

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 18, 2000

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

*Debra A. Payne, President of Council
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Vice President of Council
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member
Michael O'Brien, Council Member
Donald R. Shepherd, Council Member
Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AE, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 18, 2000, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Debra A. Payne called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Vice President Stinchcomb delivered an Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Payne. A minute of silence was observed in memory of Charles A. Leavitt, first full time Mayor of the City of Gahanna.

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, L. Nicholas Hogan, Donald R. Shepherd, Thomas R. Kneeland, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

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

Carla Wilke Jones, 662 Laurel Ridge Dr., Gahanna and Gary Paine, 1160 Kames Way, New Albany; addressed Council regarding locating their businesses here in town. Paine stated that the two businesses are looking at developing the former Restaurant Food Supply site; distributed letter to everyone and ask that you consider; developing this property is our number one option; we want to stay in Gahanna; G. D. Paine has been located here 5 years and we want to stay here. Wilke Jones stated Ohio Packing has been around for 93 years; have 2 facilities in Columbus; this will be our 3rd facility; does meet our need and we would like to locate here; ask for your consideration. Payne stated they did leave letters for us to consider; hopefully we can address this request within the next month. Wilke Jones stated they are limited to about a 50 day window at this point; need to have finalized by then. Paine stated they are both Gahanna people; property has not been occupied for over 2-1/2 years; want to bring this up to a class A property; want to develop this as a place we can be proud of. Hogan stated that so this will not fall through the cracks due to year end and reorganization, ask Paine and Wilke Jones to spearhead this through the Director of Development. White stated they have been working for some time now to try to make it work; because this is in the old industrial area, we cannot abate the properties; a quasi abatement exists on them already; can't discount the leases because we have bonds and notes tied to them; may need some other type of incentive to make this work; we are also working with the state; need to sit with them and see what the gap is; will then come back to you and see if we can come up with a proposal; can't legally do the abatements. Payne stated that if Council takes any action the best we can do is by the end of January. Wilke Jones stated that would meet the timeframe; have initial financing lined up and have talked to contractors. Payne asked White to get back to Council with legal alternatives. O'Brien stated he didn't see any reference to capital improvements; will they need to be significant. Paine stated there are a few issues; to meet fire code need to put up fire walls, change out electrical, some structural changes to demise it; about \$175,000 for that work; will be doing capital improvements for painting, signage, and landscaping; docks and warehouse space need to be brought up to current technology; number one cost was the demising and changing out electrical to meet structural code. O'Brien asked if there was some type of special abatement. White stated Council would have to create something else possibly; when financed these were not looked at as one property; looked at as total acreage; in order to take one out would have to refinance the entire package and it would be difficult based on how it is structured; need to see what is the gap in their financing and see if we can narrow that gap. Kneeland stated the letter mentions immediate employment levels and projected employees; important to note that these are new employees to the City of Gahanna. Paine stated it would be 75 new employees to Gahanna; choice B is Rickenbacker; the 90 is the Ohio Packing part; would be a total of 90 employees between the two businesses. Wilke Jones stated that between both current facilities they

started the year at about 120 employees and are now at 200; our employees are employees that are new to Gahanna. Hogan stated the area is currently tax abated; is there anything left on that abatement and will they pick up what's left on the abatements. White stated if there was 4 yrs left on the abatement they will pick up those 4 years; what percentage is that of their total package, can't answer; because of the way it was structured it does not work. Angelou stated they were asking for tax abatement and if that is not possible, then we may need to create an incentive that will make it possible for them to come. Payne requested White work with them and report back at the first committee in January or sooner if information is available.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee: None

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

MINUTES - TO APPROVE:

Minutes, Special Meeting December 11, 2000

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:

ORD-0270-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Recreation Program, Escrow

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0298-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Police Pension- \$135,000

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0300-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Garage/Parts

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt as Emergency:

ORD-0299-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE 2001 FISCAL YEAR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

