

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 26, 2000

7:15 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman

Michael O'Brien

Sherie James-Arnold

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Robert O. Keyes, ex officio

PENDING LEGISLATION**ORD-0133-2000**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BYERS CHEVROLET FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 4WD SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0149-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DONALD O. BRECKENRIDGE TO SERVE AS MAGISTRATE FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA MAYOR'S COURT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$5,200

Hogan said if Breckenridge did not ask for salary increase why are we doing this. Mayor said Weber and Woodward asked for it; Breckenridge is doing a fine job and he treats citizens with respect; we do not want to lose him. O'Brien said we would pay a lot more if we had to go out and find another magistrate; he is here and good and we want to keep him.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ISSUES:**Mill St. Fire Station/Temporary Housing for Student Interns**

Mayor said he is working on the information Council asked for and asked that we put this on the 7/10/00 committee.

Police Horse Patrol

Hogan asked if we have a horse patrol. Chief Murphy said that for the 4th of July Parade will have newly established color guard, and Bonnie Miller will have her two horses in the parade. We do not have a horse. We have been researching the feasibility of horse patrol, and "Friends of the Mounted Patrol" would like to set up a foundation to fund for the City; would be a tremendous opportunity; they are looking at donating services for food and lodging; viable tool to deliver services to citizens. Mayor said we have not spent any money on animals or related expenses; uniforms donated; 100% funding from outside sources. Mayor continued that he is not enthused with a horse patrol, but he wasn't with the dog either, and it has been a great asset to the City, and economically valuable; willing to be proven wrong. Chief said "Friends of the Mounted Patrol" will come back to us with a total plan; go from there. Miller said that a horse is capable of moving a crowd out of the way for an ambulance, etc., and can also escort out of crowd; can do a lot with different formations; can do what it would take 10 officers in a crowd situation. Mayor said it is his goal that no tax dollars be used in this huge undertaking; some people would like to exercise their horses this way; make them available.

MONITOR ITEMS:**I-270 Bridge**

Committee would like to keep I-270 Bridge on as a monitor item. Angelou asked that the Hamilton/Morrison/Rocky Fork South intersection be added as a monitor item. Mayor said we are working on reconfiguring that intersection; EMH&T evaluating this to come back to us with recommendation. Chief said sign is going up across from the Bob Evans curb cut warning of no left turn; right in/right out. Mayor will keep Council advised.

O'Brien questioned the time of green light for vehicles coming off Rocky Fork South; only 3 cars able to get thru light before it changes. Wetherholt said it is set for 7 seconds, as advised. O'Brien said when only 3 cars can make it thru the light, cars are backing up and putting area in gridlock. Wetherholt said he will recheck figures; if we adjust then cars will back up on Morrison.

Skateboarding and Hamilton/Morrison/RFS Intersection is to be added to the next Safety Committee Agenda 7/10/00.

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council