

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2001

8:30 PM

City Hall

Finance Committee

*Karen J. Angelou, Chairman
L. Nicholas Hogan
Thomas R. Kneeland
Michael O'Brien
Debra A. Payne
Donald R. Shepherd
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, ex officio
W. Jerome Isler, ex officio*

ISSUES:

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

Additional Attendees:

Mayor, D'Ambrosia, Mitchell, Weber, Colonel Hall, Isler, Wetherholt, Komlanc, Adkins, Press

YMCA - Funding Request

Amanda Adkins attended the City Council meeting to speak on behalf of the YMCA. Adkins fully supported the organization. Adkins believes that building a Gahanna branch of the YMCA would be very beneficial for the community and will give children as well as adults a place to set and achieve goals.

John Bickley informed Council that the YMCA is collaborating with various community leaders, designated groups, the OSU Medical Center, and government officials to provide facilities for community services and programs.

Bickley said that partnering with the YMCA was the most cost-effective approach of providing the community with their facility. Some of the offerings of the YMCA are: Family activity center, outdoor play area, aerobic studios, fully equipped fitness center, full sized gymnasium, 6-8 lane natatorium, classrooms, and meeting rooms. For seniors they have: weekly luncheons, bus trips, fitness programs, badminton, the seniors would be able to set their own agenda. They usually partner with the local senior centers and have things like:

Orthopedic therapy, adult day care, most offerings are based on the need of the community.

Bickley passed out lists to show monies that have been raised to date for the Gahanna facility. They are: \$3.4 million - Large Donor Campaign, \$1.1 million - Gahanna Capital Campaign, \$1 million debt financing provided by The Ohio State University Medical Center, \$2 million debt financing provided by the YMCA of Central Ohio. AEP has verbally agreed to give \$10,000 worth of electricity.

He stated that monies raised in Gahanna, would stay in Gahanna. And in the case of excess money raised, he would spread the undesignated funds out to the rest of the community.

Bickley stated that even though construction would not begin until next year, he would like to get a portion of the payment this year. He also gave the option of spreading the cost over a 3 year period, and said that the lease is negotiable. Once the YMCA facility is built, there will be no additional costs.

Bickley said that the YMCA gives away a little under 2 million dollars per year, and that they welcome everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

His examples were: The city of Powell committed \$6.5 million to build an outdoor facility and the YMCA committed \$800,000.

Also on a daily basis the YMCA picks up grade school children and senior citizens all over Central Ohio and provides transportation to their facility, free of charge.

When asked about percent of failure, Bickley said that nationally maybe .5% of their facilities had to close, but that their success rate is 99% plus.

Bickley said that schools could benefit from the YMCA by using the pool for: swim team practice, home meets, high school employment for life guards, there has even been talk about teaching 4th graders water safety. Even now, He added that Pickerington uses their facility for swim team and lap practices in the evening. And they desire to put 8 lanes in their facility.

Bickley said that Gahanna Middle School South's swim team did a fund raising project,

and have raised half of the \$25,000 that they committed.

The Mayor supported the YMCA. He spoke of the Pacer study that was done to poll the people in the community about an indoor recreational facility. He said that despite site improvements costing about \$1 million, for \$2 million we answer the need of a large portion of the people and it's user fee operated.

Bickley stated that you do not have to be a full fledge member to participate in the programs. The hours of operation will be 6:00a.m. until 10:00p.m. (or based on the need of the community) However, there are overnight functions and activities that last longer such as proms. The cost of a family (4 or more members) membership is \$609 per year.

Angelou said she wants administration to study and see what fits best into our budget. She said we will have to meet back and discuss our options, but may not have to appropriate this year since we're not building until next year.

Sherwood suggested a resolution be done. She can do a supplemental once she has the hard figures.

Angelou designated Weber to look over the lease and asked the administration to get together with the YMCA representatives.

Director of Finance - Miscellaneous

Isler has not posted on the Internet the final figures for 2000.

We will have a carry over balance of \$9 million, which is down from last year.

The 2000 income was 98% of the general income in 1999.

The income tax grew 3.5 % a lot of expenses came in under cost.

We exceeded 2 million dollars for the first time ever.

Total revenue came in at 99% of what we had in 1999. We will have approximately \$6 million to spend in carry over.

Water sales came in at 90% of what they were before.

Sewer was a 1% gain because of price increases.

Isler is currently working with auditors and will submit final changes.

Rules of Procedure - City Council

Angelou led council members line by line through the Rules of Procedure for 2001

ARTICLE I - There were no changes made

ARTICLE II - There were no changes made

ARTICLE III - Letter G was changed to read Policy and Procedure Manual

ARTICLE IV - 4.11 Public Information Manager was deleted

ARTICLE V - There were no changes made

ARTICLE VI - There were no changes made

ARTICLE VII -

7.10 a - changes were made to the Communication and Technology Committee section based on Tom Kneeland's wording.

7.10 d - SAFETY: this section will be discussed in detail during the next Committee of the Whole meeting with emphasis on Committees.

ARTICLE VIII -

8.14 This section has been clarified to show that committee reports are the written authorization for final action.

8.22 There was discussion on this section denoting that when a waiver of second reading

is necessary, usually the department head has submitted a written report justifying the need for waiver.

ARTICLE IX - There were no changes made

ARTICLE X - There were no changes made

ARTICLE XI - There were no changes made

ARTICLE XII - There were no changes made

ARTICLE XIII - There were no changes made

ARTICLE XIV - There were no changes made

Director of Public Safety - Salary Increase

Mayor stated that he didn't realize that additional legislation was needed to make this salary increase go into effect; thought Director was in the Unclassified Ordinance and we had just passed that. Sherwood stated the part time positions were taken out several years ago. Angelou stated this issue was discussed at appropriations and the increased funding was put in for the year 2001; felt there was no opposition at the time to this increase.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading; no need to return to Committee; 2nd reading, consent agenda.

Supervisory Personnel Salary Ordinance

Mayor submitted an e mail stating the Unclassified is in place he requests that we move on these employees. He does not feel we can wait until the FOP contract complete. He said that we should make provisions for a "Supervisor of the Year" bonus. Angelou stated that she had not reviewed this completely, but she would like to move forward on this and discuss again in two weeks at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, refer to Committee of the Whole

Parks & Recreation - Wall Panels/Redirection of Appropriated Funds

Angelou said she had not received the a request for this issue in her packet. Mitchell said he sent this information over a week ago. He said that due to the Parks & Recreation Department moving upstairs the purchase of additional wall panels is necessary. He requested permission to spend just under \$1450 from the Parks Capital account.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion Resolution, Consent Agenda

Road Runner - Council

Angelou noted that this issue had previously been addressed in Communications & Technology Committee; discussion did result in a decision to move forward with the implementation of the installation of Road Runner; however, recently had Warner out to do this and realized we had never discussed the funding of this. Sherwood verified there is no money in any current Council account to cover this expense. Discussion was held on costs involved; maximum should be \$149 to install each and \$49 per month, per Council Member. In response to question, Isler stated he would prefer to set up a new

account as a line item just for these funds. Angelou requested that Isler contact the Network Administrator for an approximation of the cost for this year.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, if information is received in Council Office.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0017-2001

TO REESTABLISH THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Sherwood stated this item was postponed from the last meeting due to the Mayor's concern with the job description.

Mayor stated Davies was working on correcting the job description and will have the corrected version this week.

Angelou agreed as long as amendment to job description is received, noting that additional legislation amending Chapter 135 also needs to be created.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0018-2001

TO AMEND ORD-0287-2000; TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

Bernie Williams, Reporting