



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Krystal Gonchar, MPA, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.

Monday, September 20, 2021

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 20, 2021, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Rd., Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Brian Larick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council Nancy McGregor delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on September 17, 2021.

Present 6 - Jamie Leeseberg, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, and Merisa Bowers

Absent 1 - Stephen A. Renner

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes - To Approve:

[2021-0199](#) Council Meeting Minutes for Approval.

These Minutes were Approved on the Consent Agenda.

2. Ordinances for Second Reading:

[ORD-0054-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL

APPROPRIATION- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

3. Resolutions:

[RES-0031-2021](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AMONG VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0032-2021](#) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0033-2021](#) A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AREA.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0034-2021](#) A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM WORK ON FRA-317-16.68 STRUCTURE (SFN 2516632) OVER BIG WALNUT ALONG WITH OTHER ASSOCIATED WORK WITHIN THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

End of/Pass Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by McGregor, to Pass the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 1 - Renner

E. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING:

Leeseberg Introduced the Items under Section E.

[ORD-0056-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- Various Accounts.

This Item was Introduced.

F. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & EMERGENCY ADOPTION:

[ORD-0055-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION OF 1.465 +/- ACRES FROM MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO, TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO (JOHNNY TORRES-GUZMAN & AMELIA SIFUENTES-TORRES PID# 191-003163); WAIVE SECOND READING; ADOPT AS EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Angelou, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 1 - Renner

G. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING, EMERGENCY ADOPTION:

[ORD-0051-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR SANITARY SEWER EVALUATION SURVEY (SSES) SMOKE AND DYE TESTING SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Bowers thanked the Administration for their presentation and Town Hall on this program; was explained to our residents in an effective way; now has a better understanding of what the smoke and dye test does.

A motion was made by Bowers, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Ordinance be Adopted, as Amended, as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 1 - Renner

[ORD-0052-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2021-2022 SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Bowers, seconded by Schnetzer to Amend by Substitution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 1 - Renner

Leeseberg stated that while the proposal says that EMH&T would come back to Council to discuss the 2022 program, City Attorney Mularski stated at the last meeting that the Administration would not necessarily need to; we would pay EMH&T to inspect for ADA requirements but they are basically saying that they are not to be held liable for things that don't meet the fluid requirements and regulations. Angelou asked if that language was usual. Leeseberg stated that it is. Mayor Jadwin stated

that is typical language. Bowers stated that section 3 of the ordinance does require the Administration to provide the cost once received, so we will have additional information; the responsibility falls to the city for ADA compliance. Larick stated that there is a requirement for the city to enforce ADA compliance; regarding this being an emergency, can support as a single year program; makes no sense to do two year programs; would like to reevaluate next year. Mayor Jadwin stated that one-year cycle does not provide enough evidence of its effectiveness.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by McGregor, that the Ordinance be Adopted, as Amended, as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote, but emergency failed:

Yes: 4 - Schnetzer, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

No: 2 - Leeseberg and Larick

Absent: 1 - Renner

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

2021-0198 Liquor Permit Request: #1307855; 505 Morrison Rd. & Patio; Bindlestik LLC.

Clerk stated that this is for the former Kindred Ale site and now called Crafted Culture; no objections from the Police Department. Bowers asked if we know what type of permit Jordan's off Morrison Rd. has. Clerk stated that she could research that location and provide details. Larick stated that Jordan's is run like a classic bar; would expect they have the broadest liquor permit. No objections noted from Council.

Council- none.

I. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

Leeseberg stated that there's a CIC meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at the Golf Course.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou stated that the last meeting was on 9/9/21; held a moment of silence for a former MORPC Transportation Director Bob Lawler, who passed away; served for 36 years in public service; registration is underway for the Summit on Sustainability; Franklin University is offering

discounts for MORPC members; highlighted the Central Ohio Greenways and Rapid 5 at the Board Meeting, details available on MORPC's website; has been working on development tools to transform economic development in the region; feedback can be submitted by 10/9/21; the rural planning organization continues to discuss coordination on public engagement; provided Census update; central Ohio has grown since 2010; region remains on track to have 3 million people by 2050; discussed mobility initiative; attended a forum on Link US mobility; talked about the 9/13/21 Executive Strategy for rail expansion, talked about the mid-west connect; if we don't move on the rapid transit project now we may never get the opportunity or funding again.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

No report.

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

Schnetzer stated that the City submitted a new proposed school compensation agreement, pertaining to pre-1994 and post-1994 CRAs as well as the related TIF districts within the city; will schedule meetings for further negotiations; will provide details once received.

J. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Jadwin congratulated CVB on the successful return of the Blues and Jazz Festival; their entire team is new and this is the largest event in the city; held a brick laying ceremony on 9/8/21 for the Walnut Creek surgical centers; thanked Council Members for attending the event; is the third building and it was announced that a fourth building has been signed for and will be built; hopes for a fifth building in the future; offers stable medical jobs in our community and provides a good income tax base; those employers want their employees to have the ability to walk to work; held the first Town Hall last week on the West Side Sewer project; thanked Public Service & Engineering team and Communications Manager for assisting with the event; was an engaged group; residents appreciate being able to watch the meetings from home due to COVID; Gahanna Historical Society will host the Mill Street Market this weekend; Creekside Hops and Vines tickets are on sale; instituted a mask mandate when indoors at City Hall and other city buildings and will remain in place until further notice; departments have submitted draft budget numbers and they will continue working on that until they present to Council in October; Finance Director Joann Bury received the Auditor of State's Award with Distinction for excellence in financial reporting and

compliance; her department also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the eighth year in a row.

City Attorney

No report.

K. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou stated that she was happy to be part of the brick laying ceremony; is proud of the development happening and that it's happening quickly; enjoyed the music at the Blues & Jazz Festival, it was a great event; heard people say that the timing of the event was great this year; will be attending a MORPC event this Friday called Leaders in Legacy; will be answering questions there and will talk about my role in leadership and how I got to be there.

Bowers thanked those who were able to attend the community conversation earlier today, regarding the Tax Incentive Hub; was hosted by the Franklin County Auditor's Office; Rep. Lightbody was able to attend; Economic Dev. Director Nate Strumm was also in attendance; hybrid options for community engagement allows for more participation; this weekend the Stonewall Center of Columbus is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Schnetzer stated that he attended the Blues & Jazz Festival; attended Coffee with Council on Saturday morning, which first began back in 2014; it's an informal and casual way for residents to talk to Council; was happy to be back after taking a pause due to COVID; we had two very engaged residents; thanked CVB and many staff members who made the event possible; thanked Bury for her hard work and efforts.

McGregor appreciated CASTO taking care of Stoneridge Plaza; that shopping center is 30+ years old; Hunters Ridge did some paving and landscaping and looks a lot better; Mill Street Market will be from 9-4 this Sunday and will have 120 vendors.

Larick stated that it feels like we are getting back to normal but we still have risks; hopes that we have a positive turn; Coffee with Council is an excellent opportunity to meet with us members and we have had a positive experience; worked with the Historical Society this past weekend and met with guests staying at the Lily Stone; they said that Gahanna is like a second home; Blues & Jazz fest was fantastic this year; it was energetic and had a good turnout.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Angelou, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(g) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply: (1) The information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision of Chapter 715, 725, 1724 or 1728 or sections 701.07, 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code. (2) A unanimous quorum of the public body determines, by a roll call vote, that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project AND to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Council rose to report into executive session and invited Mayor Jadwin, Assistant City Attorney Matt Roth, and Economic Development Director Nate Strumm into the Committee Room for the first session. Council rose to report from Executive Session with no action taken.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Leeseberg, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

Absent: 1 - Renner

M. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.