



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, July 5, 2016

7:00 PM

City Hall

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 5, 2016, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Stephen Renner called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Vice President of Council, Brian Larick delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on July 1, 2016.

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

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

1. Joe Spanovich - present check for the fireworks on behalf of Mifflin Township & Mifflin Township Division of Fire

Mr. Joe Spanovich said he was attending tonight to present a check to the Mayor, administration and City Council; here with Lynn Stewart, Richard Angelou, and Nancy White; said he met several times with the Mayor prior to his election and he made note that it was a desire to bring back fireworks to the City of Gahanna; presented a check for \$7,000 to put toward making the event wonderful; Mayor Kneeland thanked him for the support and said this is a partnership; Spanovich said he supports the Mayor's goals and thanked everyone.

2. [RES-0022-2016](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND VARUN MIRIYALA FOR PLACING SECOND AT NATIONALS OF THE INVENTION CONVENTION.

Vice President Larick, along with Mayor Kneeland, read and presented a Resolution to recognize Varun Miriyala. Varun was accompanied by his family; Larick said Varun is very active and wanted to take the opportunity to recognize him for placing at Nationals of the Invention Convention; Varun said thank you for recognizing him.

President Renner recognized we have several speaker slips tonight; said we are introducing tonight the first reading and introduction for a pre-annexation agreement; does allow the City to ensure the developer will be held to high standards; said first step is a very long process; said nothing really is taking place tonight; approval of the pre-annexation does not guarantee that annexation will occur; just a document that outlines the obligations for the developer, if the project goes forward; next step will be a zoning process with Planning Commission; then there will be actual annexation language that comes before Council; then the developer will file for annexation petition with Franklin County; the approval must have an annexation agreement and a successful one, by this body; we have heard from everyone; appreciates the comments; some address the schools; school board has not had an opportunity to discuss anything about this project; will do so at the July 14 meeting.

Mick Rings, 947 Heritage Street, Blacklick; is the President of the Homeowners Association at Hannah Farms; speak on behalf of most of the homeowners as well as himself; live in ground zero of this project; his home backs up to this project; only home in Hannah Farms; over the past few years have been very involved with Jefferson Township and the City on their thoughts on the project; empathize with the landowners trying to sell their land; would rather not see the development at all; have been trying to cooperate; have come a long way from the original plans; concerned with traffic, school impacts, overall feel of the area; the 7 mills being proposed, to make it worthwhile for Gahanna, will net around 33K for the City; does not seem like enough for the possible ill-will this will create; afraid it can foster lack of support for future City or School levies or funding; comes down to risk versus reward; what future problems does this create with Jefferson Township and Gahanna; not against development; said the Mayor reminded him, the City needs to grow; does not believe this is a step in the right direction.

Jayne Nathans, 2512 Keltonhurst Court, Blacklick; in Kitzmiller Crossing; concerned with traffic and road related issues; concerned with Havens Road; understands it needs rebuilt; costs millions of dollars; more traffic would happen with this new building; Havens Road needs to be fixed first; also traffic getting out on

Reynoldsburg-New Albany; adding more homes will make it more challenging; also going down Mann Road to make a right or left on Havens Corners; the cost to keep those roads up, to plow the area, is major; sometimes do not get her court dealt with for snow removal; for growth but only with planning.

Rick Nathans, 2512 Keltonhurst Court, Blacklick; with the millage, the net revenue, was told it would cost millions to do Havens Road; the City cannot afford it; the road looks like something you would see in a third-world country; our home is continuous to this land; the elevation to that property is higher than their property; issue is drainage; whole area will turn into a lake unless that issue is addressed with sewer systems.

Ron Brofford, 2641 Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, Blacklick; said he has property outlining this proposed area; no greenspace between their property and his property; house would sit very close to his property; traffic is also a concern; the proposed road going to RNA, said there is 60 feet from that road to his driveway; can hardly get out of his driveway now; not a good fit; not against development, but this will not work; do not want that water backing up on his land either; been there for 40 years; deserve better than that; and the other owners too; have seen other growth come in; not against that; this is not a good fit; believe they have spoken about the services; aware of the Jefferson Water and Sewer District; any revenue has to stay within the Township for 30 years; do not understand; sure you will make the right decision.

Al Navarro, 951 Suzanne Way, Blacklick; said believes his concerns were addressed, not going to speak.

President Renner urged everyone to look at the pre-annexation agreement; drainage issue is being addressed; please bring additional things to our attention.

