

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2012

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, October 15, 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 Samuel. Agenda for this meeting was published on October 12, 2012.

Members Present: Brian D. Larick, Stephen Renner, Karen J. Angelou, David L. Samuel, Beryl D. Anderson, Ryan P. Jolley and Brandon Wright

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

Claire Yoder, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, addressed Council regarding the STAR reading and math evaluation system; measures growth of child in math and reading; is an on line test; immediate results given to teacher; shows teachers where kids are weak and where help is needed; when kids who need help are identified they begin intervention immediately; can be given any time; parents have immediate feedback as well; will be a great tool; use this for 5 years and what will we see in high school; we won't see the at risk kids we have now; will see less of that as years go on; when dust has settled will be saving about \$16,000 by using this new tool; we are looking at about \$6,000 of monies donated to the school by various people and organizations this month; will be a coffee Thursday, November 8 at the Morrison Road Bob Evans at 7:30 am; is a redistricting committee that has been meeting regarding middle schools; also looking at dual credit for courses taken in high school that can become credits at college; dual credit course teachers must have masters in their field not just in education.

Samuel asked what kind of resources will the schools provide. Yoder stated currently have intervention specialists who meet with parents and child; identify need; for reading we have alternative instructors; students come in and at a point in the fall they are evaluated to see if they are at grade level; those that aren't will be helped by these alternative instructors; reading recovery program also; has proven to be a good program; more intense than having 2 to 4 kids sit down with an instructor; reading recovery is 1 on 1; spend 30 minutes each day with child and they could be out of reading recovery by end of 1st semester; that is the goal; some kids need independent evaluation; specific things that have to happen and there is a time frame for that; parents must approve; take pulse every few weeks; if a teacher has 5 kids in 5 subjects that teacher is writing 25 lesson plans a day. Angelou stated that the STAR program will help with those evaluations; will reach a point they don't need help and will be put back in regular class structure; not something that is set in stone for a semester or a year; exciting program to see; making it so much easier for teachers to keep track of their students; woman who was at meeting was excellent as well; had a great knowledge of what is needed. Yoder stated this is about a \$160,000 investment; doing away with other forms of assessment; will be a good change. In response to question from Anderson, Yoder stated this will be for K thru 12.

Tom Lefchik, 187 Rugby Lane, stated thank you for the time, appreciate the attention and effort you have given to the noise issue; comment as it currently is proposed is that commercial level of 70 is still in code; appreciate the drop down to 9:00 p.m.; feel 70 is a bit high; this year only reached 70 one time and with my windows closed could hear it in the house; coming through the walls; was monitoring Coaches some with some residents; only went to 70 1 time also; don't know that 70 is needed; is a problem level for me at 1900' from the emanating property; lowering the level would be appropriate.

Anderson asked for clarification. Lefchik stated that at 70 db with windows closed we can still hear it no matter what time. Anderson stated proposed is 7:00 am to 9:00 pm; when does music start. Lefchik stated there was only once or twice when they started music in the early afternoon; it was not 70 db at that point but I did hear it; dropping it by 5 db would be appropriate; thank you.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Introduced, by title, by Jolley.

ORD-0194-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT AND A CITY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GENERAL WARRANTY DEED TO TRANSFER PROPERTY KNOWN AS 885 CLAYCRAFT ROAD (LOT 27 OF THE TIZ) TO PALINCO, INC.

Introduced

ORD-0195-2012

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 303.99, GENERAL TRAFFIC CODE PENALTIES, OF CHAPTER 303, ENFORCEMENT, IMPOUNDING AND PENALTY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

Introduced

ORD-0196-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013.

Introduced

ORD-0197-2012

TO AMEND SECTION 927.24, ILLICIT DISCHARGE TO THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM, OF CHAPTER 927, STORM SEWERS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

2012-0039

To Approve the Following Set of Minutes:

1.) October 1, 2012

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

ORD-0185-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Municipal Complex Duct Cleaning

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0186-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - TIF Related Auditor Deductions

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0187-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - TIZ Real Estate Escrow

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0188-2012

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Tax Incentive Payments

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**ORD-0189-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Equipment Replacement Program

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**ORD-0190-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Creekside Part-time

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**ORD-0192-2012**

TO AMEND SECTION 501.99, PENALTIES FOR MISDEMEANORS, OF CHAPTER 501, GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PENALTY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**Passed The Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Samuel, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

End of the Consent Agenda**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.****G. STANDING COMMITTEES:****Committee of the Whole - Renner: No Report.****Finance & Development - Samuel: No Report.****Parks, Service & Safety - Anderson: No Report.****H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:****Clerk: No Report.****Council: No Report.****I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:****Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:****ORD-0191-2012**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 559, NOISE CONTROL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Wright stated that in reference to ordinance before us, do believe we have made steps by leaps and bounds; have some hesitation with it but believe we should come back and take a look at it in the future to see if some adjustments could be made; obtain input from business owners and residents after we see how this works.

