



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

April Beggerow, CMC, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 19, 2019

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, August 19, 2019, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian Metzbower, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Stephen Renner, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on August 16, 2019.

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.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

Swearing in of Police Staff:

- a. Peyton O'Dell (Management Analyst)
- b. Amy Moneypenney (Management Analyst)
- c. Tasha Rutan (Court Liaison)
- d. Cornelius McGrady IV (Reserve Officer)

Chief Spence: We are in a very unique position where thankfully we've been able to re-staff and able to hire 3 civilian support staff members which alleviates a great deal of work that our sworn officers have been doing for a very long time. But in addition to that, we were able to steal from three agencies some very talented people.

Management Analyst from Columbus Police Payton O'Dell, she's been working with management, doing officer scheduling, posting assignments for Columbus, an 1800 member department and will be doing the same for us and we're grateful to have her here with us. Amy

Money Penny came to us from Westerville PD, she was a long time ago Parks team member for the City of Gahanna. For the last several years she's worked for Westerville Police Department running the property room, evidence technician doing a lot of audit work, so we were able to bring her over from Westerville PD. On the Civilian side, Tasha Ruan came to us from the Franklin County Prosecutor's office Ron O'Brien and before that she was with Grove City PD. So we were able to get somebody with a lot of in depth court knowledge, so she joins us from the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office. Finally, we don't often swear in reserve officers, but we have a very unique opportunity. We brought on Cornelius McGrady. Cornelius was a special agent with BCI for a number of years, he was a forensic engineer, computer forensics, he decided to jump over and work at PNC bank in the private sector but since he has law enforcement in his heart he decided to come to Gahanna.

The Mayor Performed the swearing in.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Vice President Renner: Mr. President I would like to introduce the following ordinances and assignment to committee.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

[ORD-0083-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE CLAIM WITH THE OHIO MUNICIPAL JOINT SELF-INSURANCE POOL

This item was introduced.

[ORD-0084-2019](#) TO CODIFY ORD-0017-2019 PASSED BY VOTERS ON MAY 7, 2019

This item was introduced.

[ORD-0086-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- Bond Capital Improvement Fund.

This item was introduced.

Statutory Resolutions Requiring Two Readings:

[SR-0001-2019](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONSENT LEGISLATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES FUNDED BY THE STATE OF OHIO.

This item was introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2019-0115](#) Council Meeting Minutes for Approval

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:

[ORD-0082-2019](#) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL OHIO BUILDING COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BASKETBALL COURTS AT SUNPOINT PARK

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0087-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- AEP Electric Charging Station Grant.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0072-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Damage to City Property

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0073-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS - Water Meter Proceeds

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0074-2019](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CARGILL FOR ROAD SALT FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0075-2019](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA OHIO: Amending Chapter 1303.02 Amendments to Code of

Part Thirteen Building Code

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0076-2019](#) TO AMEND THE BUILDING AND ZONING FEE SCHEDULE.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0077-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Heil Drive Bridge Grant

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0078-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Severance Payments

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0079-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Severance Payments

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

[RES-0007-2019](#) A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CO-LOCATION OF GAHANNA'S EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS WITH MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP AND THE METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (MECC).

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0034-2019](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST CONTRACT SERVICES ACCOUNT 225.10.000.5205 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT 225.10.000.5510.

This ordinance was approved on the Consent Agenda.

End of the Consent Agenda

Pass the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Leeseberg, that the be Pass the Consent Agenda.. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

G. COMMITTEE UPDATES

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None

Council

None

I. LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

[ORD-0081-2019](#) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF GAHANNA
COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.

J. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick

Mr. Larick: The CIC is meeting tomorrow morning at the Senior Center at 7:30 a.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Mrs. Angelou presented a report on activities with MORPC. Attachments are included within the meeting minutes.

Regular meeting was on Thursday, August 15. MORPC accepted Bellefontaine and Fairfield County as members and celebrated the 50th anniversary.

Kickoff of One MORPC, One Voice with speaker Joy Bivens from Franklin County Job and Family Services with a Blueprint for Reducing Poverty in Franklin County.

Announcement of start of first advisory meetings and project work for the regional housing strategy in partnership with many central Ohio communities with business and nonprofit support.

Visit from Virgin Hyperloop 1 and thanks to all of those who helped welcome their CEO to central Ohio.

Central Ohio Rural Planning board update included the progress of *** and their ongoing work with ODOT.

The Regional Data Committee (RDAC) update highlighted four working groups that have formed to focus on key projects.

Update on the 2020 census including the Complete Count Committees forming throughout the state and hiring opportunities.

