



Gahanna

CITY COUNCIL

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Legislative Highlights

Bimonthly Updates: November-December 2024

In November and December, City Council passed several pieces of legislation, including resolutions, ordinances, and motions that support community priorities and improvements.

Meetings Held:

- **Regular Meetings:** [Nov. 4](#), [Nov. 18](#), [Dec. 2](#), [Dec. 16](#)
- **Committee of the Whole:** [Nov. 12](#), [Nov. 25](#), [Dec. 9](#)
- **Finance Committee Meetings:** [Nov. 4](#), [Nov. 12](#), [Nov. 18](#), [Nov. 25](#), [Dec. 2](#), [Dec. 9](#)

Highlights Include:

- **2025 Budget Approval (ORD-0065-2024):** City Council approved the 2025 budget, ensuring funding for critical city services, including roads and sidewalks maintenance, public safety, playground equipment, community grants and much more. The budget was reviewed in detail over several meetings, including two Public Hearings on [November 18th](#) and [December 2nd](#).

Member Spotlights

Councilmember Activities



Council Members and staff participate in the City Top Out ceremony at the site of the future Gahanna Municipal Complex - December 3, 2024.

From the Archives

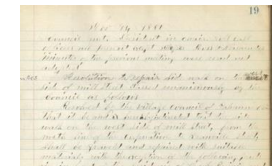
Preserving Gahanna's History: A Vision for the Future

Did you know many of Gahanna's earliest historical records are handwritten? These valuable documents tell the story of our city's beginnings but remain inaccessible to search tools like OCR (optical character recognition).

As the Council Office looks to the future, we are exploring the idea of a **community crowdsourcing project** to help transcribe [these records](#) (<https://gahanna.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>), making them searchable and more accessible to all. This initiative is open to everyone with a passion for preserving Gahanna's history.

This project is a priority for 2025. Stay tuned for updates in upcoming issues of this newsletter, where we will share how you can get involved in this exciting effort to bring Gahanna's history to life! Please reach out to the project manager **Deputy Clerk Sophia McGuire** for more information on how you can join this exciting initiative.

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Community Highlights

Celebrating Service and Engagement in Gahanna

From community partnerships to acts of advocacy and celebration, Gahanna City Council continues to champion community involvement and civic pride.

- **Advancing Sustainability:** Councilmember Renner earned a Master's in Sustainability, Security, and Resilience from [Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service](#), bringing valuable insights back to Gahanna.
- **Celebrating Cultural Diversity:** Councilmember Jones is a founding member of the resident-led Juneteenth Planning Committee for 2025 ; she is also advocating for the recognition of South Asian holidays in Gahanna.
- **Supporting Families in Need:** Council President Bowers and Councilmembers Jones and Padova partnered with Reynoldsburg officials to deliver donations to Gahanna Residents in Need - Food Distribution Center (GRIN), celebrating the Lincoln Lions' victory over the Reynoldsburg Raiders.
- **Promoting Local Business Growth:** Councilmembers attended the grand openings of several businesses, including Orthopedic ONE, Recreate Behavioral Health of Ohio, and The Bibliophile Room, showcasing Gahanna's thriving economy.
- **Amplifying Holiday Spirit:** Councilmembers joined their neighbors in celebrating the annual Creekside Holiday Lights Celebration and SantaRace 5k.



In the Know

Stay Connected with Your City Council and stay informed about the decisions shaping Gahanna's future!

January Council Meetings

2 JAN 7 PM	ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING
13 JAN 7 PM	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
21 JAN 6 PM	STRATEGIC PLAN TABLE TALK & REGULAR MEETING
27 JAN 6 PM	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Upcoming Community Hours

18 JAN	Councilwoman Jamille Jones 11:00 A.M., Gahanna Branch Library 310 Granville St. Gahanna 43230
25 JAN	Council President Merisa Bowers 10:00 A.M., Gahanna Branch Library 310 Granville St. Gahanna 43230

Meet the Council

- [Stephen Renner – Ward 1](#)
- [Michael Schnetzer – Ward 2](#)
- [Kaylee Padova – Ward 3](#)
- [Trenton Weaver – Ward 4](#)
- [Jamille Jones – Member at Large](#)
- [Merisa Bowers – Member at Large](#)
- [Nancy McGregor – Member at Large](#)

