

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 6, 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 Meeting on Monday, August 6, 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 Wright. Agenda for this meeting was published on August 2, 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

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Mayor Stinchcomb presented a proclamation to hometown son and Gahanna graduate Michael Shank honoring and recognizing his achievements in professional motor sports; began racing in 1989; in 1997 became a team owner; recently won the Rolex 24 at Daytona Speedway which is a 24 hour endurance race held annually; proclaimed August 6 as Michael Shank Day.

Michael Shank stated he has been in this room before - in 1986 for doing donuts in Academy Park; thank you Metcalf's for requesting this; lived at 111 Douglas Drive for the first 10 years of my life and then on Havens Corners where my mother still lives; unique bond to this area; thank friends and family who came out to support us; started racing cars the day I left school; thank you to everyone.

John Thomas, 261 Carpenter, stated he wished to address the new code change for noise; seems to be some gray area that Council and Ewald need to know about regarding changing levels; there are two settings on your meter, A and C; A is for general areas such as construction, roads, dump trucks, etc; C is for musical instruments; according to new revised change we are using the A setting; may meet the A setting but add a guitar, singer, etc. and it jumps sky high; should be on C setting when measurement is being taken; checked with Worthington and they use C setting; they change A setting for music to C and use A for general areas; we are using A for everything; would like you to look into changing the way we take the reading to use the C setting; Thursday when I called dispatch, it was fine; live right across the creek from the establishment; they took reading on my property; went back to other side of creek and took another reading; other cruiser came in and then they left; was stated they were using the 50' measurement; what the noise is like in the parking lot or the 50' measurement; my property line is their property line; using my meter it was over 2 to 3 decibels; first time I had to use it; just wanted to clarify; ask that you look into it a little further; different settings on meter which should be looked into; did have different readings between music and area noise; thank you.

Francis Scruzi, Superintendent, Gahanna Lincoln High School, stated school is getting ready to start; has started for me; athletic teams started officially today; scrimmage this Friday; met with administrators last Friday; reviewed what we hope to accomplish this year; worked on district goals which will be posted on our website; will work on objectives so people in the community will know what we are trying to accomplish; good for transparency; my wife, Cindy, and I are thrilled to be residents here; moved in on July 13; thrilled to be a part of this community; met with Mayor and Larick and also with Chief; this is a community that still has small town values which is important to us;

still care about everyone; perfect example tonight in how you rallied around the young man; we as a school district want to reach out to the City; want to be involved in the community; anything we can do to work with you please do not hesitate to ask; want to pay back to the community; did attend Chief's meeting.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Jolley.

ORD-0162-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Streets Overtime

Introduced

ORD-0163-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CHARLIE'S DODGE, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DODGE DURANGO FOR THE ZONING DIVISION; TO BE PURCHASED OFF THE STATE CONTRACT INDEX #GDC093; TO REPEAL ORD-0095-2012; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0164-2012

TO ACCEPT MONIES SEIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$273,990 AWARDED TO THE GAHANNA POLICE PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER #11CVH-9308; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$68,531 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

2012-0034

To Approve the Following Set of Minutes:

1) July 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

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

ORD-0159-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SUNGARD PUBLIC SECTOR, INC., TO UPGRADE THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM (FINANCE AND COMMUNITY PLUS); TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$70,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0160-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY FOR EMERGENCY SANITARY LINE REPAIRS ALONG BOW DRIVE; TO WAIVE THE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$54,441; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0161-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER EXPRESSING THE INTENTION OF CENTRAL OHIO JURISDICTIONS AND PARTNERS TO WORK

COLLABORATIVELY FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS SERVICES; 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-0154-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ROCK SALT CO., LLC, FOR PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT FOR THE 2012/2013 SEASON.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0155-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH AUTOMATIC RENEWALS WITH SMARTBILL LTD., FOR THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CITY'S WATER/SANITARY/STORM/REFUSE BILLS.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0156-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Fleet, Capital Equipment