Samuel stated he will be voting yes; need to keep copious detailed records and revisit in a year; noise is what it is - Friday night bands at football games, etc.; live near airport; we hear vibrations all the time, sirens, dogs, police incidents all cause noise; impossible to have quiet all the time.

Anderson stated she also had thoughts as it relates to the process, have made strides; revisit this again meaning the spring when we look at it again; that's when bands will be starting up; will be voting yes; know what we have here is balancing of property rights; haven't requested or gotten any detailed information about daytime complaints; as we move forward people will be more aware; basically an experiment as we continue to look at this issue; in the daytime there are many different sounds; greater expectation that there will be different sounds during the day; watchful eye to see if we need to move the time again; see if this works; sure citizenry will let us know if this is not working; will be voting yes but am cautiously optimistic; revisit in spring when sound becomes an issue again.

Angelou thanked Anderson for eloquently stating her thoughts; thank people who came forward and helped us to try and come up with a solution; also those business owners who came; conflict resolution that needs to be taken care of; applaud way Anderson stated it; hopefully we can look at this in the spring and say it worked; may need tweaked and can continue to tweak as necessary; only ask if at all possible if Police could give us what procedures will be used so we are real clear that it is being looked at. Chief Murphy stated he would discuss with Mayor and let Angelou know; we can provide statistics. Angelou stated she was looking for procedures. Murphy stated people call, we respond, take reading as to whether in compliance or out of compliance.

Renner stated he will be voting yes on this; have said before this is a process and continual; all code is a living document; will review again; agree with some comments; spring might be a little too early; have an open mind; definitely raise the flag of caution; will not be open to fighting cicadas or traffic or things that happen in mixed use developments; have to be a little cautious.

Jolley stated Renner made great points; majority brought to your attention in early summer; spent inordinate amount of time on this trying to strike a balance between our residents and our corporate citizens; at the end of the day not everyone will be happy but that's what happens in a city of 33,000; appreciate support on that so we could take two bites at this in same year; with this final revision believe it is a good balance; lowered time to 9:00 pm and from 11:00 pm in our mixed use district during the week; lowered all of that Sunday thru Thursday; residents will be able to get peace they need; flip side is that our corporate citizens who want to enjoy outdoor entertainment or anything else like a football game have rights also, think it is a good compromise; am open to tweaking; think this should be where we settle on this issue; not just the ordinance but taking the readings in a consistent manner; going forward need to look at uniformly; appreciate coming to consensus on this; in favor of this legislation.

Larick stated he wanted to thank colleagues and administration as well as the community for all the input; think where we are is a reasonable position and support changes here.

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

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.**L. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:**

Renner stated meeting is tomorrow 10/16 in committee rooms.

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

Angelou stated meeting is on Thursday, October 18; will be followed by a meeting of the Executive Search Committee which will be looking towards finalizing candidates for our executive director; believe there were 56 candidates.

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

Angelou stated it was a very long meeting; started at 6:30 and was still going on when I left at 9:00; everything did pass with a positive vote; length of meeting was due to so much going on at schools that is shared with Board; Robin Frentzel, principal at Jefferson Elementary talked about the Fred Factor; wonderful book; read the book to the students and story is that success is built in; she showed a tape of some of the students and asked them about core values; delightful presentation; Nancy Garland was there to speak about various bills pending; also for the 20th year in a row the schools received an award from Government Finance Officers Association; Bob McCafferty spoke about food service and transportation; solar array panels were discussed; Lincoln High School and Middle School West passed Planning Commission; building permits are in process now; seeing what is happening at every school that is important for residents; STAR program is an amazing program; believe it will make a huge difference in our system; continual watch on every student.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley:

Jolley stated next meeting is 11/08; at recent meeting CVB was given a Ruby Award from Ohio Travel Association for our mobile website; 2nd place for our annual report; huge kudos to our board and Karen Eylon; doing some great things.

Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel:

Samuel stated there will be a ceremony this Friday honoring drivers with 25 years of service or more; will be attending.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor:**

Stinchcomb stated she wanted to congratulate the Parks & Recreation Department on another successful Creepside event; was our biggest yet; still working on numbers but indications are there were more than 7,000 in attendance; almost 20% increase; also thank the nearly 50 volunteers; first year for our Haunted Maze; recognize the Gahanna Lincoln High School theater students who designed, built and ran the maze; more than 300 visitors went through this amazing production and have heard nothing but praise for their work and the level of their performance; special recognition also goes to Strathmore for their support and enthusiasm behind this project; also thank all of the vendors and our presenting sponsor, Schneider Insurance; also attended the Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Gahanna; was a huge success and was proud to see so many local businesses shine; Saturday was the annual Herb Harvest Day; this year was special as we

continue to mark the 40th anniversary of being named the Herb Capital of Ohio; next week at committees Teal will present the third quarter finance report; also will present a 5 year revenue & expense forecast; is an important presentation that will show where we believe we are heading; this information will be crucial in the coming months as we make decisions about what kind of City we want to be.

City Attorney:

Ewald stated he has attended many of the Chief's meetings held once a month; recurring theme is if you see someone in your neighborhood, don't hesitate to call police; you don't have to answer door but please call; quite clear in next 3 weeks we will be descended upon by people not from Gahanna; keep eye out on your own home and neighbors; campaign usually in late afternoon and early evening.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Jolley stated he was unable to attend Creepside; looked like a great event; was at a candidate's night; agree with Ewald; don't answer your door if you are uncomfortable; just contact police; they will be glad to roll out and ask if we have a permit; always good to be vigilant; on a side note, leaves along Cherrybottom are gorgeous right now.

Angelou stated she has received two phone calls recently saying they have support of FBI and your local police department who have said that having a sign advertising security system is beneficial and can we give you one; it is a soliciting phone call; didn't have a number I could call back; did not attend Creepside as I have choir rehearsal that evening; is a beautiful time of the year but winter is coming more quickly than we would like; start being careful when you drive; looking forward to Teal's presentation next week.

Samuel stated our police officers are doing a great job; going into appropriations, need to be mindful that the bulk of our revenue (64%) is from local businesses; city needs to support local business; when fully implemented from the state, the local government fund will show a \$650,000 reduction in general fund revenue; investment earnings have dropped to half of normal levels; due to conservative spending we have maintained a healthy fund balance in excess of mandatory reserve; information is in our recent audit.

Wright stated he received an e-mail asking why we were spending so much time on noise issue; fairly simple to me; citizen was concerned and we took the time to explore; thankful we were able to do that; do want to quantify that in retrospect regarding the noise issue, it was good to see businesses make effort to be a good neighbor; going into winter months and in spring we can have more businesses weigh in and come to a nice resolution; excited to see Creekside look like it is better than it was in the past; when I ran, there were a lot of naysayers about it but it looks 20 times better than it did.

Renner stated he was at Creepside with 9 and 6 year olds; was a lot of fun; have attended many years and have watched it grow; is exciting; was very crowded and some tables were overwhelmed and there were tables where lines were not moving as fast; secondly, expand on what Samuel said, these next set of events in the report about finances and long term 5 year goals and moving into appropriations for 2013; to the people that are here, spread the word; talk to your parents, your neighbors; will be same format as we did with budget; will hold public meetings; everything will be on line; look at budget and proposals; discussions will be around what is the Gahanna we want to be; is dear to my heart and think it should be important to you.

Anderson stated that with reference to people knocking at our doors; on that note, with elections underway, if you observe questionable issues with voting or voting fraud report

it immediately; be on the lookout and be concerned as we all move to exercise our right to vote; also had challenges doing last Wednesday but did decide to attend Creepside and it was an exciting experience; looking forward to next year; efforts and programs continue to grow; got a chance to go to Herb Harvest Day; has grown and become more popular; tell your friends; final note when we get the 3rd quarter report; will be interested to see who our top employers are; as of last Friday Columbus Academy has a new Head of School; Melissa Soderberg is coming to us from Breck School in Golden Valley, MN; starting on July 1; was part of executive search team; she is the first woman in that position; will bring education and business together and work together for the greater good; John McKenzie leaves at end of June after 16 years.

Larick stated he would be remiss if he did not mention the Middle School South Renaissance program Friday, November 2 in school gymnasium; honors those with high academic achievements and high attendance; Creepside was a great time; attendance continues to grow which brings its own challenges; thank Renner for bringing up appropriations process which is beginning soon; Council will have a great deal to do in the next few months.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 p.m. - Motion by Samuel.

Stacey Bashore
Deputy Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature