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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - January 2024 Report**
Date: February 16, 2024

General Update - Events and Actions of January 2024:

- Attended swearing-in of **Mayor of Hebron (Licking Co.), Dr. Valerie Mockus** (first woman to be elected Mayor in Hebron!) on January 1.
- **Sworn into 2nd term** as a Councilmember and elected President of Council on January 2.
- Interviewed intern applicant with Council Clerk VanMeter and recommended for hiring as summer intern.
- Attended **“Band Together”** monthly open mic for musicians with autism at Gatsby’s on January 14.
- Attended meetings with Administration staff regarding 825 Municipal Complex financing and design.
- Attended **Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting** on January 18.
- Advocated for **state funding of municipal projects** to the office of newly appointed State Representative for House District 4 Beryl Brown Piccolantonio.
- Advocated **in support of home rule and tobacco retail licensing** with State Senators Antonio and Reynolds.
- Attended Gun Sense meeting on January 23 and received sample model resolutions in support of **safe storage and responsible gun ownership**.
- Attended **Chief of Police Community Association Meeting** on January 25.
- Attended **GJPS State of the Schools** on January 31.
- Organized Council Office priorities with Council Clerk and communicated with Mayor and Administration.
- Collaborated to establish standing meetings for **improved communication** between Council and Administration.



*From top: Jan. 2 Swearing-In with Family;
Jan. 18 with GACC Board Member Sarah Pollyea*

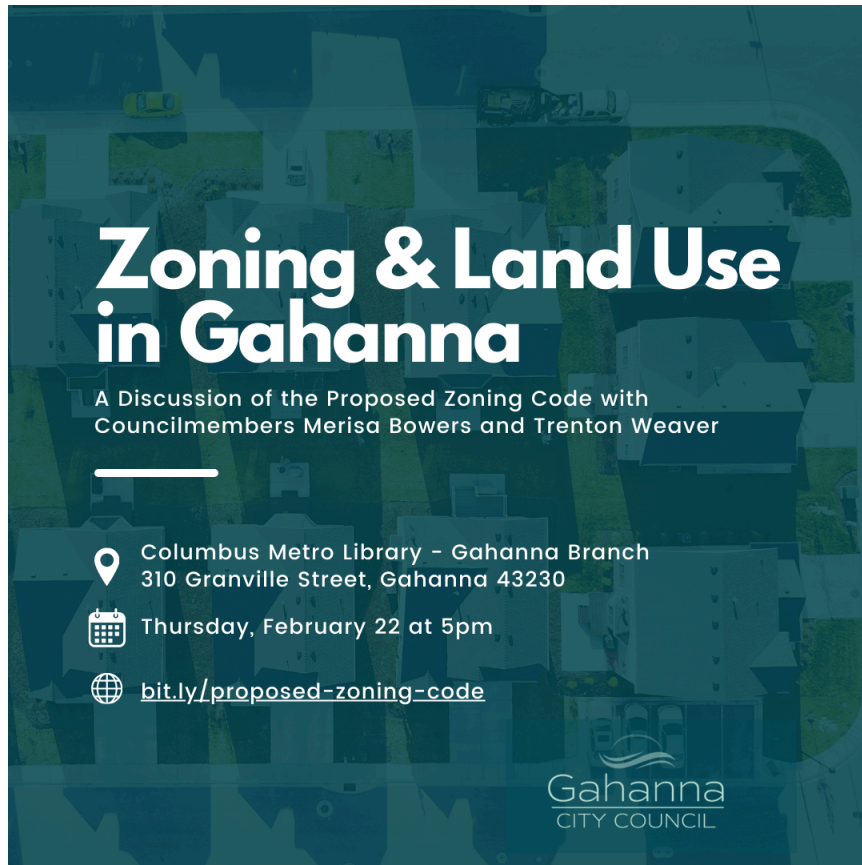
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Constituent Hours

My January Constituent Hour was held **Tuesday, January 23 at 12:30 p.m. at the Gahanna branch of the library.**

February Constituent Hour: **“Zoning and Land Use in Gahanna: A discussion with Councilmembers Merisa Bowers and Trenton Weaver”** will be held on **Thursday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gahanna branch of the library.**



For updates on constituent hours and for periodic email updates from Councilwoman Bowers sign up here: <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

To schedule a meeting, coffee, or call, please email merisa.bowers@gahanna.gov or call 614-342-0040.

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Constituent Issues/Concerns:

1. Potholes and road maintenance
Received email regarding potholes, road maintenance, and suggestions to improve website; responded to constituent.
2. Trash collection
Received email with a complaint about Local Waste trash and recycling pickup; responded to constituent.
3. Scholar in Residence at Congregation Tifereth Israel
Received announcement from resident for Scholar in Residence weekend at Congregation Tifereth Israel; responded.
4. Marsy's Law
Follow up from constituent hour regarding victim's rights laws.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Merisa K. Bowers
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Gahanna City Councilmember, At Large
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