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0157-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Fleet, Capital Equipment

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

RES-0006-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO COOPERATE WITH MORPC IN MAKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND (LGIF) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FEASIBILITY STUDY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0007-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) FUNDS FOR CARPENTER ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT; IMPROVEMENT NO. 993.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0008-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO COOPERATE WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS IN MAKING GRANT APPLICATION FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FUNDS FOR STYGLER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0009-2012

TO HONOR THE LIFE OF TINEY M. McCOMB

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Statutory Resolutions on Second Reading:

SR-0001-2012

TO REQUEST THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, PROFILES, AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION OF GAHANNA'S SANITARY SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD NORTH OF RIVA RIDGE BOULEVARD.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Wright, 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: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee of the Whole - Renner: No Report.

Finance & Development - Samuel:

Samuel stated a new product Star Plus is available through the state; also Finance is working with investment partners and working on new strategies.

Parks, Service & Safety - Anderson: No Report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

Ward Boundaries - Angelou:

Angelou stated committee met on July 27; all members were present; thank members of the committee for being prepared; thank Jolley and the Clerk's office for all their work on this; have a plan which we hope people will like; if you have questions please let me know; will make presentation at next committee; clerk will be requesting a supplemental of \$2,000 for the survey work that needs done; nice working group; finished with one meeting.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk: No Report.

Council: No Report.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0158-2012 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SLAVIN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS FOR A TOTAL COMPENSATION STUDY FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$15,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced by title, by Larick.

Introduced

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Jolley, that this matter be Waived for Second Reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes **5** President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Jolley and Wright

No **1** Angelou

Absent **1** Anderson

Samuel stated he will be voting yes; don't want to see this be a one time affair; would like to see follow up; hope we can ask questions during the process; would like to see this become an ongoing thing; also retain possibility to look at yearly; hope to see some good things coming out of this.

Wright stated he would echo Samuel's comments; would like to see us make sure we do this on a more continuing basis; only hope to improve our operation and that the contractor will point out improvement areas for us; think this is a good idea; one year follow up on this contract is a big advantage on this type of matter.

Samuel stated he would add that we also look at cross training; lot of school systems look at other ways to increase efficiency when you run low on funds; thank you.

Jolley stated he would be voting yes; as a city our resources are our people; we have great department heads and staff; working through this process the first time myself; interested to see what this yields; this is a way of incentivising our employees to do things well; want to make sure we compensate them well and continue to attract the type of top notch talent we currently have; looking forward to going through this process; by working on job descriptions and helping Slavin Company understand what we do and how we do it hopefully they will suggest changes to make it better; looking forward to going through this process.

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

Yes **5** President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Jolley and Wright

Absent **1** Anderson

No **1** Angelou

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

Jolley left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Beryl D. Anderson and Ryan P. Jolley

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner: No Report.

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

Angelou stated a new fee schedule was adopted for 2013; going up a penny and a half per capita; also established a five year fee schedule with maximums through 2017; passed a resolution authorizing Executive Director to apply for a \$100,000 Local Government Innovation Fund grant for CNG fueled vehicles; we passed a resolution tonight to be involved in this; also passed resolution for consulting services to count traffic in support of more accurate planning and providing up to date traffic counts; on the legislative side had an update on the municipal income tax discussions which continue; E911 authorization is set to expire at the end of this year; MORPC is working with interest groups representing safety organizations to support the reauthorization of this funding; federal sequestration is set to go into effect in January; sequestration is an automatic across the board federal cut of 10% to defense and non-defense spending; MORPC will be raising awareness about what sequestration means to our region; search for new Executive Director for MORPC is ongoing; Mercer Group has been hired; hope to have new Director in place by end of the year.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Larick:

Larick stated meeting is Thursday here in Chambers.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley: No Report.**Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel:**

Samuel stated COTA has discontinued the extra a.m. and p.m. trips for Route 41 which is from the west side to downtown area; if you are concerned can call 228-1776; also some actions taken included money spent for 4 parcels of land and construction at North High Street turnaround which will replace Graceland; will have 12 new passenger shelters downtown; free transportation is being given to those in the City Year program; they are 17 to 22 year olds who tutor and mentor students in Columbus City schools; a \$3 million renovation of the 1325 Essex Ave. maintenance facility has been approved.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor:**

Stinchcomb welcomed the new Superintendent; met with him before my vacation and had a good conversation; look forward to working with you in the future.

