

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 15, 1999

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

GAHANNA'S VISION is . . .

. . . to be an innovative model community that values its rich heritage, pursues high standards, and where citizens respect one another.

Members Absent: Sherie James-Arnold and Thomas R. Kneeland

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Karen J. Angelou, L. Nicholas Hogan, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Robert W. Kelley

GAHANNA'S MISSION is . . .

. . . to ensure an exceptional quality of life by providing comprehensive services, financial stability, and well-planned development which preserves the natural environment, so that city government will continue to be responsive, accessible, and accountable to our diverse and growing community of citizens.

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Meeting on Monday, November 15, 1999, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Robert W. Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with an Invocation, delivered by Council Chaplain Debra A. Payne, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**990500**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GAHANNA-JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE LUSTRON HOUSE PROPERTY, 79 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD.

to acknowledge a new EXHIBIT A, and to change title on Consent Agenda "To Amend by Substitution and To Adopt"

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Hogan, that this matter be Amended by Substitution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	5	Vice President of Council Payne, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Stinchcomb and President of Council Kelley
Absent	2	Council Member James-Arnold and Council Member Kneeland

C. HEARING OF VISITORS

Gahanna Police Chief Dennis Murphy noted the accomplishments of the Canine Patrol (EXHIBIT A to these minutes) and said he wanted to present Dr. Worman of Gahanna Animal Hospital and Dan Edmundson of PetsMart with an "Outstanding Business Award." Murphy said Dr. Worman is contributing free canine care for Sampson, and Mr. Edmundson is contributing free food for Sampson. Murphy presented Worman and plaque and said he would deliver a similar plaque to Edmundson. President gave the Council Award of Merit Pin for both men and a Creekside mascot pin. Angelou complimented the partnership in the care of Sampson. It was noted that Gahanna Animal Hospital will be doing a volunteer cleanup projects on Creekside. Dr. Worman was thanked for this contribution to the community.

Windy McKenna, reporting on school board meeting of 11/11. Noted National Board Certified Teacher Conference Presentations to Roben Frentzel, Kristi Griffiths, and

Karie Gregory said they had their pictures taken with President Clinton. Said the Board approved the Revised Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Complimented members of Council for their new terms. Complimented President Kelley, and thanked him for his support during his term.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

Council member Debra Payne Introduced all items listed in Item D of the Agenda.

990541

TO RATIFY THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON THE CONTRACT FOR METRO TELECOM SERVICES; TO RETROACTIVELY WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

990542

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - East Industrial Sewer, Improvement No. 737.

990543

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - West Gahanna Entry, Improvement No. 726

990553

TO ENACT CHAPTER 931, GAHANNA COMPREHENSIVE RIGHT OF WAY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, TO PROVIDE FOR COMPREHENSIVE RIGHT OF WAY POLICY IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

990555

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CHARLES W. HENDERSON FOR ANIMAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000 TO JANUARY 1, 2001.

990556

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1171, FENCES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, TO AMEND SECTIONS ON SWIMMING POOL FENCES AND INVISIBLE FENCES; AND TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO ZONING OFFICER TO ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.

990561

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Police Reserve Fund for Retirement

E. CONSENT AGENDA - As Amended

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

Yes	5	Vice President of Council Payne, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Stinchcomb and President of Council Kelley
Absent	2	Council Member James-Arnold and Council Member Kneeland

Minutes - To Approve - November 1, 1999, Regular Meeting

Ordinance To Amend by Substitution and To Adopt:

990500

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GAHANNA-JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE LUSTRON HOUSE PROPERTY, 79 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD.

This Matter was Adopted as Amended on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[990523](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, Big Walnut Pedestrian Walkway (Creekside) - Cost Overruns

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[990524](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE EASEMENTS FOR THE JOHNSTOWN ROAD HAMMONS SEWER DISTRICT, TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$3,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ordinances: To Introduce, Waive Second Reading & To Adopt:

[990546](#) TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FROM FOXBORO RECREATION PARK ASSOCIATION, FOR 1.827 ACRES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE PATHS AND SIDEWALKS TO THE FOXBORO POOL.

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

[990547](#) TO ACCEPT WARRANTY DEED FROM DOMENIC CANINI CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR 0.016 ACRES LOCATED AT 4290 HAMILTON ROAD.

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

[990549](#) TO ACCEPT WARRANTY DEED FROM WILLIAM EARL CONROY & MARY LOU CONROY FOR 0.166 ACRES AT STYGLER AND MCCUTCHEON ROADS TO BE USED AS RIGHT OF WAY.

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

[990551](#) TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FOR 38.195 LOCATED AT 6547 CLARK STATE ROAD FROM BETTY L. HANNAH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[990552](#) TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Zoning Intern Account

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

[990554](#) TO ACCEPT 4.1+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON AND MIFFLIN TOWNSHIPS TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, REQUESTED BY CITY OF GAHANNA, ET AL

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

[990560](#) TRANSFER OF FUNDS - COPS Fast Fund - Police Salaries

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

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading

[990548](#) TO COMMEND JOHN SHERMAN

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution

[990544](#) MOTION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF \$3,900 LEFT FROM THE KNIGHTS AVENUE PROJECT, IMPROVEMENT NO. 720, ACCOUNT NO. 101.145.5541, TO BE USED FOR OVERRUNS ON MORRISON/WATERBURY, IMPROVEMENT NO. 703.

\$2,500 in Design and inspection - CEWA;
\$1,400 in Contract - Strawser Paving

\$3,900

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

990545

MOTION THAT COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FROM CLARK REFINING AND MARKETING, INC., TO CLARK RETAIL ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA CLARK STORE 1101, 143 MILL STREET, AND DOES NOT REQUEST A HEARING.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

End of the Consent Agenda

Stinchcomb presented Resolution 990548 to Sherman. Director of Parks and Recreation Raleigh Mitchell advised that Mr. Sherman is a National Champion in double table tennis. Angelou adder her personal congratulations.

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

President stated the public hearing rules that would prevail this evening: 7 minutes for proponents, 10 minutes for opponents, and 3 minutes for rebuttal time.

990556

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1171, FENCES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, TO AMEND SECTIONS ON SWIMMING POOL FENCES AND INVISIBLE FENCES; AND TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO ZONING OFFICER TO ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.

President opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m., calling for proponents.

There were none.

President called for opponents. There were none.

There being no further comment, President closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Master Bikeway Plan

President opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m., calling for proponents.

Director of Parks and Recreation Raleigh Mitchell thanked Council for funding this study. Said as a result of this funding, the City hired Edsall Associates, and introduced Deborah Edsall who has worked for nearly a year; said also some members of the Park Board and the Bicycle Advisory Board were also present this evening.

Edsall introduced David Taylor, an assistant architect for the firm.

Edsall said it is important that Council adopts this plan. Said Gahanna has had a very fine start, they started with the existing bikeway system worked with the advisory committee, Columbus and the airport to develop the bikeway system; is an integral part of the community and is used by citizens.; said we have a well- established system in Gahanna. Explained that they have lined parks, schools, and major parts of shopping activity, and the Olde Gahanna Committee. Said when they started this study what they heard was that there were sections in western part of city that were not linked; said there was a strong north/south link, but not good east/west linkages, and crossing Big Walnut;

said what they are recommending does link. Edsall said the timing was good for this

study, because Columbus was also looking at a regional area bike system; they tied the plan for linkage to the city of Columbus system; to the east and west and south along the railroad tracks. Said they looked at the statewide system, the Erie System connecting Cleveland to Cincinnati. Emphasized this is a planning document and the company hopes it will be used. Said she should not leave out the engineering department along with the Advisory committee and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Said this Council has an opportunity to link development. As an example, pointed to Green County and Xenia; said they are linked to the Little Miami Trail; said they have implemented the plan. Said Gahanna has that opportunity; some decisions will have to be made as to how this plan is going to be funded; heard the word partnership earlier in this meeting; said there is an opportunity to develop a partnership in the implementation.

Offered to answer any questions.

President asked if there were any other proponents.

Tom Liszkay 457 Tresham Road, had joined the committee a year and a half ago when they first started this project; did a lot of discussion on what do we need to focus our energies on; need a cohesive plan for the entire City; we need to bring everything together. Said he highly recommends adoption of this plan; urged its adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Hogan, to extend proponents time by 5 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	5	Vice President of Council Payne, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Stinchcomb and President of Council Kelley
Absent	2	Council Member James-Arnold and Council Member Kneeland

Ellen Tripp, 5420 Clark State Road, thanked Council for supporting the plan. Thanked the Mayor and Raleigh Mitchell for his role in helping get this plan presented by Edsall and Associates. Urged its passage. Said this is for the quality of life in Gahanna. Advised that she has served on the City of Columbus advisory committee, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the Metro Park Board; said there is a lot of time and money on these plans in Ohio.

Mike Moran, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, said they appreciate the work done on the plan; also the work of the Mayor and Director Mitchell of the Parks and Recreation Department; said most work was done by the Bikeway Advisory Committee, who worked very closely with the consultant on the plan. Is good for the City. Being a community which is 1 of a total of 55 in the United States is very positive for the City. Thanked the Planning Commission for its time in reviewing the development plans, type of sewers, catch basins. Urged Council to approve. Noted that Dot Micacchion and Frank Treadway of the Parks and Recreation Board were also in the Chambers tonight.

There being no further comment, President closed the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.

Council Comment:

Stinchcomb asked for clarification; is seeing discussion of walkways and bike routes; questioned how this works., Edsall said is necessitates a policy change; said most bikers like the bikeways along the streets; Gahanna has a lot of subdivisions already developed; said you can put signs on streets; noted Morse Road; said you can put signs on south side of Morse Road; there is a high volume of traffic on Hamilton Road, so you look at safety factors.; said curves, curbs and details are not as bicycle friendly. Hamilton Road, for example has to be utilized with existing walks, but also as improvements as appear north of the School. Said the system in Gahanna is comprised of many walkways; if you are a City biker you want a part of the road marked for bicycles; said the reality you find in places like Green County, which has done more than any other City in Ohio. Said in developing, they are using walkways, bikeways, and with wheel chair provisions; they are multi purpose; they acquire the right of way and have the designated lanes; said existing development prohibits this--to acquire additional right of way. Said one thing in Gahanna, you already have a fairly aggressive program for curb ramps at intersections.; said Gahanna has made a lot of intersection improvements for bicycles. Said Westerville did the same thing. Said you have to provide for the city cyclist..

Stinchcomb, noting page 12, and Taylor Road, which the City just finished widening; we put a sidewalk on just one side; would want to know more how we are going to deal with this.

David Taylor noted if you have on-street parking, it then becomes an obstacle to bikes.; felt with regard to Taylor which is already improved, you can educate people; talk about different lanes and bike routes.

President put in COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Mayor noted the City allows bikes on sidewalks except in business district Edsall said there may be some administrative housekeeping to do; noted again Westerville, so you can get people into downtown Westerville.

Angelou questioned page 3--asking about appropriate curbs and gutters; questioned that our street standards are different than what is appropriate for a bikeway. Edsall said she would recommend development guidelines be incorporated in subdivision guidelines. Typically curbs and gutters. Said if we are looking at bicycle lanes, the grates, which are not thought of until after the streets are developed; are not biker friendly said you must also look at curbing. Emphasized these things need to be addressed and budgeted.

President thanked everyone who had worked on this plan.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES Reports had been distributed on meetings of 11/8; Finance will be forthcoming.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

Clerk - (Legal)

990558

NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER FROM FCS, INC., DBA DAMONS GAHANNA, 358 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD, UNIT F TO GAHANNA RIBS, INC., DBA DAMONS GAHANNA, 358 SOUTH

HAMILTON ROAD, UNIT F.

990559

APPEAL TO COUNCIL REGARDING PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF ZONING FOR SEVERAL PROPERTIES ON SHAGBARK ROAD. STONEHENGE COMPANY, APPLICATION, GLEN DUGGER, AGENT.

Publig Hearing set for December 20, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

Liquor License Fee Received - \$4,004.15

Council

990504

Motiion to refund to Montell USA, Inc., (formerly Himont U.S.A., Inc.) amended returns filed 9/29/99, Fed. I.D. 51-0272089 due to irs adjustments to their returns from prior years, which caused refunds to be due them.

The refunds years are outside of Gahanna's three-year statute of limitations, Section 161.06(c). However; Section 161.06(b) allows for amended returns fiwithin three months from the final deermination of any Federal tax liability.

Refund amount: \$6,452.

Reference: Montell USA, Inc., Three Little Falls Centre, 2801 Little Falls Centre, 2801 Centerville Road, P. O. Box 15439, Wilmington DE 19850-5439

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Payne, seconded by Council Member Stinchcomb, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	5	Vice President of Council Payne, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Stinchcomb and President of Council Kelley
Absent	2	Council Member James-Arnold and Council Member Kneeland

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - None

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - None

K. REPRESENTATIVES

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Will meet tomorrow morning at Heartland Bank, 8:00 a.m.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor

Thanked Kelley for covering for Mayor's Office during his absence..

City Attorney - No report.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Hogan noted number of voters at the last election. We have 22,000 registered voters in Gahanna; 5,000 voted. O'Brien who was the leader in the Council race received 500 more votes than he did as 3rd place in the last electon, and the same number of votes as

5th; felt with these statistics you create apathy; said besides apathy, when races are uncontested, it allowed people to go out and campaign for other people; if contested, it would have been a different campaign. Thanked all the people that did get involved. Hogan said the republican party wanted to come in and meddle in our non-partisan races; noted 3 who refused their party support. Felt this election process was extremely interesting from the reflection standpoint. Was very sorry to lose Bob Kelley. Said he will be tremendously missed.

Stinchcomb congratulated Mike O'brien, Karen Angelou, and Nick Hogan; felt the numbers were county-wide to have 20-30% of the people voting; said she has had the privilege to have been unopposed the last 4 elections; questioned if this is a blessing? . . . whether she was going a good? . . . or whether nobody wants the damned job. Thanked the people who ran opposed and those who ran unopposed. It took a lot of time and effort. Felt when you run for an office--anyone who goes out and gets their name on the line is to be commended..

Angelou agreed that it takes a lot of courage; said sometimes when you win, you lose--sometimes when you lose, you win; said she felt the results say that all is well and good; is a reflection of the leadership that has come forth in the community; said she is not going to be less energetic; will continue to work with the same enthusiasm; felt sometimes people are so busy with their lives, they just don't have the time. As to the Republicans, is proud to be one; has no problem asking them to endorse; as a Republican, was going to the victory party. Angelou noted letter from Ohio Municipal League on being reappointed to one of their committees. a committee Washington. Feels NLC has changed the force of our committee; are working to find the right paths; said this committee is on the cutting edge, and she found that we had been there for many years before; said we can work together on visioning. Noted the mission and vision statement on every Agenda.i; said she looks at that and feels very energized; felt maybe many people are happy with our mission and vision.

Payne said she ran unopposed for the first time; felt very privileged; thinks this says that people are satisfied with the job she is doing. Payne said that although she was unopposed, she did not sit idly by; she continued to put ads in journals and programs, noting the Junior sports program; said she continued as a community servant.

Kelley thanked all the members of Council for the last 4 years; said he has served a total of 36 years with this City, and enjoyed almost every minute of it; felt the people have spoken, and all things are meant to be.

N. ADJOURNMENT - 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Payne, seconded by Council Member Hogan, to Adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

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

Chair Signature