

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 17, 2000**

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Debra A. Payne, President of Council  
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Vice President of Council  
Michael O'Brien, Council Member  
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member  
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member  
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member  
Sherie James-Arnold, Council Member*

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL - 7:00 p.m., under Article 5.40 of Rules of Council to consider: 1) Pending or Imminent Litigation; 2) Compensation of an Employee; 3) To consult with Legal Counsel.**

Motion made by O'Brien, seconded by Stinchcomb, to go into Executive Session under Article 5.40 of Rules of Council to consider: 1) Pending or Imminent Litigation; 2) Compensation of an Employee; 3) To consult with Legal Council. Motion passed unanimously by Roll Call vote.

7:07 p.m. - Council rose to Executive Session.

7:37 p.m. - Council rose to report from Executive Session, with Clerk noting that all 7 members of Council returned to the dais.

**Members Present:** Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, L. Nicholas Hogan, Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

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**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWS:**

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

President of Council Payne called the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:38 p.m., with Clerk noting that all seven members of Council were present on the dais. Council Chaplain Rebecca W. Stinchcomb delivered an Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chase Seaman and the Troop #775, Webelo Cub Scouts.

**Members Present:** Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, L. Nicholas Hogan, Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

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

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Re: Daimler:

Jeff Chrobak, 725 Hunters Run, reminded Council that the people have said they do not want this for a number of reasons; Planning Commission agreed with them; they there were a few modifications; and citizens wishes were forgotten. Asked Council to vote against Daimler; said of the 24 homes on Hunters Run, 21 are still owners by original purchases; this is an incursion into their residential area; noted size of buildings proposed; they have concern of drop in property values; asked Council members to stand in support of the residents.

President Payne asked those present opposing Daimler to stand.

Re: Closure of Rocky Fork South:

Jan Elzey, 6223 Brooksong Way, Blacklick, said the Rocky Fork traffic changes affect the Church of the Nazarene, which has traffic from school and on each Sunday through the neighborhood; said in addition the basketball problem has 1,200 participants, which equates to 1,000 cars; when they leave and pick up their children, generates 1,500-2,000 through the basketball program; said this is a danger to neighbors in the area; said most traffic problems occur from Morrison; noted the poor light timing; would like to work together to accomplish all of their goals.

Joanne Bushby, 361 South Hamilton Road, showed several overhead statistics pointing out fallacies in some of the facts and figures previously presented. See EXHIBIT A, attached to these minutes.

Mike Riley, 298 South Rocky Fork Drive, said he just wanted to make four points: 1) The Christian Center has a food factory and feeds 500 people per week; people need to be able to find the church; 2) This traffic change can endanger the children of the area; 3) Concern of property values; and 4) There are a lot of minor changes they could try before going to such extreme.

Kevin Adkins, 305 Iroquois Park Place, presented Council with some ideas he felt would help traffic; felt there is lack of informational signage; other routes are available to truck traffic; traffic lanes should be very clearly marked, noting the need many times for large vehicles to merge lanes to get on I-270; should be no turns on red at the intersection; suggested additional egress and off of Morrison. See EXHIBIT B, attached to these minutes.

Elizabeth Tartal, 146 Gary Lee Drive, noted the trucks and people that work in the industrial area; felt the companies should help finance alternatives to the Morrison Hamilton intersection; felt companies need to extend Claycraft or put a new road over Pizzurro Park; would benefit the public better in the future rather than as a park; noted the illicit acts that go on down there. Felt the medium strip has to be removed from the golf course; said it serves no purpose; said Shepherd Church and the Christian Church has been there longer; are being chastised because of Gahanna not building roads first--not last; questioned whose idea this is.

Brian Gildea, 291 Rivers End Road, thanked Council for the opportunity to speak this evening; said in the 80s he was in politics; is currently the transportation coordinator for Delaware schools; children touch his life every day; urged everyone to remain calm and to support this issue with facts; said perception is reality; felt government is running over our interests; this was done Carte Blanche by the Mayor; traffic cutting through Flintridge; feels the Mayor has been enticed by tax revenue on businesses, noting trucks and commuters; felt their wants are being put before the residents; impact to traffic should be apparent; would rather see the Mayor restrict trucks; take a better look before implementing this kind of plan.