City Attorney:

Ewald thanked Thomas for coming this evening; did talk to Police Department this morning; response was that it was just below the level; was at 69 and can issue at 70; we do use an A wave; carried over from previous legislation; if you want to review if we use A or C, can bring to committee; some communities use only A some use both; not meant to capture high or low waves but all around sound; that's why we have used the A and not the C wave; Thomas was using the C wave when he reviewed; was 2 to 3 decibels higher than we use in A wave. Mayor stated they will do some research and work with Police Department.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Angelou noted that today was her 46th wedding anniversary; fun to look over marriage and say I'd do it over and I would; say that in public.

Samuel stated he was off last week and went patrolling around town; Council knows how important the appearance of the City is; sign clutter is appearing again; temporary

signs during the week; we only have one code enforcement officer and some other cities have more; there are also fading light poles in terms of paint in some areas; civic associations can request paint from Service Department and paint those poles; also am concerned with the slow pace of wooden sign replacement; if you run into that, check with Service Department; would like to see us pick up pace on replacement; know that it is scheduled for 3 years at \$100,000 per year but would like to see that speeded up; also an issue with raised sidewalks; again contact the Code Enforcement Officer; you can have a section replaced for \$400 and some companies will jack a section up and level it out; the Hamilton Road south corridor area across from Kroger is beginning to look bad; understand the Hamilton Road corridor study group will be undertaken again soon; exterior house maintenance is an issue; asked if there are a lot of foreclosures; Development Department says they don't have specific numbers, however the realtors say the market has been strong though June 2012; there have been 196 closed sales and 241 properties in contract; much higher than this time last year; signs pop up in spring and summer for sales; with regard to the sound ordinance, we need to continue to look at this and the data collected; if not working then need code for new construction and compliance; my suggestion is no music at all adjacent to a residential area; if there was a specific distance we could control new construction of an outdoor area that has specific sound criteria; ask citizens to contact us and let us know your opinions.

Wright stated he did have last Monday off; note that I am amazed that it costs \$36,000 for a new bus shelter. Samuel stated the new shelters are iron reinforced and are designed to last 20 to 25 years instead of 5 years; greater return on investment. Wright stated he is glad to see buses will be running to 2:00 am to the new casino on the weekends if that's your thing; stated there are a lot of wooden signs still in Ward 2; know there are limited funds; hard to see definition of street; if we can speed up as that signage is needed would be great; the other issue as a Council we need to examine is regarding the noise ordinance; we passed the noise ordinance with lots of discussion with constituents of Ward 2 and others it affects; need to start bringing in some business owners and make sure they have same type of platform so we are not listening to just one side.

Renner stated he did send email to Franey; lot of fire hydrants getting a fresh coat of paint; also several new signs are up and old ones are gone in my area; only other thing was to let you know I stayed up and watched the Mars probe land; am a real geek at heart; when it comes to education; if you are looking for inspiration, nothing better than looking at NASA; look at what they did; 2,000 lb. rover on another planet using the most audacious set of engineering; very inspirational; no other country can say that they put probes on another planet; look for more inspiration.

Larick thanked Scruci for coming tonight; welcome to Gahanna; congratulations to Angelou; on flip side, facebook is center of world; the community where I grew up is in a financial emergency status by state for changes in their organization and they are struggling; community is at odds and there is a great deal of animosity; while we have our own challenges we are in a pretty good situation

O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 p.m. - Motion by Angelou.

Donna L. Jernigan, MMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature