

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 19, 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 Session on March 19, 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 Samuel. Agenda for this meeting was published on March 16, 2012.

**Members Absent:** Beryl D. Anderson

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

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

MOTION by Jolley, seconded by Samuel, to add MR-0013 to the Consent Agenda to postpone to date certain of April 2, 2012. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Jolley, Samuel, Angelou, Larick, Renner, Wright. Motion carried.

President Larick noted an Executive Session would be added to the agenda after Council Comment.

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:****Swearing in of Police Officers Michael Shippitka & Adam Buchman:**

Chief of Police Murphy introduced two new officers, Michael Shippitka and Adam Buchman. Mayor Stinchcomb administered the oath of office and Safety Director Robert Keyes pinned on their badges.

**Parks & Recreation Foundation:**

Lee Tucker, 805 Nob Hill Drive West, stated he is Chair of the Parks & Recreation Foundation; also a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee; appreciate having this time to speak to celebrate what the Foundation has done and look forward to 2012; the Foundation is a non profit 501(c)(3); have brochures in front of you; established in 2008 to help improve the quality of parks and recreation services for a healthier and more vibrant city; organization is led by volunteers and a Council member serves on the Board; since the beginning have provided \$37,693 in funding of different varieties including 78 camper weeks of scholarships, 2011 Freedom Festival, Three Creeks Installation, Toups Family Big Walnut Trail Comfort Stations, Rotary Family Entertainment Series, Family Fund Event, Creekside Bridge Mural Project and three granite park benches at the Paddleboat Marina; very pleased with continued growth in 2011; directly from efforts last year will be providing Scholarships for 33 Camper weeks; and with the success of 2011 Freedom Festival; we have over \$22,000 contributed for that event; helped on installation on first piece of public art; great thing to get started; 2012 will be a great year; working with same artist as last year for the new art piece but with a new twist; Arts Committee of the Foundation are working with students in the schools who will help design the piece; will also be working on invasive species removal at Central Park; comfort station in Big Walnut Trail; also looking into scholarships for sports leagues in these tough economic times; will have money set aside for that; Camp Friendship scholarship applications are available right now; can sign up for partial scholarships; thanks for your support last year; Lions, Jaycees, Rotary and YMCA are working together to back our efforts; Freedom Festival is a great community event; is an all day event; USO is going to be involved again for that hometown feel; Welcome Home theme for this year; will be a meeting on March 22 for the community;

make sure people who want to be involved can be; also thank Scott McComb from Heartland Bank who is enthused about making this a sustainable event; thank Council for your support. Samuel asked if the Foundation was working with the schools to get notice out about the scholarship opportunities. Tucker stated it is on the web site. Wright stated he is a big supporter of the Foundation; trying to make sure the Freedom Festival is an event on a yearly basis; from parade in the morning and all day long to the end of the fireworks; was proud last year of the event; attracted so many people to the golf course; also think the public display of art is great; whether big or small, the cultural diversity of the City needs to be celebrated; Short North is the heart of City of Columbus surrounded by the theme of art and galleries; hope we can push that forward here.

**Board of Education - Clarice Yoder:**

Clarice Yoder, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, stated it was good to be here; share some things going on in school district; main thing right now is the superintendent search; well on our way; staff and teachers are involved; will be a meeting in the evening for community people; the Gahanna way is getting input from everybody; accepting applications for this position until April 6; will begin to work on resumes and proceed with interviews after that; certainly appreciate any input from you or community; is a focus group on website; any input you might have we want to know; feel free to share your thoughts and ideas on the website; at our last meeting voted to change companies and are using Metropolitan Educational Council to purchase our gas; agreed to go with them as their rates were better; Superintendent Mark White was featured in Scholastic magazine which focuses on what's cutting edge in leadership; he was featured as one of the leaders for 2012 on the cutting edge of using technology; Celebration of Excellence was great; thanks for supporting the schools; always fun to do the celebration; made around \$110,000 this year; have gone over the \$1 million mark in over 8 years of fundraising for the district; each school will receive 5 i-pads; from the funds raised at the celebration; have one graduate on the Ohio University basketball team and another on the Virginia Commonwealth team so it's great following this tournament.

**M.O.R.P.C. - 2012 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Bernice Cage:**

Bernice Cage, Public Information Officer for MORPC; thanked Council for allowing me to be here to present to you the 2012-2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; this is information you should know about it as well as information I think you would be interested in; a copy of the power point presentation is on file in the Council Office; projects included in the plan for Gahanna include Hamilton Road north from Morse Road to Dublin-Granville Road widen from 2 to 4 lanes in 2020-2030 for \$23.9 to \$30.7 million; Hamilton Road from Clark State Road north to US62 from 2 to 4 lanes in 2016 for \$17.8 million; Big Walnut Trail in 2020-2030 for \$1.9 million to \$2.7 million; further areas of Big Walnut Trail in 2016-2020 for \$2.2 to \$3.5 million; Styler Road from Johnstown Road north to US 62 for safety widening to standard width in 2014 for \$1 million; Johnstown Road from Goshen Lane to Stelzer Road for safety widening to standard width in 2015 for \$2.2 million; Stelzer Road at Johnstown Road for an intersection improvement in 2016-2020 for \$3 to \$3.6 million; Johnstown Road at Bridgeway Avenue as an intersection improvement in 2012 for \$500,000 and Clark State Road from Hamilton Road to Reynoldsburg New Albany for safety widening to standard lane width in 2020-2030 for \$30.8 to \$43.5 million; also showed map of projects not included at this time; open for review and comment until April 13; then goes before Board in May for approval; glad to answer any questions.

Samuel asked if school transportation is included in this plan. Cage stated no it is not; do have included some information about walk to school programs, complete street programs, but coordination of bus travel is not included; but COTA transit is included; they also have a long range plan out; once it is approved it gets integrated into our long

range transportation plan.

## D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

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

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Renner.

#### ORD-0061-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Reimbursement to Franklin County; Clark State Road

**Introduced**

#### ORD-0062-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH W. E. STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MODEL UPDATE.

**Introduced**

#### ORD-0063-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - OHEC Capital Projects/Improvements

**Introduced**

#### ORD-0064-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### ORD-0065-2012

TO AMEND CODE CHAPTER 149, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### ORD-0066-2012

TO ACCEPT FIFTH AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF DEDICATION FOR GAHANNA WOODS STATE NATURE PRESERVE

**Introduced**

#### ORD-0067-2012

TO ZONE 2.45 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS ER-2, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5061 SHAGBARK ROAD; CITY OF GAHANNA, APPLICANT.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

#### ORD-0068-2012

TO ZONE 0.29+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4427 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; CITY OF GAHANNA, APPLICANT.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

#### ORD-0069-2012

TO ZONE 0.826 +/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS CC-2, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1150 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD; CITY OF GAHANNA, APPLICANT.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**

## E. CONSENT AGENDA:

### Minutes - To Approve:

#### 2012-0015

To approve the Following Set of Minutes:  
1) March 5, 2012.

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

**Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:**

**ORD-0059-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH S. VITALE PYROTECNICO INDUSTRIES INC., FOR FIREWORKS FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA 2012 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$19,380; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0060-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH GERMAIN FORD, FOR PURCHASE OF 3 FORD F-250 PICKUP TRUCKS; FROM THE STATE CONTRACT #RS 900812, INDEX GDC093, ITEM #20AT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

**ORD-0045-2012**

TO REAUTHORIZE AND CONFIRM THE PLANNED TRANSFERS AS APPROPRIATED IN ORD-0001-2012.

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

**ORD-0046-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) FOR THE YEAR 2012

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

**ORD-0048-2012**

TO ACCEPT MONIES SEIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$808 AWARDED TO THE GAHANNA POLICE PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER NO. 10CVH-17213; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$284 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

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

**ORD-0049-2012**

TO ACCEPT MONIES SEIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,887 AWARDED TO THE GAHANNA POLICE PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER NO. 10CVH-18357; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$575 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

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

**ORD-0050-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COVERALL NORTH AMERICA, INC., FOR CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE OKLAHOMA AVENUE SERVICE COMPLEX.

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

**ORD-0052-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Sanitary Sewer Fund, Sewer Backups

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

**ORD-0054-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR GAHANNA WORKING AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO EPA STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS OF

OUR NPDES PERMIT.

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

**ORD-0055-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION, A MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE FOR OUR MS4 NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT.

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

**ORD-0056-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TRANE FOR REDUNDANT COOLING FOR THE IT SERVER ROOMS AT CITY HALL AND THE POLICE STATION; TO BE PURCHASED FROM STATE CONTRACT STS#800195; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$48,060; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0057-2012**

TO ALLOW THE SURFACE APPLICATION OF BRINE; FOR DUST CONTROL AT SUBURBAN STEEL SUPPLY.

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

**ORD-0058-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Parks Minor Capital

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

**Motion Resolution:**

**MR-0014-2012**

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the Lincolnshire Road Rebuild.

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

**MR-0015-2012**

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the purchase and installation of two new generator transfer switches.

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

**MR-0016-2012**

Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to join the City of Columbus' After-Market Parts formal bid.

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

**MR-0017-2012**

Motion Resolution that the Police Department has no objection to the transfer of the D5 liquor permit from Bandy Inc, dba Mug & Jug, 333 Agler Road & Patio; to Richard B. Stover, dba The Mug & Jug, 333 Agler Road & Patio, Gahanna Ohio 43230.

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

**MR-0018-2012**

Motion Resolution that the Police Department has no objection to the issuance of a new D3 liquor permit for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC, dba Chipotle, 95 N. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.

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

**Postpone to Date Certain - April 2, 2012:**

**MR-0013-2012**

To confirm the Mayor's appointment of Andre Porter to the Community Improvement Corporation (C.I.C.) Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending December 31,

2014.

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain to the Regular Agenda on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Passed The Consent Agenda**

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

**Yes        6        President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley and Wright**

**Absent        1        Anderson**

### **End of the Consent Agenda**

## **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

President stated Public Hearing Rules that would apply to all public hearings this evening.

### **Z-0001-2012**

To consider a Zoning application to zone .29 +/- acres located at 4427 E. Johnstown Road; current zoning Township, requested zoning SO (Suburban Office); City of Gahanna, applicant.

President opened Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

President asked for proponents. Karl Wetherholt, City Engineer, stated this piece of property was recently annexed and is adjacent to YMCA and has become a part of their leased area; zoning requested is the same zoning as the YMCA.

President asked for opponents. There were none. President closed Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

### **Heard in Public Hearing**

### **Z-0002-2012**

To consider a Zoning application to zone 1.0 +/- acre located at 1150 North Hamilton Road; current zoning Township, requested zoning CC-2 (Community Commercial); City of Gahanna, applicant.

President opened Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.

President asked for proponents. Karl Wetherholt, City Engineer, stated this piece of property was recently annexed and is immediately north of Vista Drive on Hamilton Road; requested zoning is the same as the property that is adjacent..

President asked for opponents. There were none. President closed Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

### **Heard in Public Hearing**

### **Z-0003-2012**

To consider a Zoning application to zone 2.45 acres located at 5061 Shagbark Road; current zoning Township, requested zoning ER-2 (Estate Residential); City of Gahanna, applicant.

President opened Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

President asked for proponents. Karl Wetherholt, City Engineer, stated this piece of property was recently annexed; needed to build a sewer that would take out two lift stations which reduces our cost of operating the system; during right of way negotiations agreed to annex this property and now it has to be zoned; requesting the ER

zoning as that is what the property owner wished.

President asked for opponents. There were none. President closed Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

**Heard in Public Hearing**

## **G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Committee of the Whole - Renner: No Report.**

**Finance & Development - Samuel:**

Samuel stated that Thursday, March 22 at 8:30 a.m. members of this committee will make a visit to TechColumbus in New Albany; Anthony Jones will be attending also.

**Parks, Service & Safety - Anderson: No Report.**

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

**Clerk:**

**2012-0010** Notice to Legislative Authority of a transfer of D5 liquor permit from Bandy Inc., DBA Mug N Jug, 333 Agler Road & Patio, Gahanna OH 43230 to Richard B. Stover, DBA The Mug & Jug, 333 Agler Road & Patio, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is April 9, 2012.

**Received and Filed**

**2012-0011** Notice to Legislative Authority of a new D3 liquor permit for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, dba Chipotle, 95 N. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is April 12, 2012.

**Received and Filed**

**2012-0014** Notice to Legislative Authority of a Liquor Agency license renewal for Wine Guy New Albany, LLC, dba The Wine Guy, 1383 Johnstown Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is April 13, 2012.

**Received and Filed**

**Council: No Report.**

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

**ORD-0047-2012** TO REAPPROVE AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANTING APPROVAL FOR JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS AFFILIATES, AT TECHCENTER DRIVE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Larick stated he would be abstaining as they are my current employer.

**A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Samuel, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Absent** 1 Anderson

**Abstain, COI** 1 President Larick

Yes      5      Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley and Wright

**ORD-0053-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO JOINT PROJECT WITH MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP FOR REPLACEMENT OF RETAINING WALL AND SIDEWALK ON THE EAST SIDE OF OLDE RIDENOUR ROAD BETWEEN US ROUTE 62 AND THE GAHANNA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.

Samuel stated he will be voting for this; had City Attorney check on ownership of the sidewalk; his information met all my questions and am satisfied that we own sidewalk. Ewald stated he did believe that is the case. Angelou stated for full disclosure will note my husband is a Mifflin Township Trustee; walked the area and took pictures of the condition of the retaining wall and sidewalk; certainly is in need of repair; probably should have been on our list; this is a wonderful joint project and we can work together; doing joint projects is being prioritized throughout the region and the state.

**A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Renner, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes      5      President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou and Jolley

No      1      Wright

Absent      1      Anderson

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.**

**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:**

Larick stated meeting is tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

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

Angelou stated she was glad to have Cage here to do presentation on plan; Bob Lawler, Interim Director did report on the transportation authorization bill; nothing new; complete street tool kit has been worked on for a couple of years ago on best practices; has now been drafted and ready to be published and sent out in the next few weeks; State of the Region luncheon is on April 26; Black Enterprise Entrepreneurial Conference is coming to view the area as a site for their conference; good chance of being picked; was a good discussion on municipal tax collection issues; talked about issues with the state wanting to collect municipal tax for all municipalities brought up several reasons why centralization is not what we should be advocating; nothing on the table at this time; on March 8 Chester Jourdan put in his resignation as of April 1; was a surprise to MORPC at that point; staff was in shock; no discussion there but were aware of the fact he was considering leaving; nothing was done at that meeting; on March 15 another meeting that went into executive session with no action taken; today on March 19 members of MORPC received this media advisory that the Board had voted to move up his last day of employment to March 19; Bob Lawler will continue to be interim director; search committee has been formed; has been a distraction to members of MORPC attempting to get a smooth transition going; will move forward in a positive vein; hope that they can move quickly; large job with many facets to it.

**Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Angelou:**

Angelou stated she attended last Thursday; Lincoln Elementary 3rd grade students were there to present a pilot program using i-pads; was exciting to see; doing wonderful things with i-pads; technology of 21st century; Wetherholt was there as he had written resolution regarding the safe routes to schools program; did a great job in writing that resolution for them; also approval for 2012 tax rates for 2013 collection; outside the 10 mil limitation the general fund is \$53,087,719 and inside millage is \$6,094,123; bond retirement is at \$2,773,189; healthy general fund to work with.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley:**

Jolley stated they discussed the results of the strategic planning session; was a great session; will forward the slides and information to office if you want it; planning is under way for Blues & Jazz and Holiday Lights; 5K run was removed from Blues & Jazz Festival planning this year; am concerned as so many folks ran last year from outside Gahanna just to participate in that event; looking into possible partnering with Cross Country team to organize that event; would be a great partnership between city and schools; also approved 2 new board members and elected officers; Laurie Jadwin is President.

**Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel: No report.****M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor:**

Stinchcomb stated that Council approved the automatic weather alert system last year; storms last night were a great example of why it is a great tool for our residents; home phone and cell phones within range are alerted to an emergency; coincidentally we had another push to promote; had 65 new registrations; today many people were calling trying to get that; residents and businesses can still register; CodeRED is on front page of website or can call Mayor's office; sent memo on Friday regarding regional economic development; press briefing is scheduled for Wednesday March 21 at 10:30 a.m. to update on the progress made by local governments; Mayors & City Managers have reached consensus on an economic development agreement that will be up for your discussion in next committee; all entities are bringing to our legislative bodies at the same time; also signing the shared services and joint letter from all communities opposing the state's continuing efforts to centralize municipal income tax collection.

**City Attorney: No Report.****N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Wright stated he attended the Olde Gahanna Association on Wednesday; was a great opportunity to be introduced to the local businesses and see people behind the scenes; after our retreat, would like to see follow up in taking some action on things we accomplished. Stinchcomb stated they were working with Council leadership and facilitator and will be bringing forth recommendations. Wright stated he was thinking that when you come in to City Hall it is pretty bland to where you really don't know which department is which; had this idea that I passed along to another Council person, want to get everyone else's feedback to where if you go into any federal building or other Councils, there are pictures of Council members and the areas they represent as well as department heads; thought that would be a good idea; when I was an average citizen was hard to tell who was what; should focus on that and get it in place where people can see when they come in to Council Chambers these are your City Council members and this is the Mayor; to really start to build the image not only of the office of the Mayor but the

office of Council and pull together a full integration so we can work on building the brand of Gahanna and get out of this mind set of the economic downturn and start to push towards formality and making sure that City Hall is welcoming to people and know who their representatives are; last thing I want to say is that this is my third month on Council and done a lot of amazing things and met a lot of amazing people that I wouldn't have met; very thankful for that.

Renner stated that codeRED worked well; we were at Max & Ermas; cell phone rang and had to gently tell my grandmother what was happening; telling her about inclement weather is a sensitive matter; did bring to my mind however that yet again this is a weather event that will probably have roofing and siding sales people calling all over our neighborhoods; make sure you ask people if they have a permit from Chief of Police to be at your door; take no excuse; every person has to have one; this is the time of year when weather is getting nice; have been cooped up and we want to raise our windows; have windows down on our cars and some people like to blare their music; please be mindful of the impact you may have on other Gahanna citizens.

Jolley stated he would like to talk about HB487; Governor unveiled mid-budget review; couple points to note; one is that I don't know of any other entity that budgets on a biennial basis as opposed to an annual basis; we have seen how hard it is to budget and to make projections on a single year basis; in my opinion, reckless to try to do so on a 2 year basis; one of the greatest things we could do in the state would be to switch from biennial to an annual budget; one of the things that is glaringly absent from this bill is support for schools and local communities; \$180 million in surplus funds with none of it earmarked to go back to schools and local communities; think that is a travesty, have talked a lot about our Local Government Fund being cut and the impact it is having on the city's finances; would be a good step for our citizens including the students in the room to please contact the Governor and your state legislators and demand that some of this money be put back in to local communities so we can continue providing the services that our residents expect.

Angelou noted that HB471 was introduced and it will increase the Local Government Fund distributions to prior levels; at least something. Jolley stated it was a completely different bill.

Samuel stated he wanted to remind everyone to get out and discover Gahanna's greatest gems which are the walking and bike trails; recently discovered Rathburn Woods/Rice Avenue/Central Park area; is a beautiful area; also Creekside to Church of the Nazarene; next will be trying Academy Park trail.

Angelou stated she attended Analytics for a Smarter City last week; have those beautiful trails and think we should get apps for our smart phones; Columbus has put one together for their trails; don't know what is involved; was going to mention to Braun; amazing what Columbus has done especially in the Short North area since they have these apps; also another point from the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, in the past decade about 10,000 jobs were created in this area; those jobs went from inside the outerbelt to outside; forecast is now to go back inside the outerbelt.

Larick stated that with regard to codeRed was returning from Indiana and call came in when I hit I-670; called home and son was on the porch watching the cool clouds.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Samuel, seconded by Renner, 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, official, licensee or regulated individual unless such public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing and under Section 5.04(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of public property through competitive bidding or public auction.

ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Samuel, Renner, Wright, Angelou, Jolley, Larick. Motion carried.

Council rose to Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. with President Larick inviting the City Attorney and the Mayor to the Executive Session. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. with all members in attendance returning to the dais.

**O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:58 p.m. - Motion by Wright.**

**Stacey Bashore  
Deputy Clerk of Council**

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

### **Chair Signature**