John Milburn, 132 Flintridge, said he has gotten his facts together; said they used to have a parade come down his street; that has been removed; traffic, however, has increased; said they have asked for an electric sign; asked for speed blocks; felt one of the problems is the students; reminded that there are people living there on that street; felt the City of Sahara doesn't take time to consider the residents; asked everyone to think for a minute what they are doing there; said he has 3 children that have to cross the street to get their bus.

Michael Griener, 909 Harmony Drive, noted that an 18-wheeler would have trouble making a turn at Taylor and Taylor Station Roads; noted also that the accidents did not affect Rocky Fork that E.M.H. & T considered unusual; felt Rocky Fork is not a problem; noted the handout at the public meeting; projected 2.7 million entering the intersection; the figures for Columbus 1977; Sahara would be 2.2; said the Mayor's letter did not mention the businesses in The Industrial Zone; there has been no action to move this road over to Hamilton; felt this would make it more dangerous; problem does not lie with Rocky Fork; lies with The Industrial Zone.

James Mills, 214 Flint Ridge Drive, introduced himself as a consultant in fire protection, safety, and risk management; said he is opposed to the restrictions; felt the E.M.H.T study is incomplete: 1) The study simply used software intended for determining queuing lines and traffic light cycle times to solve perceived safety problems. 2) The study did not consider the effects of this change on the residents of the Gramercy Park area for whom the changes would be extremely inconvenient. 3) The study did not consider the effect of this change on other intersections where traffic would be forced to go. 4) The proposed action is too drastic for the accident history. 5) There are other (better) alternatives which have not been considered. See EXHIBIT C, attached to these minutes.

Comments:

O'Brien said he would appreciate getting copies of comments made. Stinchcomb said she would like for those comments to also be forwarded to the engineer's office. Mayor said the purpose is to minimize danger to all; said the City has the best engineers, and we need to look at all the options; how to protect everyone; have a thorough flow study; noted a traffic accident analysis. Angelou asked the Mayor to consider the common sense approach offered in the comments tonight; could make a difference; some very good points were made on dealing with the issue. Hogan said if you live with the problems you know the problems. James-Arnold noted traveling Morrison--noted the speed; said we would like more of a presence; noted the Director White the planning sessions and prioritizing; felt that the additional bridge was a Council priority; would like that issue to come back to Council. Payne said this is not before Council; appreciated people coming out and ask those opposed to this intersection restructuring to stand; Payne concluded that no one was for the changes. Hogan noting the Taylor Road zoning, questioned if this will go up in 4 weeks. Mayor said the City will continue studies. Angelou suggested a gathering to announce the decision. Hogan as the Mayor not to close. O'Brien felt we need to stick to the Council agenda for this evening.

During the course of this Hearing of Visitors, motion was made by Stinchcomb, seconded by Kneeland, to extend the time for comment to 8:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

## D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

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

**ORD-0061-2000**

TO PAY \$5,362 TO THOM AND KIM WILLIS, 224 ROCKY FORK DRIVE SOUTH, AS A MORAL OBLIGATION AS A RESULT OF A MAIN LINE SEWER BACK UP; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$5,362 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Requested by President of Council to be put on Consent Agenda for postponement to date certain of May 15 in order to discuss in Committee of the Whole on May 8.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0078-2000**

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS "THE PARK AT HARRISON POND", THE VILLAGES AT ROCKY FORK, SECTION 10, PART 2; EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON, APPLICANT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced**

**ORD-0079-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH N.M. SAVKO & SONS, INC., FOR CONCRETE STREET REPAIR, IMPROVEMENT NO. 747; AND TO DECLARE AN

EMERGENCY

**Introduced**

**ORD-0080-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN PAVEMENTS, INC., FOR CRACK SEAL PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 748; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced**

**ORD-0081-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MOODY/NOLAN LTD., INC. FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR THE US ROUTE 62 AT MORSE ROAD INTERSECTION; IMPROVEMENT NO. 753; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced**

**ORD-0082-2000**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, Retirement Funding - Police Officer Terry Counts

**Introduced**

**ORD-0085-2000**

TO AMEND SECTION 941.15, PICKUP AND DISPOSAL FEES, FOR REFUSE AND GARBAGE PICKUP, TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2000-0004**

To Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 6, 2000

**This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ordinances on Second Reading**

**ORD-0051-2000**

TO NAME A PORTION OF THE AREA KNOWN AS CREEKSIDE AS CREEKSIDE PARK

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

**ORD-0063-2000**

APPROVING FORMATION OF THE GAHANNA TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL, APPOINTING AND APPROVING THE INITIAL TRUSTEES OF SUCH COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0064-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AMERICAN CONSULTING, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HAMILTON ROAD RESURFACING AND MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS FROM PIZZURRO PARK ROAD TO MORRISON ROAD; TO ALLOCATE \$30,550 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0065-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLYDE E. WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR JOHNSTOWN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FROM STYGLER ROAD TO RIDENOUR ROAD; TO ALLOCATE USE OF \$100,100 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0066-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLYDE E. WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CLARK STREET & OKLAHOMA AVENUE REBUILD TO INCLUDE WATER LINES, FIRE HYDRANTS, AND RESIDENT SERVICES; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$10,565 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0067-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO ANNEX CERTAIN 0.434+/- ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, SAID LAND BEING COMPRISED OF ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0068-2000**

TO ACCEPT A GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FROM C. P. PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC, TO BE USED AS RIGHT OF WAY FOR 0.734 ACRE TO ALLOW THE EASTGATE PROJECT TO MEET TAYLOR ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0069-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO ANNEX CERTAIN 0.734+/- ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, SAID LAND BEING COMPRISED OF ROAD RIGHT OF WAY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0070-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL FOR ONE YEAR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

**ORD-0076-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, FOR PHASE II DESIGN OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS; STYGLER ROAD FROM US 62 TO MCCUTCHEON ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

**Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading****RES-0006-2000**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND RUSS COCHRANE

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

**Motion Resolution****MR-0021-2000**

To recommend to Planning Commission the payment of fees in lieu of for the Beecher Road Tract being considered as ZC-0005-2000, in accordance with the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Director.

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

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Council Member Hogan, 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 Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
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### End of the Consent Agenda

#### **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

#### **G. STANDING COMMITTEES Reports of 4/10 Committees Distributed.**

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

##### **Clerk - Legal:**

**Z-0003-2000** ZC-03-00 To consider a zoning change application to rezone 2.0+/- acres as SO, Suburban Office; current zoning CC, Community Commercial; in order to locate a Fraternal Order Moose Lodge; for property located at 335 W. Johnstown Road; Gahanna Moose Lodge 2463, applicant.

PUBLIC HEARING set for June 5, 2000, 7:30 p.m.

**Scheduled for Public Hearing**

**CC-0012-2000** To consider a change to Section 1151.02, Permitted Uses, of Chapter 1151, Planned Districts and Chapter 1155, M-1 Manufacturing, of the Codified Ordinances of Gahanna.

PUBLIC HEARING set for June 5, 2000, 7:30 p.m.

**Scheduled for Public Hearing**

##### **Council**

**Letter from John Drewett, 860 Taylor Road re: damage during widening of Taylor Road.**

**Letter from Gary Cheses Holding re: South Stygler Road Widening.**

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

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

**ORD-0077-2000** TO ZONE 9.0+/- ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS L-SO, LIMITED OVERLAY SUBURBAN OFFICE; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 680-730 TAYLOR ROAD; THE DAIMLER GROUP, APPLICANT

Hogan said he was disturbed by the procedure; questioned people not being able to be heard at committees, but developers and department people could be; noted the question of priorities; questioned that we sometimes work in a vacuum. Hogan noted regarding the bridge, we were previously going for grants; people applying for grants were told to put on back burner; said was told the Mayor did not want the bridge; felt the bridge might be more important than other things. Hogan said without the bridge, he is opposed to project. Said this is a good project; Daimler does nice work. Said maybe this can be solved.

Stinchcomb thanked Daimler; said Daimler does build a good office building; quality work. Has been a good partner to us in Gahanna. Said she is the ward representative; has watched the growth in her area; feels the north side of Taylor Road is different than the south side. Said there has been some consideration to a one story building, but that would take a larger footprint. Said her vote of no is not against Suburban Office; said the lot is too small; said parking space is greater than is required; will generate a lot of traffic. Emphasized this Council will not rubber stamp; will be adamant against further large SO proposals. This is not to be a precedent. Said she is going to vote no. Said she does chair committee of the whole. Feels the committee was handled properly.

James Arnold said she takes exception that she works in a vacuum. Said Council looked at condos on Hamilton by StoneRidge; said ingress, egress was our major concern; said Council likes to look at the long range plan; every development has to stand on its own merits; Council needs to look at balance; said many people are residential; many people who work here; Pointed out the taxes from these businesses and income taxes from the people have made it possible for this Council to go forward with other projects. Reminded that there are very few police calls to our businesses. Said it all takes good traffic planning. Said the bridge talked about years ago. Said she does not begrudge people coming into Gahanna. Repeated that we reap the tax benefits; there is collection income tax from employees; said on a cornfield is minimal. Said by state statutes the schools do not lose; said they still have personal property taxes. Said this project,, as with every project, is not in a vacuum; Council must look at the overall effect. James-Arnold said she was glad to hear what the proponents and opponents said. Said public hearings are the proper place for that; said committee meetings are so committee can ask the developer questions. Said comments by a realtor about property values would drop 20%; this has been heard in every area; can get 100 different opinions from other realtors.

**A motion was made by Vice President Stinchcomb, seconded by Council Member Hogan, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>5</b>	President of Council Payne, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
<b>No</b>	<b>2</b>	Vice President Stinchcomb and Council Member Hogan

Payne said she was not sure if Mr. Hogan missed some meetings; said we approved number of plans; do not work in a vacuum; said this is a transitional zoning; there are plans to support this zoning. Said one thing that was asked in Planning Commission was what were their specific concerns; said from Planning Commission we were told that they were concerned that the building was too close to the residences; concern with size of the building; said the developer tried to come up with a plan that would meet that; is a transitional area; said as far as traffic is concerned, she has asked the Mayor to work with she and MORPC and Daimler to encourage businesses to have their people to ride the bus; to have van pooling; also road across at 670; said maybe we need to look at that seriously. Said this will have minimal impact on the traffic.;said she is willing to support; said the City is not in a vacuum; said we have planned this ahead ; there have been no decisions in vacuum; Said Council always listens to both sides.

Angelou said traffic and the intersection are a part of the area; said on the north side of Taylor Road we will have a change of zoning; said there are still going to be cars going through; there will still be cars to those buildings; traffic will impact. Noted the misery



of coming down Henderson Road last Thursday and how long it took to go a short distance; got to Gahanna, and did not have the traffic; said we are a suburban community; our main tax collection is income tax; not property taxes; said that is why schools take the position that they do. Income tax gives us parks and pays for roads; said the City bought land to protect the people of Gramercy Park; said our thriving industrial area allows us to keep our property taxes at a reasonable level.

### Statutory Resolutions Reported Out of Committee

#### SR-0003-2000

A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 3735.65 TO 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE IN EFFECT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1994, ESTABLISHING MODIFYING, AMENDING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A "COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #4," (BUCKLES TRACT) PARTNERSHIP, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL; AMENDING SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. 16-95; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**A motion was made by Council Member O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

No	1	Vice President Stinchcomb
Yes	6	President of Council Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

## J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

#### ORD-0083-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- Council Laptops

**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Vice President Stinchcomb, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes	7	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
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**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member O'Brien, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes	7	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
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#### ORD-0084-2000

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Council Laptops

**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Vice President Stinchcomb, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes	7	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
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**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member O'Brien,**

that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes        7     President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb,  
Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold,  
Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and  
Council Member O'Brien

## K. REPRESENTATIVES

### Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Meets the 28th, 8:00 a.m., Heartland Bank.

### Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne

Annual Meeting is this Thursday. Payne said she expects to be voted in as President of M.O.R.P.C.

## L. OFFICIAL REPORTS

### Mayor

Announced the appointment of Roland P. Hall, Colonel, U.S.A.F., Retired, as the Interim Director of Public Service for the City of Gahanna, said appointment effective Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

### City Attorney

## M. COUNCIL COMMENT

James-Arnold thanked everyone for work on the All American Cities Award; said Channel 10 was there; said Roger McCoy actually lives in Gahanna; said that is another person we need to call on. The DECA resolution for Mr. Cochrane is greatly appreciated; said she was a Mom for 9 years; son went through that program; said DECA students are one of the most amazing classed at the High School. Said Russ Cochrane exemplifies what a student should be; they stay in contact with him. Questioned if maybe we could get some TV stations to come out. Announced the Bowling Rally will be held on May 12. Noted that for 20 years, we wanted another connector bridge; suggested we not miss the opportunity.

Kneeland asked about tax collection; answer, Midnight tonight. Said regarding the area around Creekside, inquired as to where are we on this time line; reminded that we will be dedicating the eternal flame on Memorial Day this year; is quite a mess of construction debris at the bridge; hopes this comes together rather quickly. Mayor promised a detailed report.

Angelou said she has been making decisions for 19 years; said zonings can become emotional; said she takes this job very seriously; kept track of E-mails; emphasized they do not take any vote lightly; do not work in a vacuum. Angelou said she spends dollars to make our community; said she does not believe property values ever decline in Gahanna; said they are not on Taylor Road; said we have wonderful residential areas of our community; we also have transitional areas; said she believes Daimler will fit in; said if there were to be a huge crash in the stock market, things may go down. Said Council members cannot always make a decision that a lot of people want us to make.

O'Brien said he echoed some of Mrs. Angelou's comments; reiterated that we do not make decisions in vacuum; said he knows most people on dais well.; said there are

issues of serious concern that we personally agonize over--all the pros and cons and the comments; so much to consider; would be irresponsible to make decision in vacuum; said there are great concerns over traffic and transition areas; said zoning will actually protect against a more adverse zoning that could take place on Taylor road. Said he would like to look into extending the tax abatement area to residents on a value added basis; people who would like to put money into their property; an arrangement where residents would have the same opportunity; could fix their places up and stay there.

O'Brien said on a lighter side, it is a pleasure to see Russ Cochrane finally recognized for our DECA students pride to the community; hopes we can have this presentation in a public forum. With regard to Rocky Fork South, said he appreciated residents that came out and conducted themselves with class; said obviously they have been thinking through all the issues, and are now bringing to light some of the things we have not heretofore thought about; said it made him go back and dig a little deeper; brings out some good points. Said for example, Option 2 and Option 3, which has little effect on Grammercy; limiting turns on Hamilton Road in high traffic times. Said there are deficiencies in the intersection; to line up the lanes. Said there have been some good points raised; said it will not harm either of the two congregations--will be during peak rush hours and times during the week. Thanked Karl Wetherholt for standing his ground; was in a very difficult position; emotions were running high; very few people that came wanted to learn anything from him; agreed with all the good positive comments from the residents. Felt is evident that if we go forward as presented will harm the people of Grammercy Park.

Kneeland said after waiting for 3-1/2 years, we have now crossed and published our agenda and legislation electronically, so it can be delivered without use of trees.

Angelou could not believe trucks from PetsMart honking their horns at 3 in the morning; said to stop it now.

Hogan never knew what such a word (as vacuum) would raise; noted every time we do a supplemental appropriation, we do not look at the impact; said we had a project we wanted to do for \$420,000, and the Finance Director said we could, but then would not have it to spend somewhere else. As to the process, has seen people come forward proposing development ; said in committees we would ask opinion of both sides. Said he wants to bring the bridge to the forefront. Asked Wetherholt for report on status and getting of the grants; thinks Council should know where we stand on the grant process. Said on another issue, a constituent came to his house last night; noted being billed \$1,100; was sent to collection agency; contained false information. Said the reason for tax abatement?-- we need to allow the gentlemen the most to bring in highest paying jobs; agreed we should extend to residents.

Stinchcomb said we agonized over decisions; said many constituents wanted yes--others wanted no. Said we make decisions on what is best for the City. Said she appreciated everyone come out.; understands the traffic; we can talk about a bridge, but it is not a short term fix--is a long-term proposition.

Payne said part of knowing about government is following procedures; said we cannot take people raising hands in the middle of the meeting; said how government works is through Hearing of Visitors; said we do have to have procedures. Acknowledged resignation of Clerk of Council Peg Cunningham; said they will be posting for another a clerk. Payne said she did appreciate sitting in on the All American City Awards presentation; feels we have a great opportunity; we have a lot going for us.

**N. ADJOURNMENT - 9:40 p.m., Motion by Kneeland, seconded by O'Brien.  
Unanimous Consent.**

**End of Agenda**

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

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

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**Chair Signature**