Meet the Council Office Staff

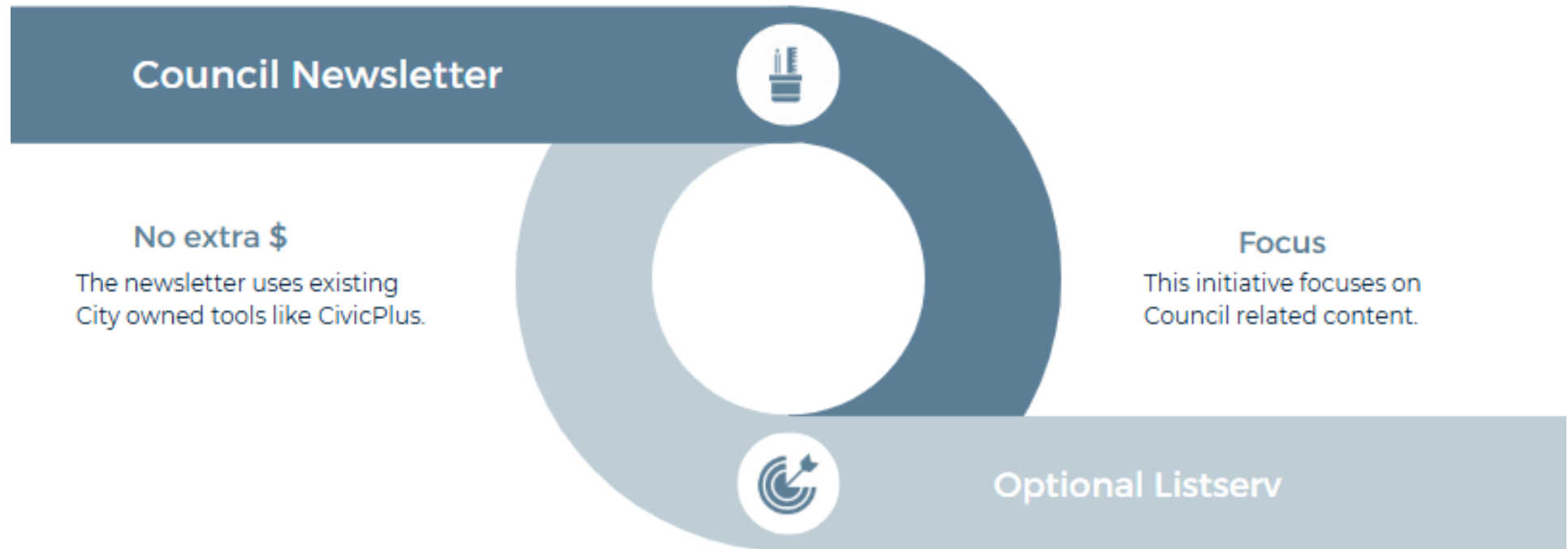
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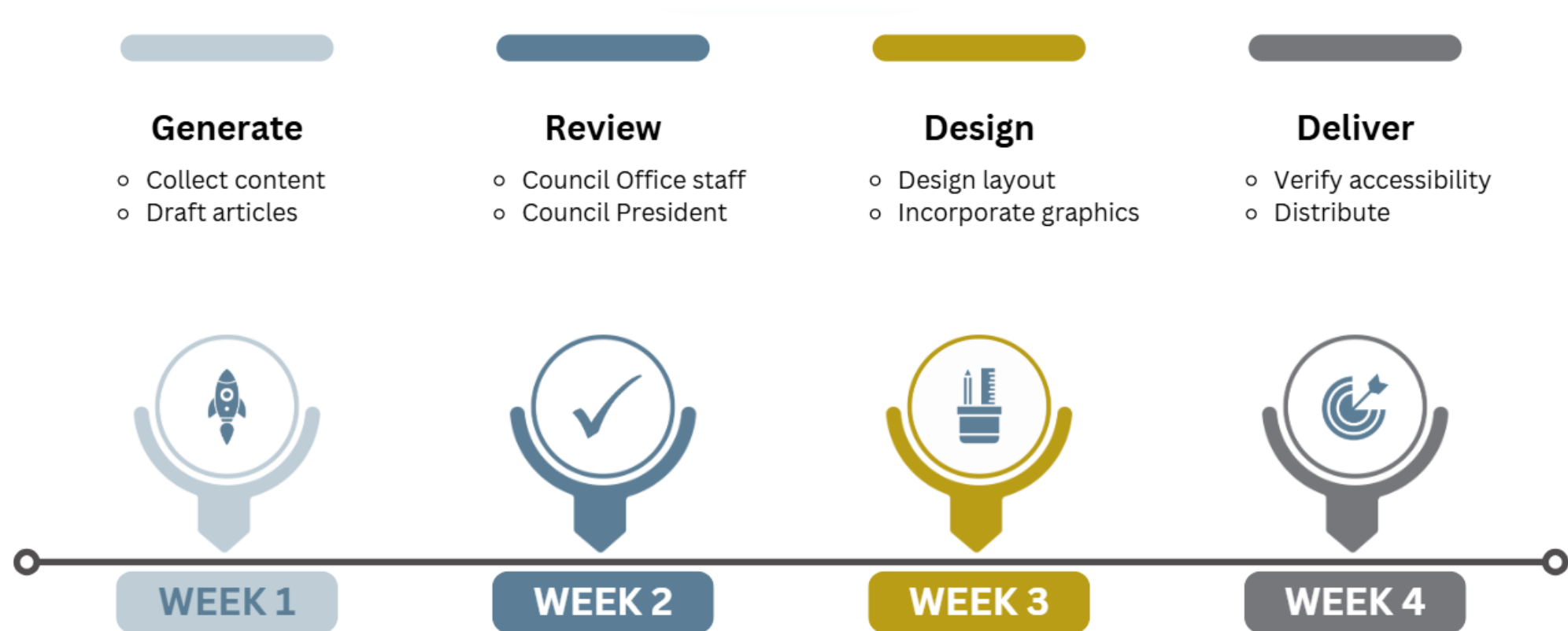
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TIMELINE

BIMONTHLY WORKFLOW



QUESTIONS?

