



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council - Special

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Merisa K. Bowers, President*  
*Trenton I. Weaver, Vice President*  
*Jamille Jones*  
*Nancy R. McGregor*  
*Kaylee Padova*  
*Stephen A. Renner*  
*Michael Schnetzer*

*Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council*

---

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall, Committee Room

---

#### Joint Meeting with Planning Commission - Our Gahanna Strategic Plan

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call**

*Gahanna City Council met in special session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in the Committee Room. President of Council, Merisa Bowers, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The agenda for this meeting was published on January 17, 2025.*

*All members of City Council were present. Present members of Planning Commission were John Hicks, James Mako, Sarah Pollyea, and Michael Suriano. Also present were Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin, Assistant City Attorney Matt Roth, Senior Director Miranda Vollmer, Planning Manager Frank Hall, Management Analyst Kelsey Bartholomew, and PlanningNEXT representative Sarah Bongiorno.*

**Present** 7 - Kaylee Padova, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Trenton I. Weaver, Jamille Jones, Nancy R. McGregor, and Merisa K. Bowers

#### **B. DISCUSSION:**

##### **1. Our Gahanna Strategic Plan Table Talk - Facilitated by planningNEXT**

Ms. Bongiorno placed members into two groups for activities.

In the first activity, members were asked what they love most about Gahanna to identify community values on which the strategic plan will be built.

In the second activity, members were asked to discuss what makes Gahanna unique compared to other suburban areas, and discussed these ideas with the facilitator.

In the third activity, members were prompted to write a postcard describing how they envision Gahanna in 10 years. Members Jones, Suriano, and

Padova shared their postcards with the group at large.

**C. ADJOURNMENT:**

*There being no further business, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.*

---

**Sophia McGuire**  
**Deputy Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council - Special, this  
day of 2025.*

---

**Merisa K. Bowers**