ORD-0288-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC. FOR ONGOING ENGINEERING FOR THE MORRISON ROAD AND CONNECTOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0290-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MJ EXCAVATING SERVICES, INC., FOR THE CHERRYBOTTOM ROAD WATERLINE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0291-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- Vending Machine

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0292-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR UNUSED VACATION ACCRUAL TO THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION AND THE PARKS SUPERINTENDENT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0293-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SHAMROCK GRAPHICS, INC., FOR INCOME TAX FORMS, TO WAIVE SECOND READING THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0294-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SURFACE AMERICA, INC., FOR AMERITILE OUTDOOR SPORT COURT TO RESURFACE THE FRIENDSHIP PARK TENNIS COURTS, UP TO \$25,000; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances: To Amend by Substitution, Adopt as Emergency:

ORD-0296-2000

TO AMEND SECTION 929.12, WATER RATES, OF CHAPTER 929, WATER CONNECTIONS AND RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0297-2000

TO AMEND SECTION 921.04, SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGE, AND SECTION 921.11, SEWER RENTAL RATES, OF CHAPTER 921, SEWER CONNECTIONS AND RENTAL RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO REINSTATE THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Postponed to Date Certain: February 5, 2001:

ORD-0243-2000

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS WOODMERE PLACE; BROOKWOOD CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., APPLICANT

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

RES-0002-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, FOR A CHANGE IN TOWNSHIP LINES IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM IDENTICAL WITH THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0037-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JAMES M. ABRAHAM ON HIS INDUCTION INTO

THE OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0038-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND CARLA WILKE JONES FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0039-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JIM BRADSHAW FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0040-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JIM DECONNICK FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0041-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MARJORIE FIGLEY FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0042-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MARILYN FINE FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0043-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND MARY F. FLINT FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0044-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DALE FOOR FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0045-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SHARON GONZALES FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0046-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND BOB KELLEY FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0047-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND LOU KILLILEA FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0048-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND KATHY KILLILEA FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0049-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND DR. SEAN MORAN FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0050-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND REV. ROBERT OWENS ON THE WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0051-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND JOYCE MADISON FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0052-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND BEVERLY METCALF FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0053-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND SUSIE ROZANCZYK FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0054-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND ALAN SPRENGER FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0055-2000

TO HONOR AND COMMEND ROGER WAGNER FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0056-2000

RESOLUTION REGARDING A CHANGE IN CORPORATE BOUNDARIES FOR MORSE ROAD

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0058-2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND BOBBIE BURBA FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0059-2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND BECKY YOUNG FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0060-2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND ROBERT SOMMERS FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0061-2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND JACK SELVEY FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0062-2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND MIKE FOSTER FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0063-2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND DOUG KOHLER FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA HOLIDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0064-2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND ROSEMARY KOHLER FOR WORK ON THE 2000 GAHANNA PARADE AND FESTIVAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

MOTION RESOLUTION:

MR-0086-2000

Motion Resolution to redirect \$4,400 of unencumbered capital funds from the McCorkle Part project to pay an outstanding invoice from Jess Howard Electric for the Academy Park Lighting Project; funds available in Account 101.431.5515, Parks Capital.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0087-2000

Motion Resolution to set organizational meetings for Year 2001 as follows:

January 2, 2001 - 7:30 p.m. - Council, by Charter.

January 9, 2001 - 6:30 p.m. - Civil Service Commission.

January 10, 2001 - 6:55 p.m. - Planning Commission.

January 11, 2001 - 7:00 p.m. - Landscape Board.

January 17, 2001 - 7:00 p.m. - Parks and Recreation Board.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Yes	7	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
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End of the Consent Agenda

O'Brien read the resolution for Brigadier general Abraham and presented to him while Angelou presented the City's Award of Merit pin. Abraham expressed appreciation for the honor; have found one other trait to be indispensable and that is integrity; happy holidays to everyone.

Payne stated a number of people were being honored for their work on Holiday Lights. Stinchcomb read one of the resolutions and presented them to the recipients in attendance while Angelou presented the City's Award of Merit pin.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland

Kneeland stated that with the assistance of the Development Department we made a presentation of project Crystal Vision to the School Board on progress and benefits of ITS; also made a presentation to Mifflin Township on Friday. Payne stated there was a meeting at MORPC for Cortran facility; one of the things that I want to make sure happens is a meeting with ODOT; currently we are in the 3rd phase of their project in connecting with ITS; with all the work we are putting in and proximity to airport, think we need to be upped on that priority list; have asked Kneeland to try and spearhead this project.

Development Committee - Angelou: No report.

Service Committee - Stinchcomb: No report.

Safety Committee - Hogan: No report.

Committee of the Whole - Stinchcomb: No report.

Finance - Angelou

Angelou stated that appropriations are complete; just need to balance; will be ready for January 2 organizational meeting.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal

Notice from Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction of inspection and 100% compliance of the Gahanna Detention Facility.

Council: None.

J. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:

ORD-0289-2000

TO ACCEPT STREET, STORM, WATER IMPROVEMENT NO. 755 AND SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 756; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN THE AUTUMN RUSH PLACE SUBDIVISION, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Stinchcomb stated there was concern about punch list. Wetherholt stated the punch list is complete with exception of seeding and mulching of overlot area. McGregor stated he could holding signing the legislation until the mulching is done.

A motion was made by Vice President Stinchcomb, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
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ORD-0295-2000

TO AMEND CHAPTER 161, INCOME TAX, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, , TO AMEND SECTION 161.01, DEFINITIONS; SECTION 161.02, IMPOSITION OF TAX; SECTION 161.04, LEVY OF TAX; SECTION 161.05, RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX, SECTION 161.06, AMENDED RETURN AND REFUNDS FOR OVERPAYMENT; SECTION 161.07, COLLECTION AT SOURCE; SECTION 161.12, ASSESSMENT IN ORDER TO CREATE AN INCOME TAX REVIEW BOARD; SECTION 161.15, INTEREST AND PENALTIES; SECTION 161.17, EXEMPTIONS; SECTION 161.18, CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY; TO CREATE SECTION 191.99, PENALTY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by O'Brien, to amend by substitution. ROLL CALL:
Voting yes: Angelou, O'Brien, Hogan, Shepherd, Kneeland, Payne, Stinchcomb.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted, as Amended, as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

J(1). EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A motion was made by Vice President Stinchcomb, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, to adjourn into Executive Session under Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss compensation of public officials. . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. with all members returning to the dais.

MOTION by O'Brien, seconded by Shepherd, to reconvene the regular meeting. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: OBrien, Shepherd, Kneeland, Payne, Stinchcomb, Angelou, Hogan. Motion carried.

J(2). SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0287-2000

TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 980440; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Stinchcomb, to amend Article II, Pay Ranges, of ORD-0287-2000 to set the salary for the Director of Finance for year 2001 at \$84,000. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Stinchcomb, Payne, Hogan, Shepherd, Kneeland, O'Brien. Motion carried.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Kneeland, to amend Article II, Pay Ranges, of ORD-0287-2000 to set the salary for the Clerk of Court for year 2001 at \$53,000. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Kneeland, Stinchcomb, Hogan, O'Brien, Shepherd, Payne. Motion carried.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Kneeland to amend Article II, Pay Ranges, of ORD-0287-2000 to set the salary for the Administrative Assistant/Service for year 2001 at \$40,000. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Kneeland, Hogan, Shepherd, O'Brien, Payne, Stinchcomb. Motion carried.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by O'Brien, to amend Article II, Pay Ranges, of ORD-0287-2000 to set the salary for the Administrative Assistant/Development for year 2001 at \$40,000. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, O'Brien, Hogan, Shepherd, Kneeland, Payne, Stinchcomb. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Vice President Stinchcomb, that this matter be Adopted, as Amended, as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

K. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Kneeland stated the next meeting will be the Annual meeting and is scheduled for January 8, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. at Heartland Bank.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No report.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools:

