



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Brian Metzbower, President*  
*Stephen A. Renner, Vice President*  
*Karen J. Angelou*  
*Brian D. Larick*  
*Jamie Leeseberg*  
*Nancy R. McGregor*  
*Michael Schnetzer*

*April Beggerow, CMC, Clerk of Council*  
*Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.*

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Monday, December 2, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 2, 2019, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian Metzbower, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Stephen Renner, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scout Troop 7098. Agenda for this meeting was published on November 27, 2019.

**Present** 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Brian Metzbower, and Nancy R. McGregor

#### **Pledge of Allegiance led by Scout Troop 7098**

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

#### **C. HEARING OF VISITORS.**

Rebecca McBride-Smith, 307 Rivers End Road said she and her husband settled in Gahanna because it was close to work and they found a house they liked. She shared that she didn't feel that she had a connection with the City until she saw signs about 2 years ago for an Arts Council event called Ignite. She said she stayed in Gahanna that night and learned at that event that, even if you don't consider you're an artist, we all do things that are incredibly creative every day, even if it is cooking for your family. That night at Ignite was when she began to feel a stronger sense of place in Gahanna. She said that the arts aren't what we do but how we do it and that she loves that the GAAC exists for the community and celebrates everyone in it, not just artists. They believe anyone can have a meaningful connection to the arts. She feels that she is a more thoughtful and engaged member of the community because of her

involvement with the Arts Council. She continued, 2 years ago, she got off the couch and went to an Art's Council event and that one night transformed her entire experience of living in Gahanna but the great thing is that if the community decides to support the arts, anyone can have the experience she had which is a powerful thing. It can change people's lives and transform the City of Gahanna.

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

Vice President Renner introduced the items in Section D.

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

[ORD-0119-2019](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO: Enacting Section 1501.17 INSPECTION, TESTING AND MAINTENANCE RECORDKEEPING, of PART 15 OHIO FIRE CODE

**This item was introduced.**

[ORD-0120-2019](#) ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

**This item was introduced.**

[ORD-0121-2019](#) ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BENEFITS FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This item was introduced.**

[ORD-0122-2019](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO: Amending Section 147.03 APPEALS TO THE BOARD of Chapters 147 Board of Zoning and Building Appeals.

**This item was introduced.**

[ORD-0123-2019](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE AS REFERENCED IN SECTION 147.04 FEES OF CHAPTER 147 BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS.

**This item was introduced.**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes - To Approve:**

[2019-0169](#) COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

[ORD-0112-2019](#) ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) FOR THE YEAR 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

[ORD-0113-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS- Damage to City Property

[ORD-0114-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - Water Meter Fees

[ORD-0115-2019](#) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT, AND FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

[ORD-0117-2019](#) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND WILLIAM E. CONROY, II FOR CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL INSPECTION SERVICES.

**Motion Resolutions:**

[MR-0039-2019](#) A MOTION RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,750 FROM ACCOUNT 101.09.000.5205 - CONTRACT SERVICES AND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,530 FROM ACCOUNT 101.06.000.5205 - CONTRACT SERVICES TO ACCOUNT 101.03.000.5210 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

**End of the Consent Agenda**

**Pass the Consent Agenda**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

[ORD-0101-2019](#) AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020.

Jeannie Hoffman, 708 Waybaugh Dr asked if they could find a little bit of a cut somewhere to add some funding for the Arts. She said it was a hard one for me and she knows it's not a basic government services, which is what she is all about, but maybe the bed tax or maybe the CIC would be appropriate to find a few dollars for them.

**G. MOTION RESOLUTIONS**

[MR-0040-2019](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO REFER THE VACATION OF NORTH STREET AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS TO THE DECEMBER 18, 2019 PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Schnetzer asked Mr. Ewald about comments surrounding when the clock for Planning Commission starts. He asked if a week ago if it was sufficient time because it wasn't seen that way a week ago.

Mr. Ewald replied that it is from the date of the referral so, 90 days from tonight and that the applicant changed their mind.

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk: None**

**Council: None**

**I. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick**

Mr. Larick said the next meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month.

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

Mrs. Angelou said that the Executive Board meets Thursday and the next Commission meeting is a week from Thursday.

**Government Liaison - Metzbower**

None

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Schnetzer**

Mr. Schnetzer presented: The Herb Center created marketing materials for "Visits with Santa" scheduled for Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14, from 9am to 1pm at the Ohio Herb Center. The CVB Preparing for Visit Gahanna's Holiday Character Breakfast, scheduled for this Sat., Dec. 7. The Breakfast will be held at New Life Church on Stygler Rd. The 9:30am seating is sold out; however, seats remain for the 8:15 and 10:45am seatings. Visit Gahanna is excited to be showcasing its new partnership with the Gahanna Lincoln High School Drama Dept., who will be performing portions of its recent Fall Play, "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe." The event includes crafts and activities, story time with the Gahanna Branch of the Cols Metro Library, a delicious pancake breakfast, costumed characters, and an opportunity to meet with Santa. For tickets, go to [visitgahanna.com](http://visitgahanna.com). Finalized plans to present the Holly Jolly Holiday Train, to be held weekly every Saturday, Dec. 7 - Jan. 4 from 4 to 6 pm at Creekside. Thanks to Tina Wedebrook of ReMax Connection and 10 additional sponsors who are supporting this effort, designed to draw foot traffic and visitors to the Creekside area during the holiday season.

**J. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

**Mayor: None**

**City Attorney: None**

**K. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mrs. Angelou said that she brought with her the Columbus CEO magazine and in the one article there were 4 CEOs and each one of them had a connection with the City of Gahanna which she thought it was pretty admirable to have that connection. She just thought it was an amazing thing to see and for the community. She also brought the article about first floor retail space being hard to fill. Lastly she said she had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Saturday with OSU beating Michigan. Holiday Lights was just amazing. It was so crowded, packed and home

town-ish.

Mr. Larick agreed that Holiday Lights was amazing.

Mrs. McGregor said that Bunnie Geroux passed away and at the funeral home, her daughter said that she was such a pioneer and had such a personality. She was the first woman to run for Mayor and only lost by about 100 votes, that was probably in the late 60s, early 70s and she dogged Joann Davidson until she got us designated as the Herb Capital of Ohio which took a lot of work. She started the Herb Education Center and was just a wonderful friend.

Mr. Metzbower said that Holliday Lights was another amazing event, the energy and spirit, it just doesn't feel like the holiday until the tree lighting. Congratulations to all of those that put that together.

**L. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.**

Council Recessed for the purpose of entering into Executive session. Mr. Schnetzer moved, Renner Second. Roll call resulted in unanimous approval. Executive session began at 7:23 p.m.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

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April Beggerow  
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2019.*

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Brian Metzbower