

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 5, 2001

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, President of Council

Michael O'Brien, Vice President of Council

Karen J. Angelou, Council Member

L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member

Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member

Debra A. Payne, 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, March 5, 2001, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Rebecca Stinchcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Guest Chaplain this evening was Bishop Mark Meldrum, Gahanna Congregation, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bobby Stumper of Boy Scout Troop 766, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Members Absent: Thomas R. Kneeland

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

A1. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION by Payne, seconded by O'Brien, to adjourn into Executive Session under the authority of Article 5.40(c) of Council Rules of Procedure to confer with the City Attorney on pending litigation. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Payne, O'Brien, Hogan, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Angelou. Motion carried.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. with Clerk noting that all members in attendance returned to the dais.

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

ORD-0021-2001

TO REZONE 5.1+/- ACRES TO L-AR, LIMITED OVERLAY MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 329 WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; ALBERT AND JESSIE HAMM, APPLICANTS

Stinchcomb stated that Council has some concerns with particular language in development text that it wants to address by substitute ordinance; new language will be reviewed in Committee of the Whole next Monday; feel this presents the best opportunity to enact this rezoning ordinance.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Postponed to Date Certain to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd
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Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland
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MR-0014-2001

To acknowledge the Merger of Time Warner with AOL with notation that all terms of existing franchise with Time Warner, previously known as Warner Cable, will remain in effect.

Stinchcomb stated that the Mayor requested this item be removed from the agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Referred to the Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Windy McKenna, Gahanna Jefferson School Board, stated she was glad to be back to represent the schools at our meetings; appreciate Don Shepherd attending our meetings for this sharing of information; thank Kneeland for inviting us to committee meeting last Monday night; impressed with the work that has been done on it so far and the potential that it has.

Carla Wilke Jones, Gahanna Events, stated she was pleased to be here; committee voted to have a video done; is an excellent representation of Gahanna and the parade as a whole; show you where your monies have gone on our behalf; look forward to this year's event; using this piece for promotion; video as shown.

Kathy Culp, 846 N. Stygler, stated she wished to thank City Council and Mayor for updating animal ordinance; has been a long process; described events she has seen in the last year with regard to animal cruelty; this legislation is a reactive approach to a growing problem in our community; will give more clear definition to what a responsible animal owner will do; will also give the magistrate some bite; current ordinance falls well below state law; this legislation will bring us even with state law; would also like to see a proactive approach; have ideas to update the animal control in Gahanna pamphlet; this pamphlet is a waste of money at this time; also ask local veterinarians to display current code in their office; most vets would be glad to oblige the City; gave my dog life when I rescued him and on March 2, 2001 I buried my friend; ask you to do the correct and responsible thing unanimously in an effort to tell our community we take all abuse cases seriously. O'Brien thanked Culp for her involvement; appreciate help and commitment to the treatment of animals; this is on consent agenda; would ask the Clerk to send, as a courtesy, copies of this code to area veterinarians when it is passed. Angelou expressed condolences on the loss of your pet; is a member of the family; know it was very difficult for you to share with us; thank you for helping with the ordinance.

Jessie Hamm, 329 W. Johnstown Road, Gahanna; came here tonight to talk because there are a couple of areas where there is some confusion; the use of the word primarily; further in the development text it talks about licensure under Ohio Department of Health; lists several kinds of people we cannot house; also must be 18 years or older; as an example, a husband and wife where one had some sort of medical problem and needed assistance they could come to us; if we limited to handicapped and elderly we couldn't accept; if we had not put word primarily in feel it would have turned us away and violated licensure; put in development text what we thought Attorney Weber and Clerk of Council wanted us to put in; if our project fails, it is listed in there that it reverts to SF-3 zoning; also asked that Committees would not withhold reasonable variance request; the street at 20' would not be considered SF-3 standard; however, Planning Commission had said if we made it 20' and if it had to be subdivided the SF-3 zoning would have to have a variance; our private driveway will be built to street standards; every aspect of this development will have to be approved; we have been working on this since 1994 and we still desire to work with the handicapped and elderly; would ask that you consider these two things and realize that you have done an excellent job in this proposed rezoning; we have done everything we have been asked to do; please let's bring closure to this; every time I receive a phone call it's like being shot in the heart and takes me about 5 hours to calm down; for the life of me can't determine what the

problem is; please let us answer again your questions; but please let us vote on this; it's time for us to get on with our dreams.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Introduced, by title, by Payne.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

ORD-0041-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MOODY NOLAN LTD., INC FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BEECHER ROAD WIDENING; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$11,966 THEREFOR.

Introduced

ORD-0042-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR REDESIGN OF INTERSECTION, IMPROVEMENT NO. 776, FOR STYGLER ROAD FROM JOHNSTOWN ROAD TO U.S. 62; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0043-2001

TO REESTABLISH THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS A PART TIME POSITION; TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced

ORD-0044-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Council, Universal Network Access

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0046-2001

TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 980441; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0047-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Morse Road Culvert Overruns

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0048-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DONALD R. KENNEY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EAST INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 727; TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL MANHOLE; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$908.

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0049-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NICKOLAS SAVKO & SONS, INC., FOR THE EAST INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER AND SOUTHEAST SUBTRUNK EXTENSION; IMPROVEMENT NO. 727; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$254,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0050-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE EAST INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER AND SOUTHEAST SUBTRUNK EXTENSION; IMPROVEMENT NO. 727; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE

\$23,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0051-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDED CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR A PORTION OF THE DESIGN OF THE TECHCENTER DRIVE EXTENSION FOR ROADWAY ACROSS THE BUCKLES PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENT NO. 762; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0053-2001

TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OVERRUNS TO FRANKLIN CONSULTANTS INC., FOR DESIGN CONTRACT AND EPA PERMIT FEES; TEMPORARY PUMP STATION; IMPROVEMENT NO. 761; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$4,437; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0054-2001

TO COMMIT UP TO \$625,000 OVER 3 YEARS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A YMCA FACILITY IN GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

Statutory Resolutions Requiring Two Readings:

SR-0001-2001

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, CONSISTING OF 0.090 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY KANEAL N. & LYNN W. SINGH, FOR STORM SEWER EASEMENT FOR THE CROSSROADS STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 743

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes - To Approve

2001-0006

To approve minutes of the following meetings:

1) December 3, 2001 Regular Meeting

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt as Emergency

ORD-0045-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 135.011, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, OF CHAPTER 135, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

ORD-0052-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT WITH JOE ECKART OF BEST COURIER; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ordinance - To Amend by Substitution and Adopt:

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.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:**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.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0025-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SCHIEBER AND ASSOCIATES FOR LANDSCAPE CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE OLDE GAHANNA DESIGN GUIDELINE TEAM.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0026-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND CHARLES W. HENDERSON FOR GAHANNA ANIMAL CONTROL; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$3,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0027-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. (AMPO) TO PROVIDE CONTINUING SERVICES AS THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION CONSULTANT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0028-2001

TO AMEND CHAPTER 505, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0029-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Network Operations

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0030-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR A PORTION OF THE DESIGN OF THE TECH CENTER DRIVE EXTENSION FOR ROADWAY ACROSS THE BUCKLES PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENT NOS. 762, 770 AND 771; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0031-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FRA-US62-26.34 (FRA-CR17-9.18) WHICH PROPOSES TO IMPROVE THE INTERSECTION OF US62 AND CR17 (MORSE ROAD) BY ADDING TURN AND ADDITIONAL THROUGH LANES FOR FUTURE TRAFFIC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0032-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MOODY NOLAN LTD INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE US62 MORSE ROAD INTERSECTION DESIGN; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0033-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON AND TILTON, INC., FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE MORSE ROAD CULVERT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$14,000 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0034-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR PROPERTY LYING IN LOT 2 OF THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE, NEAR GAHANNA PARKWAY AND CLAYCRAFT ROADS; CONTAINING 352 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0035-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JACK AND SUE WILLIAMS FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR THE TRIANGLE WEST SUBTRUNK SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 740; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$11,250 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0036-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT GRANTING EASEMENTS ON CITY OWNED LAND TO FRANKLIN COUNTY; FOR THE WIDENING OF THE TAYLOR ROAD AND TAYLOR STATION ROAD INTERSECTION.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0037-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILSON CONSULTING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE CLARK STATE HAMILTON ROAD INTERSECTION; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$29,800 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0038-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS MECHWART HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR THE LAKES AT HARRISON POND WATERSHED STUDY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0039-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SALE OF 26+/- ACRES ON TAYLOR ROAD OWNED BY THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO HIGHLAND GLEN DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0040-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BURNS, BERTSCH & HARRIS, INC, FOR AN UPDATE TO THE LAND USE PLAN

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This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

MR-0013-2001

To authorize the expenditure of \$1,447.20 from 101.431.5515, Parks Capital, for the purchase of wall panels for the move of the Parks & Recreation Department to the second floor of City Hall.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0015-2001

Motion that this Council finds no objection to the new D5 Liquor Permit for Jeff Block, 1344-92 Cherrybottom Road; and does not request a hearing.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0016-2001

To authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the 2001 Police Cruisers.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0017-2001

To authorize the expenditure of \$12,480 to replace the eight overhead garage doors for the Police Station; from Nofziger Door Sales of Columbus; money appropriated to 101.211.5512, Police Capital.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland
Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland

Stinchcomb congratulated Kneeland for the C&T presentation; made the Channel 4 News. Angelou noted that Chief Murphy was on Radio 610; congratulate him on presentation; was selected to represent one side of the argument for concealed weapons.

Development Committee - Payne: No Report.

Service Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Safety Committee - Shepherd: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - O'Brien: No Report.

Finance - Angelou: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal: None.

Council

O'Brien stated he had some concerns on the right of way ordinance; have been approached by AEP to meet with them on Monday and would like City Attorney to know that and advise if that would be OK; wanted to let everyone know.

O'Brien referenced and read an E-mail received that Jeff Bommer has resigned effective 3/02/01 as President and from the Board of Trustees at Gahanna Swim & Racquet Club; Jerry Lang is also no longer a trustee; states that current majority has taken action that he does not wish to support; thanked City for efforts in support of club; will remain interested; Club came to City almost 10 years ago and asked for help with reconstruction costs; they paid it off ahead of time; they had a sound financial plan and they were committed to paying their creditors; sad to see Jeff leave; wish the new board members the best; just wanted to make Council aware of what is happening.

Hogan noted receipt of public record information from County Auditor; my property taxes are \$3,760; grand total of \$141 of that \$3,760 goes to the City of Gahanna; can't tell you the number of times I hear that my property taxes are too high; reiterate that of almost \$3,800 only \$141 goes to the City; balance goes to schools, library, vocational schools, children's services; just wanted to bring this forward; our total revenue off property taxes is just \$1 million a year; people should be aware of that; property taxes are for other issues.

Hogan continued that this past week and the article about the possibility of an additional \$625,000 going to the YMCA, had 5 people stop by my office, 14 phone calls and 3 E-mails; all asked how can we afford to do this; where is money coming from; does kind of correspond with this; 65% of our annual income is off income taxes; 25% of our annual income is off property taxes; think we need to take a good strong look at this; contributions need to be increased from private and City input needs to be decreased; wanted to bring that forward.

Angelou stated the YMCA had been asked if they could extend their fund raising past the \$1.8 million in order to bring down the City's portion; ordinance for first reading is to extend that commitment over 3 years; hope that is a high estimate and will be much lower than that; YMCA has some control on campaigning and getting more donations; a gentleman from the James Road area of Ward 2 called me regarding a YMCA fund raiser in Florida that has no trouble raising \$1 million; he's sending me that information and I'll send it on to John Bickley; what a YMCA brings to the community is more than a recreation center; has the ability to provide transportation to the Y and it also does not preclude Gahanna opening a recreation center in the future that would be more of a gymnasium than a pool area; those could be compatible; we have the best for the time frame to get the facility in Gahanna; it would be many years before we would be able to build such a facility; what we have here is a large portion of the community applauding us for bringing a YMCA in here; it is a wonderful asset; doesn't put pressure on the homeowner; one of the key components to a great community is to have all the assets and the Y adds to that; feel that Development Department will promote it when they are trying to sell the City; we are spreading this over 3 years and keeping it down as low as possible, think we will put a lot of pressure on the Y to do that.

Stinchcomb stated she wanted to reiterate previous comments made by the Mayor; costs other communities \$30 million to build a center and \$1 million a year to run it; communities like Dublin, Worthington, and Westerville; to have this kind of facility for \$2 million seems like a bargain to me.

MR-0018-2001

To appoint Louise Rooney to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a 2 year term.

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

Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

MR-0019-2001

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

Yes	6	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan and Council Member Shepherd
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0021-2001

TO REZONE 5.1+/- ACRES TO L-AR, LIMITED OVERLAY MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 329 WEST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; ALBERT AND JESSIE HAMM, APPLICANTS

Postponed to Date Certain to Committee of the Whole

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

K. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland: No Report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne

Clerk noted receipt of information on Annual Luncheon. Payne noted this will be her farewell speech; date is April 19th. Please let office know if you plan to attend.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Shepherd: No Report.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien: No Report.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

McGregor advised of his appointment of Richard Tom to serve on a new COTA Auxiliary Board which is made up of actual commuters. Also noted that he has appointed Payne to the COTA Board; is Gahanna's turn for a 3 year appointment representing Gahanna, Westerville and Worthington area.

McGregor noted that we have found an emergency communications director and his resume has been forwarded; is from New Hampshire; Jeanne Miller and Bill Hills from Reynoldsburg were also in the interviews; comfortable with this choice although he still has to pass background check and whole host of things which includes confirmation of Council; feel comfortable and will proceed with that in committee next week.

City Attorney

Weber stated that he noted with some dismay that our State Senator did not vote with us on the annexation issue; seriously remonstrate with him on this lapse; were only 7 no votes; very disappointing.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Hogan noted that the Libertarians are behind the Chief; didn't know this YMCA legislation was to have first reading tonight; was no recommendation out of committee; seems it is speeding through very quickly; reference this \$625,000 as taxpayer funds and we shouldn't be using taxpayer funds for private organizations; what about Soccer and baseball ; always do little things for organizations but \$625,000 is rather different even though it is spread out over 3 years; we already have purchased \$1.5 million of land; there's a lease we weren't permitted to discuss in committee last week; they can turn around and lease to any for profit organization; think we should hammer out the lease before we commit to the \$625,000; do have other options that have not been explored; originally had a piece of property on Clark State Road; could now sell that and fund 100% of everything; that is a possibility we haven't taken a look at; also am hearing \$30 million to build; regardless of what it would be our operational costs were 0 because we were going to charge for programs; Mayor said survey was done that 47% of the population was not in favor of using taxpayer funds to put together this rec center; what's the difference between that and the YMCA; maybe am only hearing from those who are opposed; not opposed to the YMCA but am opposed to City subsidy; people do pay to go; an annual membership is \$500 or \$600 a year; realize there is a sliding scale; all I'm saying is that we need a lot more discussion before we pass this; the lease is a big contention; don't think we should be spending \$625,000 for one private enterprise; we wouldn't do it for anyone else; feel we need to look at the Clark State Road option further and not rush this through.

Angelou stated she felt Hogan had voted for the \$1.5 million; did not discuss the lease; was brought up to me 2 minutes before committee; first said add it and then said remove it as we had a full agenda; if we built a recreation center we too would charge a fee; family membership is charged at Dublin which did cost \$30 million and they already need to build more; \$3.6 million and \$2.1 million is a healthy difference; would be wonderful if we could get a YMCA and not follow the run of the mill financing; have never heard any comments negative about a YMCA; think they are a positive force in every sense of the word; they are a private non profit corporation; we gave monies to Shane Riedel's Dispute Resolution Center; that is obviously not a city organization; have funded CIC which is an arm of government with monies; have funded CVB; have helped the Sanctuary which is a wonderful group of private citizens, over the years; have helped the pools in our area stay viable; the YMCA is a faith based non profit private corporation; in this case, although it is the YMCA, believe I have gotten calls from people who are not Christian but feel the value systems and opportunities with partnerships with OSU are quite extraordinary; think it is worth the extra we are being asked for; this was on the original documentation given to us; by spending \$1.5 million we have probably done enough but using that same reason it cost \$1.5 million for the land and \$625,000 to do the extras because we live in an upscale community where our property values are higher; this Council has had a vision in economic development from

day 1; didn't particularly like it when first proposed; heard Amanda Adkins, truly a Gahanna hero, who went out and gave us every indication of why we should want this particular facility; felt totally moved by her words; spent a great deal of time in my own mind and heart; this is a good thing for Gahanna.

Payne stated she planned to support this; it is a one time commitment for a facility that will be here for a long time; used the Eldon Ward facility as a youngster; a one time fee for the next 40 or 50 years is a worthwhile amount for us to pay; not asking our community to do anything different than they are asking of others; fees may be a little different but items they are asking for are exact same ones; we chose that piece of property; we voted on it and that was our choice; YMCA does have a sliding scale and don't want that to be misconstrued; YMCA does try to work with all people in community; did not expect the request to be as large as it is but will support.

Payne thanked Mayor for appointment to the COTA board; as I leave MORPC Board feel this is a natural transition; have been talking about light rail for several years; need to be looking in that direction; Governor Rhodes built roads; need to look beyond the box and at other alternatives; hope to bring perspective from suburban communities; have not seen our representative very often; hope to do a better job in going out to those communities; thank you for appointment.

O'Brien stated he has been grieving the loss of Governor James Rhodes; people have often asked me why we haven't been affected by the rust belt and I tell them it was this hero, Jim Rhodes; he almost single handedly brought Honda to Ohio, employing tens of thousands of people; have been real severe economic times in the past couple of decades; prior to that this part of the country saw very low unemployment rates; can attribute that to the strength of character of Rhodes who built our highway system and state parks; we don't have a Yellowstone or Grand Canyon but we do have state parks that are second to none; that all happened under Governor Rhodes; he took the Ohio State Fair from 46th in the country to #1; was truly committed to our youth ; as we contemplate this giant of a man, let's remember him and his family.

O'Brien continued that we have reams of documentation that is public information; was presented to Council; outlines all of the services beyond what we might call facility services and at a very low upfront cost; with this last \$650,000 will have an investment of over \$2 million; is not a cost forever to the people of Gahanna; don't have to worry about managing a pool and passing an operating levy; have been asked when is this going to end; have been guaranteed this will end with this request; will support it.

Shepherd stated he would like to commend two Gahanna residents; Gayle Moher placed 6th in the world in the Arnold Classic which is the most prestigious event of its kind; April Carpenter competed in the Miss Fitness competition by invitation; that's an honor in itself; like to congratulate them; also thank Kathy Culp for hard work on the animal legislation. did a lot of research for us to allow us to complete our work. Shepherd continued that in reference to the YMCA, have talked to people at grocery stores, at Panera, everywhere I go; people I have talked to have been in support.

Stinchcomb stated she did have a couple of calls from people concerned with the extra money; one was from a senior citizen; my dad's parents were divorced when he was 2; was brought up in boarding school and on a farm; everybody helped raise him; spent a lot of time at the YMCA and with Hi Y and he speaks eloquently on what they meant to his life; he served in 2 wars; was a branch chief at NASA; is a newly adopted constituent in Ward 4; is on our Senior Advisory Board; we talked about the YMCA and Indian Guides and other programs; had forgotten some of these things; are a lot of things the

YMCA will bring to this community; is more tax efficient; it is a lot of money for an up front investment; feel it is worth every penny.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:51p.m. - Motion by Angelou.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.

Chair Signature