Regional policy round table highlighted a special round table in regards to HB 163 related to municipalities being penalized for water/sewer extra territory practices. It also highlights MORPCs advocacy on the state operating budget (informational sheet attached).

HB 6 was signed into law and referendum was discussed.

Sustainable Advisory Committee is working with the Regional Data Committee to guide development of a sustainable dashboard that will better management progress as a region.

Central Ohio Greenways collaboration with a trail study. Funded through a Columbus Foundation Grant.

Updated on status of 8 projects applying for funds through the Transportation Review Advisory Council.

Update also provided on collection of 2020-2050 metropolitan transportation plan.

2019 report card (attached)

Coming events: Community planning for Autism Sept 7, 11:45-1p.m.
SW area regional collaboration meeting 9-10:30 September 24 at the Franklin Twp. Fire Station 192

National Walking Summit 8-5 September 24 at the Hilton

Summit on Sustainability Oct 11 8-4pm

Insite 2050 academy focused on affordable housing and design Friday mornings September 27- Oct 25th

President Metzbower asked if MORPC going to be taking a stance on HB 6?

Mrs. Angelou said they are working on it and they have testified.

[2019-0116](#)

Mid Ohio Regional Planning Update - Angelou

Government Liaison - Metzbower

None

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Schnetzer

Mr. Schnetzer report that the CVB Have distributed 20,196 Visitor Guides throughout Ohio and the US thus far in 2019 and also has run a series of digital ads to promote the Summer Herbal Cocktail Trail, securing more than 200,000 views for the Trail and our partners. Also, the CVB is assisting the Chamber in logistical planning for the upcoming Taste of Gahanna, scheduled for next Thursday, August 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Creekside Plaza. Lastly, the CVB is planning for the 2nd

Annual Pies in the Park event, scheduled for 12 - 4pm, Sunday, October 6 at Friendship Park. And one more item Visit Gahanna will hold the 1st Annual Gahanna Volunteer Fair on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Creekside Plaza.

K. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

Mayor Kneeland congratulated the Chief for stealing good employees from four different places. He expressed that he was sad to report receipt of a resignation letter from Development Director Anthony Jones. He is moving on and actually will be fulfilling a lifelong dream of his to do Economic Development internationally. His plan is to have his family travel with him in the future once he establishes a couple of projects that he's going to be working with in the near term. His last day will be September 3. The Mayor said he is looking forward to the Taste of Gahanna.

City Attorney

Mr. Ewald passed along his thanks to the administration and the reserve officer and new administrators that have come in and said it was a long time coming and a nice addition to the PD and will hopefully help clear some of the backlog. He said also, don't forget about the events Taste of Gahanna and Pies in the Park and that it's a good time to get out with the family and enjoy yourself. On a legal note, he said he will be putting together an RP for next year's litigation services that will be taken over by the next City Attorney. But he will initiate and start that this year.

L. COUNCIL COMMENT

Mr. Leeseberg: Again, congratulations Chief and PD. Sounds like we have some great people moving in. Great news.

Mrs. Angelou: It's great seeing those tax dollars going for good things. Thank you for getting such wonderful staff members for you as well as the reserve officer. We have the best police department in the entire area and I think you know that Chief and part of it is because of all the work that you put in and Mr. Thomas, the Safety Director, thank you for being so visible all of the time. Thank you.

Mr. Larick: I just want to congratulate the folks added to the police department. We're starting to see the right sizing in the organization and the City is starting to function more effectively.

Mrs. McGregor: I'm glad to see that we were able to backfill some positions and that's a great thing for the Police Department. Just quick, I

don't know if I bought this up before but we had, the Historical Society, we have a bed and breakfast which is supposed to generate some income to preserve our houses, our museums and all of June we had nobody, no guests. Which last year was slow too for some reason. But around July 20th we hit and we've done over \$2,000 worth of room rentals and different things. We had a book club meet there last week for an evening and we had a grandmother who did a grand camp and they rented the whole house to have her six grandchildren stay with her in the house so they stayed in an old house and went to Friendship Park. We also had 2 open houses the first Saturday of the month. Kids from camp Friendship came down and we did a program and took them on tours of the houses, I think there were about 65 people and we did a craft with them in the basement, they broke them into groups so we didn't have too many of them at one time. We participated in arts in the alley so we've been trying to be busy this summer and participating in activities.

Mr. Renner: Chief, congratulations, you've heard it multiple times up here but thank you for doing that.

President Metzbower: I would reiterate what my colleagues have said, congratulations on the growth and positive movement within our community and new labor force. I would like to thank Claire Yoder for coming out tonight from Jefferson Township. Thank you folks for being here the whole meeting and Thanks to our CVB director for being attentive to what's going on here.

M. ADJOURNMENT

April Beggerow
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2019.*

Brian Metzbower