Kneeland stated he had given a brief overview earlier; made presentation to Board of Education on Project Crystal Vision; White did a stellar job in explaining some of our economic development issues; want to thank her for accompanying me; feel that what we did Thursday night made them understand what we are trying to do; looking forward to positive feedback.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien

O'Brien stated next meeting will be in January at the Police Station Conference Room.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

McGregor stated there have been numerous flood warnings over Central Ohio in the last few days; have had 6 homes with a sewer backup in Heritage area; projects we are working on, recently completed, and proposing to Council at first of year are ongoing issues we need to address to keep our infrastructure up to date. Payne made a presentation to the Mayor.

City Attorney

Weber stated he would file the paperwork with the County for the change in township boundary lines; was downtown today and saw a notice for a reception for Dorothy Teater to be held tomorrow; will try to attend as she has been an ally over the years for the suburbs; think she will appreciate our attendance. Payne made a presentation to Weber.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

O'Brien stated he was grieved at the loss of Mayor Leavitt, our first full time Mayor; was a grand fellow; had a deep commitment to Veterans and his association with VFW; long after he should have been relaxing he was doing the drill team several times a week; was a supporter of mine and a friend of the family; also we lost Wib Mechwart last week, another grand fellow; worked with him right out of high school; obituary can't say enough about him; he was nationally known and renowned as a professional engineer, a

civil engineer, and an educator; taught classes and did employee training long before it was fashionable; was a life long resident of Gahanna and a graduate of Gahanna Lincoln; he was a flyer in WWII; both of these gentlemen will be sadly missed; wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Hogan stated it is nice being in Gahanna; have a lot of traditions that take place each year - 4th of July celebration, Flea Market, and now Holiday Lights; they occur every year and is a mark of our quality of life; appreciate all the work done in all these areas; Happy Holidays to everyone.

Kneeland stated it was hard to follow all these comments; has been a wonderful year; seen some positive growth and different joint ventures we have taken on; Payne's guidance as President has been wonderful; pass on my appreciation; also have information from a company that specializes in doing community input polling; give this to you at end of meeting; have someone look at it and see if there is any value; best thing is that it was free; appreciate everybody's efforts; was a different year for us with one member resigning and a new member coming on board.

Shepherd stated he has only been here a short time; been extremely impressed with the hard work of city employees; had no appreciation for how hard they work; Happy Holidays to all; thank everyone on Council who has helped acclimate me.

Angelou echoed O'Brien's feelings about Leavitt; several of you didn't know him; set a new tone for Gahanna as our first full time mayor and did it very simply; we were a simple place then; complex city now with wonderful things happening; also thank our fine employees; new millenium and a new century; 2000 has flown by; have a new Clerk of Council and thank you for hard work; hope to have all staff up and running in 2001 as well as rest of City; thank Payne for good leadership this year.

Stinchcomb stated it was hard to talk last; ditto comments of everyone else; thank all the City employees for their hard work; thank everyone on the dais for their time; spent nights and weekends on top of your day jobs and give a lot; not just Monday nights; like to give a special thank you to Payne who has served as President of City Council and Chair of MORPC; she is valued in City of Gahanna and outside the city; proud of you for what you have done this year.

Payne thanked our staff for hard work this year; will be bringing in a small token from Council in appreciation of their work; do appreciate everyone allowing me to serve for another year; do look forward to stepping back a little back and drawing someone else in to MORPC; serve for one more year but want to get someone else involved; network with others on some other issues; other cities and municipalities are doing technology issues; Happy Holidays to all; thank staff for wonderful work; appreciate Mayor and City Attorney; feel we are a cohesive group; was at a dinner the other night and spoke to two Mayors who don't have the cooperation and cohesiveness we do; they fight with their Councils; they don't necessarily do what is right for the City but they do have conflicts of personality; felt very proud of Gahanna that we do have a Council and administration that work together.

Presentations were made to all members for Council.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 p.m. - Motion by O'Brien.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature