citations are on a daily basis; each day shall constitute a separate offense.

Patrick Boyle, 179 Rugby, stated he also wished to talk about noise; at this time of year

when it is nice and we can open our windows at night it is the worst time; the newspaper said the police never received one complaint on The Pub; like to know what happened to all my complaints; why didn't my complaints count; code allows for one citation and then they can play loud for the rest of the night; that's not a solution.

Michael Schnetzer, 137 Town St., stated he was present to talk about new ward boundary proposals; when everyone ran for Council literature said you wanted to hear from residents; am a concerned resident; read the recent newspaper article about the proposed changes; at first glance they look rather amorphous; doesn't seem to be any real rhyme or reason; did a rough sketch of something that passes the smell test. (Clerk's Note: Copy of the map is available in Council office for review), Schnetzer continued that the wards are contiguous; is somewhat based on infrastructure; groups similar neighborhoods; Ward 1 is basically west of Big Walnut Creek down to Agler Road area; if there was an issue on Styler regarding traffic lights, etc. those individuals most affected should be represented by the same person; Ward 4 main artery currently is going through Ward 2; precinct 2H should become part of Ward 4; in Olde Gahanna I consider Gahanna Heights to be part of my neighborhood; they are one and the same; there is a current proposal to put sidewalk up Shull and into Gahanna Heights; some conflict on what is wanted; ought to be dealt with by one individual; don't pretend this is perfect; may need to move some small pockets to balance out the population; spirit of the proposal is keeping neighborhoods intact and infrastructure projects can be dealt with by one ward; remain rather contiguous; if you would like help am willing to give my time; ask you to reconsider the current proposal; if you want to balance out numbers can assist if this does not meet population requirements. Jolley asked for clarification on the map. Schnetzer said colors represent the current ward boundaries; the dark lines indicate the split I am proposing. Ward 1 is west of Big Walnut; Ward 2 is to the east of Big Walnut and west of Hamilton; Ward 3 encompasses south of Granville; Jolley stated I agree with what you have; one of the stated objectives was not to displace any central committee members; 2 live on borders of Ward 2 and 4; that poses a roadblock to implementing that; would not be able to accomplish that goal. Schnetzer stated he doesn't have population figures; spirit of what the intent is to group neighborhoods together; keep those intact; use natural landmarks and groupings; current Ward 2 doesn't make any sense; no reason for 2H to be at Morse Road and then Ward 2 goes down to airport; asking you to go back to drawing board and come up with something more sensible; criteria of not displacing a committee member would suggest you are representatives of community as a whole; ask that those peoples' needs outweigh everyone else; don't know that it would be a roadblock for something more suitable. Anderson said can you flesh out why infrastructure is key to your proposal. Schnetzer said take Shull Ave. sidewalks; most of those north of Carpenter are in favor of extending sidewalks; people in Olde Gahanna are more negative; if someone from Ward 3 and Ward 2 come forward they could be at odds and would have to deal with 2 council people; better resolution if you have one individual hearing both sides; that is one current example; is nonsense to divide East Johnstown Road into Ward 2 and 4; one side of Johnstown is 2 and other is 4. Anderson stated this is absent criteria. Angelou stated that all votes by Council are by all 7 members; consequently an issue might be in one ward but your vote has to be in the interest of all of Gahanna; this is specifically done with Board of Elections criteria; took voter mix into consideration; to balance need approximately 6,153 voters per ward; wanted to get as even as possible; always have to be contiguous; the reason we chose to say people that have been elected by voters to represent them as a committeeman from Democratic and Republican parties, is that we felt that was an elected position and needs to be protected rather than being able to kick them out; also looked at sitting Council members to make sure they were not redistricted out of their area; in terms of looking nice it does and can certainly cut out a chunk but it is difficult to come up with good numbers; one ward member could end up with twice as

many residents as another; you mentioned 2H but there are a lot of apartments and condos in that area which drives up numbers; appreciate this very much; one reason we did was historically been that way; set goal to get to 6,153 for each ward without disturbing too many people; keeping as much as possible static; took closer look at some other tweakings that would need to be better; believe we met our goals; understand why you think this is better; right figures were the most important part of that. Schnetzer asked how many scenarios did you look at. Angelou stated we started with one that was very easy by moving 2F into 4; that put numbers closer; Jolley spent a lot of time looking for other ways to get even closer; this was better because we got closer than the simple fix as numbers were more important than geographical areas; we are all one Gahanna; all votes deal with one Gahanna whether you are a ward councilman or at large; just throw this out as an explanation; appreciate your input. Schnetzer stated he was not presenting this as the solution; ask that you go back to the drawing board. Angelou asked if there was another issue here as well as the redistricting. Schnetzer stated the title of the article in the newspaper was "Council Members Thus Far Seem OK With Proposal"; Congress has lowest approval ratings ever; only agree when its time to increase salaries and benefits; someone in general is suspicious of government as a whole when they see across the board where people largely agree. Angelou stated there were 3 of us on the committee; only 3 of us showed up along with clerks; was all up front; made calls to 2 sitting Council members in Ward 2 and 4 and asked that they please look at the proposal and see if there were concerns; all of us needed to look at it; this changes over time; the more growth, the more changes need to be made; times we have done this in the past; only 1 of us showed up from committee that was assigned; Sherwood and I put together balancing on numbers and all areas were contiguous; assure you nothing is being done here to get rid of someone; would never do that; ways to configure so that they were fairly equal. Jolley thanked Schnetzer; are right that when we ran this is the type of input we wanted; personally came up with 4 iterations; 3 of them would have moved 1 or more central committee members; Angelou articulated well on why we didn't do other iterations; will be glad to sit down and talk more in depth; final iteration took several neighborhoods that were split; can define neighborhood several ways; some were previously split and this map puts them back into one ward, most notably Foxboro and Gahanna Heights; Goshen Lane is another area; quite a few spots previously arbitrarily split were put into compact districts; Ward 2 is a mess; reason is because of Academy Ridge area and it juts out to Big Walnut; cutting a neighborhood in half is not optimal; comes down to balancing numbers; north of Carpenter on Shull and south can be distinct neighborhoods; did take major thoroughfares at that point; used some natural boundaries; did take into account as much as we could; tried to change as little as possible; lastly want to commend Larick for selecting 3 at large Council members so no individual ward member had any conflict of interest; this was not done by ward members; took much of any amount of conflict out of the process; appreciate the ideas going forward. Samuel stated he would be glad to meet with anyone and glad to show them how we reached our conclusions. Anderson stated This Week headline says "Council Members seem OK with proposals"; I asked for it to come back; truly do welcome your thoughts and input; is not a done deal regarding approving; know that "seem" is the operative word.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Angelou.

ORD-0165-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Information Technology Capital Equipment & Police Contract Services

Introduced

ORD-0166-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MILLER CABLE COMPANY FOR TECHCENTER DRIVE INFRASTRUCTURE EXTENSION/BUCKLES COURT TRAFFIC SIGNAL; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 990.

Introduced

ORD-0167-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN OHIO EPA SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT (SWIF) FUND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE GAHANNA WOODS STORMWATER BASIN; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0168-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Public Service Property Cleanup

Introduced

ORD-0169-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Parks Contract Services

Introduced

ORD-0171-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WATCON CONSULTING ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS FOR ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE MORRISON/CLAYCRAFT TRAIL PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 998.

Introduced

ORD-0170-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO MEMBER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL PURCHASING PARTNERS

Introduced

ORD-0172-2012

TO AMEND ORD-0005-2012, AS AMENDED BY ORD-0020-2012, WHICH PROVIDES RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR PART TIME PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012.

Introduced

ORD-0173-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Council, Legal Expenses

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0174-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PARK AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND STRUCTURES MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT WITH PLAYWORLD SYSTEMS, INC.

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes - To Approve:****2012-0035**

To Approve the Following Set of Minutes:

1) August 6, 2012

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:**ORD-0162-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Streets Overtime

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0163-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CHARLIE'S DODGE, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DODGE DURANGO FOR THE ZONING DIVISION; TO BE PURCHASED OFF THE STATE CONTRACT INDEX #GDC093; TO REPEAL ORD-0095-2012; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0164-2012

TO ACCEPT MONIES SEIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$273,990 AWARDED TO THE GAHANNA POLICE PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER #11CVH-9308; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$68,531 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

MR-0038-2012

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the Farmwood Place Street Infiltration Pilot Project; Improvement No. ST 982.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0039-2012

Motion Resolution to transfer funds from Account No. 101.440.5481, Gahanna Swimming Pool Utilities - Gas, to the following accounts: \$7,696, to Account No. 101.440.5111, GSP Part Time Staff; \$1,078 to Account No. 101.440.5131, PERS; \$111 to Account No. 101.440.5138, Medicare; \$115 to Account No. 101.440.5132, Worker's Comp; totalling \$9,000; and \$7,000 to Account No. 101.440.5306, GSP Maintenance Supplies.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0040-2012

Motion Resolution to transfer funds from Account No. 101.438.5481, Hunters Ridge Pool Utilities - Gas, to the following accounts; \$5,130 to Account No. 101.438.5111 HRP Part Time Staff; \$719 to Account No. 101.438.5131, PERS; \$74 to Account No. 101.438.5138, Medicare; and \$77 to Account No. 101.438.5132, Worker's Comp.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee of the Whole - Renner: No Report.

Finance & Development - Samuel: No Report.

Parks, Service & Safety - Anderson: No Report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

Ward Boundaries - Angelou: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

CC-0001-2012 To recommend to Council amendment to Section 1163.01, Off Street Parking Space Required, of Chapter 1163, Parking Regulations; of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Gahanna.

Clerk noted Public Hearing on this item will be on September 17, 2012.

Scheduled for Public Hearing

Council:

Larick stated he had spoken with John Thomas regarding noise and responded to his call; trying to put all that together.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:

Renner stated meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. in committee rooms.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou:

Angelou stated there is no meeting until September.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Larick:

Larick stated he missed the meeting; Clark Commons at Clark Hall is about 80% complete; estimate of 72 jobs; development from property tax standpoint is about \$300,000 for everyone; beginning on September 13 School Board meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Clark Hall and that change is permanent.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley:

Jolley stated next meeting is September 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel:

Samuel stated they met on August 17 and approved resolution regarding school discount passes to public, nonpublic, and charter schools; \$1 per rider with no cap for students; one school district joining and that is Columbus Metro school which is grades 9-12; also open for 8 other school districts; uses magnetically encoded student ID pass which will be good from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; hope to expand in the coming year.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor:**

Mayor stated she was struck last week by how many activities were going on at any one time; vibrancy of the city; look at calendars and reports and the variety of things to do any given week; last week went to opening of Trapp Park playground; stayed well after dark celebrating with neighbors; good to sit and talk with the neighbors and to see how happy they are with the new playground; also attended the networking event by development at Golf Depot; 75 business entrepreneurs; successful event; highlight how much there is to do in Gahanna and encourage everyone to look at everything we offer so we can all see us come together as a very vibrant community.

City Attorney:

Ewald expressed condolences to Hixon family for their loss; second is that I did send you a copy of the research on noise ordinances in other cities; was 48 pages of code from across central Ohio; included Hilliard and Westerville; correlation between their code and ours; most of the information is very vague and broad; discretion will come into play; gave to Mr. Thomas this evening; please contact me if you have any questions this week; will be looking to send some additional information from outside central Ohio.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Angelou stated she was unable to attend Trapp Park event; attended dedication of the new Serenity Park in the middle of the Wexner Medical Center complex; ran into William Murdock at that event; he was such a valued member of our Gahanna family before leaving for the state.

Wright stated he did attend the park opening; thank you to Parks & Recreation; enjoyed the landscaping and signage; eye popping when you go into that area; commend everyone; Friday After Five fundraiser is coming up; please spread the word.

Anderson stated she was at Trapp Park; daughter tried out the playground; tested by several children; underscore about the vibrancy of the city; did travel this summer both in and out of the country; these different communities were interesting but it is refreshing to know we are not only vibrant but also convenient; this is a wonderful friendly place to be; we are a wonderful place to live, work, play, and retire; in the midst of working long hours we don't always think about that.

Samuel stated although he did not get to Trapp Park event, will be going Saturday for the Touch a Truck event at Hannah Park; great thing to bring grandkids to; lot of equipment; point out piece of legislation for Ohio EPA SWIF grant; very involved process that Wetherholt and Franey work through with these grants; steps as in workshops to train our people; steps where there are a lot of evaluations; timelines are tight; also a lot of closing reports way after all the work is done; invite people to find out more about grants.

Jolley stated he was in the Toronto area recently; excited when I say gas was \$1.30 but this is per liter which equated to more than \$5 per gallon.

Larick stated he did attend the Golf Depot event which was wonderfully attended; facility not huge but was packed; interesting organizations in attendance; also folks looking to do new things; ideas were flying and people were trying to figure out how it

can be done.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:48 p.m. - Motion by Anderson.

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.*

Brian D. Larick
President