Daphne Moehring thanked Council for honoring their invention convention winner; said we also had two students place at the Educators Rising Ohio Conference; Brian Collins placed 3rd in lesson planning; Kathy McGuff placed in the top ten; so hats off to two more students; said their school financial reporting is all on opengov.com; if you have questions, encourage you to check there; construction going on around schools; permanent improvement money being used to improve the schools this summer.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Vice President Larick introduced the items under Section D.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

[ORD-0065-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH M/I HOMES OF CENTRAL OHIO, LLC FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A 62.3+/- ACRE PARCEL LOCATED ON DARLING ROAD SOUTH OF HANNAH FARMS SUBDIVISION.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

[ORD-0069-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLUMBUS ASPHALT PAVING FOR THE ASHMEAD DRIVE STREET INFILTRATION PROJECT.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

[ORD-0070-2016](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Salt Purchase.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2016-0233](#) City Council Minutes - June 20, 2016

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0063-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PARTICIPATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS TO US-62; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0064-2016](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Strategic Result 2.3, West Side Intersection Alternatives Analysis.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0033-2016](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2017 ANNUAL TAX BUDGET AS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL ON JUNE 27, 2016 AND TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DELIVER SAID TAX BUDGET TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY OFFICE OF BUDGET NO LATER THAN JULY 20, 2016.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

[RES-0022-2016](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND VARUN MIRIYALA FOR PLACING SECOND AT NATIONALS OF THE INVENTION CONVENTION.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

[2016-0234](#) Committee Minutes - June 27, 2016

Committee of the Whole - Larick

No report.

Finance - Schnetzer

No report.

Service & Safety - Leeseberg

No report.

Development & Parks - McGregor

No report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None.

Council

Larick said have received several letters about the M/I Homes Annexation.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

[ORD-0066-2016](#) TO ENACT CODE CHAPTER 914, TREE PRESERVATION, PLANTING AND REPLACEMENT, OF PART NINE, STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

A motion was made by Larick, seconded by Leeseberg, that this Ordinance be Adopted.

Discussion on the motion: A motion was made by Larick, seconded by Leeseberg, that this Ordinance be Postponed to Date Certain to the City Council, due back on 7/18/2016. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Renner/Larick

Larick said next meeting is Tuesday, July 19.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou said next meeting is July 14.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Larick/Renner

Renner said will attend the July 14 meeting.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Leeseberg said there is another CTA on Friday July 22; at the Golf Depot; anyone interested should sign up as soon as possible; deadline is the end of this week; to sign up please call 418-9114.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

Mayor Kneeland gave an update; Zulilly is leasing a large space in Gahanna; going toward fulfilling jobs by late 2017; National Church Residences received a 9 million dollar award to allow them to rebuild the towers; that property is 40 plus years old; been having discussions with them to try and partner them up with private developers to get some medical uses in there as well; Harvest International has recently moved to Creekside; Independence Day Celebration, what an event; hopes everyone got the chance to see it; saw on the 1st tee last night; looked like a couple thousand there last night; very well attended; appreciates his staff doing an excellent job; also Mifflin Township presented a check along with Kemba; looking forward to continuing that relationship; O'Tooles on Granville also made a donation; getting traction from businesses; Renner asked on National Church Residences, if it is just a rehab or adding to; Mayor Kneeland said just a rehab but have not gotten many details; will be a big rehab; will re-configure and have medical offices internally; want to bring the medical field closer; neat stuff going on over there.

City Attorney

Not present.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou said wonderful to see a 6th grader of ours win a national conference; sees wonderful things for him in the future; hope everyone had a happy Independence Day; hopes next year will be bigger and better.

Metzbower echoed Angelou's comments; thanked everyone who worked hard to put on a great 4th of July celebration.

McGregor thanked everyone for the 4th of July celebration; fireworks were great; attended as well and looked like thousands of people but was very organized.

Leeseberg echoed everyone's comments.

Schnetzer echoed comments; said did not get to attend the fireworks, was in bed by 10 p.m.; have young children.

Larick said Happy 240th Birthday to this Country; also said Happy Birthday to Mrs. Angelou.

Renner also echoed everyone's comments; said it is exciting about the Invention Convention; thanked Larick for noticing that and bringing it forward; said it says something about our schools; fantastic news; fireworks, hats off to the Mayor; thanked him for bringing businesses to the group; and thankful that the westside is able to walk; had a picnic at the Golf Course with his family; just like the old days.

O. ADJOURNMENT

7:41 p.m. by Leeseberg.