



# City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

## Meeting Minutes Committee of the Whole

*Jamie Leeseberg, Chair*  
*Karen J. Angelou*  
*Brian D. Larick*  
*Nancy R. McGregor*  
*Brian Metzbower*  
*Stephen A. Renner*  
*Michael Schnetzer*

*Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council*

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Monday, May 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leeseberg called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Present** 7 - Brian Metzbower, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, Stephen A. Renner, Brian D. Larick, Jamie Leeseberg, and Michael Schnetzer

### ITEM FROM THE MAYOR

- **Summary of Visit to China**

Mayor Kneeland said they had the students taking Chinese at Gahanna Lincoln High School here today; wanted to highlight what they did in the country; said there are development districts in China; the purpose of the trip was relationship building and to increase business development; said we have several companies in Gahanna that do international business; one is Crystal Mountain; another goal was to learn best practices; to be more innovative and efficient; in some ways they lead us; showed the group of folks that were part of the contingency; original was 12 mayors and their staff; ended up with only the City of Westland, Michigan and Gahanna; met the Mayor of Charlotte at an event there; the Tai Initiative is a nonprofit group that builds bilateral communication; Anthony Jones, Director of Planning and Development, said started in Shanghai, is the largest city in the world; showed photographs; compared the French architectural style; visited their market district; showed a think tank; Larick asked if there is a comparable in the States; Jones said he was not sure; explained how they are funded and what they are a part of; connected with people and learned how others leveraged their public infrastructure to support industry growth; next visited the Jiading Industrial Zone; took some time to understand the business regulations there; visited two industries - Cenat, develops batteries and Zhongke Shenjiang, an electrical vehicle company; nuclear power is a big thing there; Mayor

Kneeland said they are getting away from coal; added that it was interesting how they conduct business and their process for planning to spend money and budget; Jones said next visited Changzhou - the Tianning district; they are really good at selling their product; really smart in showing how much they understood; they were very welcoming; said Black Peony in Science Park - company that produces fabric and other clothing; started their own business park in 2010; the Hundsun Science and Technology Park grow eco-friendly space and businesses; provided gift packets to some of them; they were very pleased; was very formal; received several gifts as well; keeping in contact with several elected officials they networked with; showed a medical industrial park; had an interesting list of medical things they think we will be dealing with in the future; showed a development zone called the West Taihu Lake Development Zone that used to be a neighborhood; have one property owner that won't sell to the government; they cannot just take the property with eminent domain; visited the Israel Innovation Park; visited the National Green Building Industrial Zone; showed images of the building; rooftops with grass on them; Mayor Kneeland said most of their buildings are designed by US architects; Jones said interesting to see the differences where the market allows; next visited Shenzhen, Guangdong Province; said they were the size of Gahanna 50 years ago and are now the size of Ohio; one of the fastest growing cities in China; average age was 34; met with the Vice Mayor there; said they pay people for recycling and riding their bikes and giving back to the environment; discussed a poorer part of Shenzhen they visited and the nonprofit group that helps lower income families use more environmentally sustainable practices to improve their quality of life; ended at the Shenzhen bay Club; held a networking event themed "A Night in Gahanna"; talked about their life and life in Gahanna; good ending to a trip; the next steps are to keep in contact; share information with JobsOhio and Columbus2020; Schnetzer said he watched a documentary about selling businesses to China; Ford for example; asked if they came across that; Jones said not specifically but does know you have to be connected; is a restricted market; Mayor Kneeland said you have to build relationships there before any business conversation is held; Angelou asked how they traveled; Mayor Kneeland said they flew one place and took a train to another; one was a three hour flight; Mayor Kneeland said they have a sister city just south of Beijing; collaborating with the schools.

## ITEMS FROM THE CITY ENGINEER

[ORD-0031-2017](#) TO ACCEPT DEEDS OF EASEMENTS FOR THE MINOR STORM SEWER EXTENSION FOR 490 WHITLEY DRIVE AND 498 WHITLEY DRIVE.

Priestas said this request is for two easements; easements are recorded by the property owner; ready for acceptance.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

[ORD-0032-2017](#) TO ACCEPT THE DEED OF EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER AT 471 N. HAMILTON ROAD; SA 1022.

WHEREAS, Park Crossing/The Parc is a multi-family development located at 471 North Hamilton Road that is near completion; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the development required the installation of a sanitary sewer; and

WHEREAS, a sanitary sewer easement was necessary for the installation and construction of the sanitary sewer extension; and

WHEREAS, the necessary easements have been granted by the property owner and have been recorded and are ready for acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has determined the value of these appurtenances to be \$23,923.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby accepts the DEED OF EASEMENT for the purpose of constructing, using and maintaining a Sanitary Sewer and appurtenant works in any part of said strip, including the right to clean, repair and care for said Sanitary Sewer, together with the right of access to said strip for said purpose; said Deed of Easement attached to this ordinance as EXHIBIT A, and made a part herein.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage by this Council and 30 days after date of signature approval by the Mayor.

Priestas said this is for a sanitary sewer easement for Park Crossing/TheParc; near completion; necessary for installation of sewer extension; ready for acceptance.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

[ORD-0033-2017](#) TO ACCEPT SANITARY SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR 471 N. HAMILTON ROAD; SA 1022.

Priestas said this is to accept sanitary sewer infrastructure; developer has requested this; met all basic requirements; passed all inspections

and testing; requesting it be accepted; Leeseberg asked if we have a time between installation; Priestas said yes, we do.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

### **ITEM FROM THE CLERK OF COUNCIL**

[MR-0014-2017](#)

MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE TRANSFER OF A C1, C2, AND D6 LIQUOR PERMIT FROM ED DAVIS ENTERPRISES LLC DBA ALPINE DRIVE THRU TO JB & B LLC DBA ALPINE BEVERAGE DRIVE THRU, 210 GRANVILLE STREET, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

Banning said this is a transfer; Police Chief did not have any issues with the transfer.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

### **ITEM FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

[ORD-0034-2017](#)

TO AMEND CHAPTER 563, PARK CONDUCT, SECTION 563.05, FIREARMS; WEAPONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

Leeseberg said this is from the Code Review Committee they established at the beginning of the year; Ewald said we want to allow flexibility for urban deer program or urban programs through the Boy Scouts; our code prohibited open carry; some cases in Ohio have restricted this; looking to adjust this code; this was taken before the Committee reviewing different code sections; Police Chief Dennis Murphy said they are big proponents of this; McGregor asked if this is new; Ewald said will replace existing; Metzbower asked about point a; said then you list situations where you can; Ewald said second line deals with not being allowed to carry in the park; separating carrying from discharging; originally law enforcement were allowed to carry in a park; and people with permits; we didn't allow open carry; Larick said this is an interpretation issue; Ewald said is a constitutional issue; Schnetzer said this would permit open, concealed and law enforcement; Ewald said yes; this is defensible and our current code is not; McGregor said if you have a concealed carry and you cannot use it but you have to; Ewald said there will be circumstances; cannot allow discharging for no reason; very similar to Westerville's code; self-defense is separate; would be dismissed; is a defense to the charge; Schnetzer said the current code is not consistent with Ohio law but the proposed code is; Ewald confirmed; Metzbower asked if this was reviewed by outside counsel; Ewald said written in house and

reviewed by outside counsel; Metzbower said we have had issues in recent years of code being interpreted different ways; would like outside perspective; Ewald said has been reviewed carefully; our Police Department and Parks Department have also reviewed; Angelou asked if pools are included; Ewald said they would be considered parks.

**RECOMMENDATION: Consent Agenda.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS - no action required.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

8:14 p.m.