

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 1, 2002

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

Michael O'Brien, President of Council

Robert W. Kelley, Vice President of Council

Karen J. Angelou

L. Nicholas Hogan

John McAlister

Debra A. Payne

David B. Thom

Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AEE, Clerk of Council

A. CALL TO ORDER - Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call:

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 1, 2002, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Michael O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The invocation was given by Joel King, Police Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Chief of Police Larry Rinehart. Agenda for this meeting was published on June 28, 2002.

Members Present: David B. Thom, Michael O'Brien, Karen J. Angelou, Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan, Robert W. Kelley and John McAlister

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

Wade Steen, Franklin County Treasurer, presented the 2001 Annual Report from his office; also wanted to introduce the Linked Deposit Loan Proposal that will be undertaken by our office and will directly benefit the City; have asked to set aside \$5,000,000 for this program; one of the designated areas is City of Gahanna; will be meeting in the next couple of weeks with Mayor and Economic Development Director; homes valued less than \$250,000 are eligible with a maximum loan amount of \$25,000; we're excited about the program; looking forward to working with the City on property value improvement and revitalization.;

James Sprouse, 133 Moorfield Dr., stated he got signatures for street lights; most of the people want them as you will see from the petitions; been a lot of talk about people being assessed; if we hadn't paid the bill all of these years some people wouldn't have them now; we have them in parks, on Ridenour Road and now even down the middle of 62; trees will grow up in that area and block the light; think it's our turn.

Dennis Vincent, 156 Moorfield Drive, presented petitions to the Mayor for street lights for Imperial Rise #1 and Moorfield Drive specifically; have talked with Mayor and her perception of lighting of the area is only at intersections; McAlister doesn't think we should be allowed free lights; may or may not but what is fair; the world is not a fair place. McAlister stated that Vincent felt that people who have been assessed should have their money reimbursed by the City. Vincent stated he wants lights on Moorfield Drive and don't think residents of that area should have to pay one dime; we have paid taxes, school taxes and real estate taxes and if there's an additional fee then we differ; are a lot of older people in that area; people who like to walk at night; it is unsafe there; one lady lives on Dunchurch; let her dog out and there was someone standing in the dark who threatened to shoot the dog; if there had not been a gate there that was lockable might have had a serious problem; think we should have lights and don't think we should pay for them. O'Brien stated that the Service Department is worked with AEP on a needs analysis; then we will try to see what we can do over a short term plan; will be something done; is set to be discussed at our next Service Committee on the 8th. Vincent stated that there should be no assessments; think we should be grandfathered in rather than assessed; men who put up the development paid and then they just picked up the tab off their lot. McAlister stated that is his understanding that when they bought their lots lights are already on the street put in by developer so they are buying the street lights also; some people who bought without have wanted street lights and been assessed for their lights when added after the fact; question that we can assess one group and not assess another group; unless they should be refunded what they were assessed.

Sprouse stated that he pays \$2,500 a year in taxes; my son has 17 acres with a horse barn and a nice house; he pays \$5,000 a year in Delaware; I'm paying for my street

lights.

O'Brien thanked residents for efforts in passing the petition; will be discussed in Service Committee on the 8th and discussions will continue from that point.

Margaret Wendell, 252 Dunchurch, stated she lived at the end of Dunchurch; been robbed and they took off through the cemetery; went down Dunchurch and then through the gate; we wake in the morning and have beer bottles and whiskey bottles in our yards; we have motion lights but they don't cover enough; teenagers have drinking parties; have lived there 33 years and it is like we live in the country and not in the City of Gahanna; little enough to ask for one street light to walk from one block to another; have mercy on us because we have lived there so long. O'Brien stated that he hopes to come forward in the next month with a plan.

Angelou asked if it would be possible to get police cars up by cemetery so that there would be a little less activity in that area. O'Brien asked if there was some sort of temporary bollard sleeve so traffic can't try to get through that gate; would damage their car if they try to get through. Angelou asked Rinehart to report back to Safety Committee on that.

O'Brien stated he felt dead ends should be considered for lights along with intersections. Stinchcomb stated that the Service Department would take a look at that. Hogan stated his understanding is that the City pays for all lights at intersections; City buys the poles, City pays for all electricity, that's a given; things I'd like to know has to do with wooden vs non wooden; will be in my committee; want to know rules before hand; how many subdivisions that voted to assess themselves and City contracted to put lights up; also would like to know for resident's benefit, on a typical property tax bill, how much property tax goes to city vs Franklin County, schools, etc.

Kelley stated that he would also like to have City look at courts as a possibility for lighting as well as dead ends.

Sherri Love, 155 Moorfield Drive, stated that for the last 5 years my son has delivered the Columbus Dispatch for that area; police have come around but there are times since he has been old enough to do it on his own that he came upon an individual breaking into a house; am scared for any child that is out there doing his job ; it's so dark no one can tell what's going on; do you know how many children there are doing the Dispatch; is a worry because our route will now change hands as my son has graduated; also am a new grandmother and will be trying to walk my grandson in a dark area; I was also one of the people who went out and got the names on the petition; on our deeds it's stated we paid for our land and that we would have lights; maybe that should be checked on; if the builders were to put the lights up and people paid for it and it wasn't done where's the problem here; is not our fault; children and older people and residents who have lived in this area as long as we have shouldn't have to worry about today's darkness.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Kelley,

ORD-0126-2002

TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Development Committee

[ORD-0127-2002](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REMODELING, INVENTORY AND MANAGEMENT.

Introduced

[ORD-0128-2002](#) SUPPLEMENTAL - Capital Projects Streets

Introduced

[ORD-0129-2002](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SERVPRO OF N.E. COLUMBUS FOR CLEANING OF DUCT WORK IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

Introduced

[ORD-0130-2002](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DAVID L. AND ANNA B. ARNOLD, FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT NO. 802, PRICE ROAD SANITARY SEWER.

Introduced

[ORD-0131-2002](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR PHASE I, STORM SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE DATA DEVELOPMENT MODEL INFORMATION; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$32,300.

Introduced

[ORD-0132-2002](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE TAYLOR ROAD AT EASTGATE PROJECT, IMPROVEMENT NO. 778.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

2002-0002 To approve minutes of the following meetings:
1) December 2, 2002 Regular Meeting.

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0119-2002](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DOUBLE Z CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN LINK BETWEEN CREEKSIDE ISLAND AND THE WEST SIDE, LOW WATER CROSSING, IMPROVEMENT NO. 798; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0120-2002](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO PIZUTTI DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES, FOR THE EASTGATE INDUSTRIAL CENTER TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$771,500; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0121-2002

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATED LABOR AGREEMENT TITLED "AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION DISPATCHER UNIT AND CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, JANUARY 1, 2002 - DECEMBER 31, 2004"; TO REPEAL ORD-0138-2001; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0123-2002

TO ADOPT THE FIBER CONDUIT DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DATED JUNE, 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0124-2002

TO AMEND ORD-0258-2001, THE ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL, TO ALLOW PAYMENT OF SALARY TO THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:**RES-0017-2002**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND PAGE BINKLEY FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0018-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND CHELSEA BLACKSTONE FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0019-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND ZACH BLEVINS FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0020-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAM BOTT FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0021-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND KATIE BRIZIUS FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0022-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND LAURA BUZENSKI FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0023-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND LINDSEY DANIELS FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0024-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MADISON HOENIG FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0025-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MICHELLE HOUSE FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0026-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MEGAN HOWARD FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0027-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JULIE HUSSEY FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0028-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MARY BETH JOHNSON FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0029-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND ASHLEE KEATON FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0030-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND CHELSEA LOBAUGH FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0031-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND STACI LOBAUGH FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0032-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JENNIFER MOORE FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0033-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MEGAN SHELTON FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0034-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MOLLY SHOOK FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0035-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JULIA TRAPP FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0036-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND ELIZABETH ZAPP FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0037-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND EMILY ZAPP FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0038-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JUSTIN HOWARD FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0039-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JOSEPH HUNTER FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0040-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DANNY HUSSEY FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0041-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND RYAN HUSSEY FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0042-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JARROD McMILLAN FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0043-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND CHRISTIAN TRAPP FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0044-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND KEN TUBBS FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0045-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND GREG GILBERT FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0046-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER KATHY ATHEY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0047-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER CARRIE BRIZIUS

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0048-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER KELLY BRIZIUS

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0049-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER DEBBIE HAMILTON

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0050-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER CRYSTAL HUNTER

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0051-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER PATTY HUSSEY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

- [RES-0052-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER KRISTA JILEK
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0053-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER AMY MASTROIANNI
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0054-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER LAURIE MANCINI
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0055-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER BRANDY PRUSHING
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0056-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER TIFFANY RICKARD
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0057-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 TEACHER JANIE WAUGH
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0058-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 LEADER OFFICER CARL SCHMUECKLE
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0059-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND OFFICER STEVE NASH FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0060-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND OFFICER BILL TRIBBIE FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0061-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND OFFICER MIKE LAMBERT FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0062-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND OFFICER FRANK STEWART FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0063-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND OFFICER DEAN BLAMER FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0064-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND OFFICER BEN CORBIN FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002
This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.
- [RES-0065-2002](#) TO HONOR AND COMMEND THE COLUMBUS POLICE HORSE PATROL FOR

HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0066-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN 2002 LEADER FIREMAN DAVE BRIZIUS

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0067-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SAFETY TOWN DIRECTOR BECKY KIDWELL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0068-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND RESERVE OFFICER STACY NORRIS FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0069-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND RESERVE OFFICER CARRIE O'NEIL FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0070-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND RESERVE OFFICER HAROLD DELENBACH FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0071-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND RESERVE OFFICER MARK HOFFMAN FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0072-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DR. PAULA MARRIE FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0073-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DR. MICHAEL BAEHR FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0074-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND NICK MOORE FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0075-2002

TO HONOR AND COMMEND BRIANNA LEE FOR HELPING WITH SAFETY TOWN 2002

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

MR-0035-2002

To confirm the appointment of Eric Humphrey as Director of Human Resources.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0036-2002

Motion Resolution to refer the Civil Service Rules & Regulations back to the Commission after Council review; for final review by the Civil Service Commission.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0037-2002

To approve the year 2003 Budget as submitted to Council on June 27, 2002, and to direct and authorize the Director of Finance to deliver said budget to the Franklin County Office of Budget no later than July 20, 2002.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Vice President of Council Kelley, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Vice President of Council Kelley and McAlister
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End of the Consent Agenda**Presentations:**

Angelou was able to attend part of Safety Town this year as well as go to graduations; is such an exciting program; multi jurisdictional; gives children of our community the much needed information to send them to school and give them

Angelou and Kelley presented the resolutions and Award of Merit pins to Becky Kidwell, Director of Safety Town, Dave Brizius and Carl Schmueckle; the rest of the resolutions were given to Kidwell for distribution to all the volunteers with the City's appreciation.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - McAlister

O'Brien noted that code is now on line; received E-mail from Kneeland regarding this; have scheduled a presentation in Communications & Technology on this for July 22.

Development Committee - Thom: No Report.

Service Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Safety Committee - Angelou: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Kelley: No Report.

Finance - Payne:

Payne thanked everyone for making it through the budget in a timely fashion.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal: None.

Council:

Angelou noted receipt of a letter from Donna Sims after last meeting about Route 62 and Morse Road; also copy of a letter sent to Eric Schottenstein of Joshua Homes regarding 868 Bryn Mawr Drive; feels property may be rented to a business; letter was from concerned citizens who have been dealing with Brian Reynolds.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:****ORD-0122-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ARCON INTEGRATED, INC., FOR REMODEL OF A PORTION OF THE SECOND FLOOR; GAHANNA CITY HALL; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$14,714; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Hogan stated this was in my committee; argument was made that we needed to spend \$14,714 to have three equalized spaces versus approximately \$7,000 for 2 equal spaces and 1 larger space would might be cut down to two eventually; would prefer the \$7,000 to \$9,000 proposal rather than the \$15,000.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Kelley, seconded by Council Member Thom, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

No	2	Council Member Angelou and Council Member Hogan
Yes	5	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Vice President of Council Kelley and McAlister

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**K. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kelley**

Kelley noted that next meeting is July 18 at 8:00 a.m,

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No Report.**Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Kelley: No Report.****Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - Hogan/Thom: No Report.****L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor:**

Stinchcomb thanked Payne for getting budget down expeditiously; also like to thank Council who attended Shepherd Church 75th Anniversary weekend; hundreds of people there Saturday; expressed to the church how important churches are in our community; was a nice evening.

City Attorney: No Report.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Angelou stated she was at a wedding or would have been at Shepherd Church; open up my Columbus Dispatch and see article on DARE and how the program lacks oversight; talks about supposed misuse of tax dollars; don't feel that is true in the City of Gahanna; quite honestly if you ever go to a DARE graduation they are wonderful and very worthwhile; see hundreds of children and adults saying wonderful things on what they will commit their lives for; can't get enough money to make that happen; may be true in Toledo or other areas of the country, but don't believe it is true here; hope to we continue to fund.

Hogan invited audience members to Service Committee on July 8th; we all want to improve safety of the community; been here 9 years; think street lights have come up for 9 years; this Council, including McAlister, was first Council to put some money into the budget for street lights; has not been there in the prior years; this is the Council that put it there; may not get everything you want but safety is our number one concern.

Kelley thanked everybody who worked with Safety Town; is a great program and kids learn a lot ; hope it continues for a long time; same thing for DARE; there is a question if it works; most, if not all, of my 11 grandchildren have gone through that program; have sung that DARE song while fishing many, many times; know it sticks with them; City spends money sometimes when you wonder but if this saves one child it is worth it.

O'Brien stated he remembered when the Franklin County Sheriff's Office came out to train our officers for DARE; believe it was Barb Cannon and Carl Schmueckle; got us off on right foot; Steve Nash and Bill Tribbie also involved as well as Dean Blamer; can't say enough about DARE; agree with Kelley that if only one person is helped it was worth it because that was a life saved; believe there have been hundreds helped.

O'Brien continued that regarding street lights many of us have tried to get street lights; many of the new members have done what they could; without going into great detail, it takes an administration and Council to make this happen; haven't had cooperation in the past; now have an administration that shares that dream and have confidence that between this Council and administration will come up with a plan; understand concerns; we have to maintain some kind of order during our meetings; was just trying to control the meeting and was not meant to offend; had to stop the two way conversation; do appreciate your efforts; don't think there will be much objection; need to make the plan and make it work; had privilege and honor of representing Council and Mayor for the funeral home visitation for Katie Williams, Lt. Dan Williams wife; spoke with Lt. Williams who appreciates all the prayers and concerns; hundreds of people praying for his family; I know that it works; young Danny is a miracle; Williams wanted to thank all people who have prayed for him and his family; can't say enough; expect Danny to be in the hospital for the rest of the summer; he has come a long way; is great to live here in Gahanna; is a great feeling of family.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m. - Motion by Kelley.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature