

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 26, 2000

7:45 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Michael O'Brien

L. Nicholas Hogan

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Karl Wetherholt, ex officio

Members Absent: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

Members Present: Michael O'Brien and L. Nicholas Hogan

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Angelou, Payne, Kneeland; McGregor, Wetherholt, Komlanc, Hall, Mitchell, Isler, White, Murphy, Wigal, Woodward, Jackson, Choung, Weber; Ken Signh; Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION

ORD-0129-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TERRA SURVEYING SERVICES CO., FOR THE BOUNDARY SURVEY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF 5.7+/- ACRES ALONG BIG WALNUT CREEK; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$3,875; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

On question from Hogan, Wetherholt said that the owner of part of the land is unknown; do not have a legal description of the whole thing; want to be prepared for any property acquisition on the west side of Big Walnut Creek to be able to begin bikeway extension. Hogan said he thought there was a survey of the area done to determine the boundaries of the island. Wetherholt said yes, along Mill Street, but a piece of land was left undetermined by Olde Ridenour Road. Hogan said then the eastern portion is tied down. Wetherholt said we just need to resolve discrepancies on some other property. Mayor said that we are seeking a grant to do the low water crossing western neighborhood through the Golf Course to Imperial Rise; direct access down to the island. We were contacted by the auditors office that there was confused ownership on two parcels; patchworky thing that needs to be sorted out.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ORD-0132-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE ROBERT WEILER COMPANY FOR APPRAISAL OF APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES OF VACANT LAND LOCATED ALONG TAYLOR ROAD, KNOWN AS THE SINGH PROPERTY; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$6,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Hogan had question about Gahanna taking property that is actually in Jefferson Township. Weber said we can legally do that; he has researched. Wetherholt drew area on board and said that we did not get easements from T & S; was sold to Mr. Signh; have easements for portions; need easements to service two projects along Taylor Road east of Taylor Station. We need the appraisal to properly execute eminent domain.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent

ITEMS FROM MAYOR:

Price Road Water Line Extension

Mayor said everything sort of fell into place for development of properties along Price with what they want and need. This would be a water line extension only, and provided the City an opportunity to acquire key waterfront properties for future walkway expansions; would request legislation to enter into contract with the Arnolds, 109 Price Road for approximately one acres of waterfront right-of-way. In exchange the City will survey their land at our expense in conjunction with its waterline survey, and waive all

waterfront footage and tap fees and pay the fees that are not waivable.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; does not need to come back to Committee;
2nd Reading, Consent.

ITEMS FROM CITY ENGINEER:

Basement Report - Gahanna Heights

Wetherholt said in his June 12 report he addressed inquiries from a couple of the residents in the Gahanna Heights area complaining about their basements and wanting him to come out and analyze. He told them that is not the function of the City, but would compromise with a report to assist with private firms to analyze basement. Based on a geological survey Ron Trivisonno did, he will put together a report to the residents helping them out without incurring any liability, and making some generally recommended solutions for various foundation problems. Mayor said this would be like a primer; then residents would find someone to do work; would at least have some knowledge.

Olde Gahanna Storm Sewer Survey

Wetherholt said this would be for mapping of the Olde Gahanna storm sewers.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; does not need to come back to Committee;
2nd Reading, Consent.

EPA Backflow Prevention

Jackson said the EPA, since we have nothing on our books, is requiring us to adopt legislation on Backflow Prevention, to protect the public water system from contamination, and local Rules & Regulations. There was discussion about the need to put the Rules and Regulations in code. Weber said he would prefer that it go into the code. Jackson submitted sample legislation and Rules and Regulations.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent (Ordinance on Backflow Prevention); does not need to come back to committee; 2nd Reading, Consent.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent (Rules and Regulations); does not need to come back to committee; 2nd Reading, Consent.

East Industrial Area Sewer

Wetherholt said that two projects are being constructed and will be asking for building permits; portion of sewer being built as part of the projects; connecting links to be built as Capital Improvement Projects funded with the Eastgate TIF. Until the easement is acquired from Mr. Singh, the lower segment cannot be completed; have filed eminent domain proceedings. Until the lower segment can be built a temporary pump station will be required on the Crossroads project to divert the sewage to another sanitary system; needs to be designed and constructed.

He is requesting legislation to build a temporary pump station to divert the sewage to another sanitary until easements can be obtained from Mr. Singh or are taken by eminent domain; would request supplemental for \$22,000 for engineering; will have proposal this week.

Mr. Singh walked to the board drew a line through his property and said there is your solution. Discussion.

Council agreed to proceed with legislation in hopes that it will not be needed and an agreement can be reached with Mr. Singh.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; back to Service Committee 7/10/00.

Clark & Oklahoma Property Taking

Wetherholt said we are working with property owner who had not accepted offer made by the City, but signed a temporary agreement last night. City wishes to obtain the entire property and make an extension of Friendship Park. He suggested that we wait two weeks and see if a permanent agreement can be reached; no legislation at this time.

Creekside Park - Tree Lighting

Mayor said Ventura Engineering is evaluating the tree lighting and will come up with a solution to make that work. Our electrician felt that the system was not salvageable; Ventura feels they can bring in product reps and give us a plan to correct the problem. Wetherholt said there is \$31,892 left in Capital Projects Engineering that could be used for this if we can reallocate the funds.

Recommendation: Floor Motion to reallocate funds from Capital Projects Engineering.

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council