

City of Gahanna

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

Brian D. Larick, President of Council
Thomas R. Kneeland, Vice President of Council

Karen J. Angelou
Ryan P. Jolley
Jamie Leeseberg
Stephen A. Renner
Michael Schnetzer

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Brian D. Larick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council Kneeland delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Schnetzer. Agenda for this meeting was published on February 14, 2014.

Present 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley, Thomas R. Kneeland, Brian D. Larick, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, and Michael Schnetzer

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Clerk McWilliams noted that they will not be going into Executive Session under item O.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS - None.**D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:****Ordinances - Introduced and Assigned to Committee by Vice President Kneeland.**

[ORD-0026-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR WIDENING OF A PORTION OF MORSE ROAD FROM TRELLIS LANE TO THE US 62 ROUNDABOUT; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$334,000.

[ORD-0027-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR INSPECTION SERVICES; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$22,550; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[ORD-0028-2014](#) TO GRANT A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 1107.01(d), IMPROVEMENTS; TO VARY IMPROVEMENTS TO ALLOW SIDEWALKS TO BE BUILT ON ONLY ONE SIDE OF A SUBDIVISION STREET; OAK GROVE SUBDIVISION.

- [ORD-0029-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR THE PAVING OF A PORTION OF CLARK STATE ROAD IN THE GAHANNA CORPORATE LIMITS; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$44,680; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
- [ORD-0030-2014](#) AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 990164 AND 990427, PASSED BY THE CITY ON AUGUST 16, 1999, AND SEPTEMBER 20, 1999, RESPECTIVELY, TO SUPPLEMENT THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE EASTGATE TIF DISTRICT.
- [ORD-0032-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MT BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES TO LEASE MULTI-FUNCTION COPY, PRINT, FAX, SCAN MACHINES.
- [ORD-0033-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO MUNICIPAL JOINT SELF INSURANCE POOL.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

- [2014-0004](#) Minutes to be approved:
- 1.) 2-3-2014 Council Meeting
 - 2.) 2-10-2014 Special Council Meeting
- These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.**

Ordinances on Second Reading:

- [ORD-0017-2014](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - SAFETY SUPPLIES
- This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**
- [ORD-0018-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT INC., FOR THE RENTAL OF FIVE ADDITIONAL GOLF CARTS FOR THE GAHANNA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.
- This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

[ORD-0019-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR THE YEARLY MAINTENANCE OF GOLF CARTS UTILIZED BY THE GAHANNA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FOR 2014.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0020-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SPEEDWAY LLC, SUPERFLEET FOR PURCHASE OF FUEL.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0024-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH RAYMOND J. MULARSKI FOR PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN CASES RESULTING FROM GAHANNA MAYOR'S COURT AND MAYOR'S DOWNTOWN CASES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted as an emergency on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0025-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THOMAS L. WEBER FOR COVERAGE OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND OTHER SERVICES THAT MAY BE NEEDED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted as an emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance - Postpone to a Date Certain - March 3, 2014 Council Meeting

[ORD-0009-2014](#) TO REZONE 3.55+/- ACRES AS CX-1, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL, MIXED USE DISTRICT; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 291-361 SOUTH HAMILTON ROAD AND 390 ROCKY FORK DRIVE SOUTH; RANGER DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC, JASON ZADEH APPLICANT.

This Ordinance was postponed to Date Certain to March 3, 2014 on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

[MR-0006-2014](#) Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out for bids for the solid waste collection hauling contract.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0007-2014](#) Motion Resolution to authorize the Director of Public Service to go out

for bids for the recycling services contract.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0008-2014](#)

To authorize payment to the City of Columbus in the amount of \$11,030 for 2013 4th quarter capacity fees for new sanitary sewer line connections. Payment to be made from 2014 funds as funds were not encumbered prior to the services being rendered; funds available in Account No. 662.361.5474, Sewer, Capital Improvement, Capacity Charges.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

End of the Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Jolley, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Kneeland, Larick, Leeseberg, Renner and Schnetzer

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

[ORD-0028-2014](#)

TO GRANT A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 1107.01(d), IMPROVEMENTS; TO VARY IMPROVEMENTS TO ALLOW SIDEWALKS TO BE BUILT ON ONLY ONE SIDE OF A SUBDIVISION STREET; OAK GROVE SUBDIVISION.

President Larick read the title of the Ordinance and opened the floor for comments from Administration.

Anthony Jones, Director of Development, indicated a variance to Gahanna Code 1107.01(d) is being requested for the property located at 4185 Stygler Road, by applicant Glen Dugger from Smith & Hale, LLC. He stated that Gahanna Code Section 1103.03 requires that all variances to the Subdivision Ordinance be recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by Gahanna City Council. Planning Commission approved this variance request on 1/22/14.

Jones explained this variance is being requested because the property owner is proposing to construct a new single family residential subdivision, consisting of 13 lots on the 4.5 acre site. Due to the narrow configuration of the site, the developer is proposing to put a sidewalk on only one side of the street and requests approval of this variance request; this site has already received approval by Planning Commission for this variance as well as its Preliminary Plat. The applicant, per the recommendation of the Zoning Administrator, has also agreed to pay Fees in Lieu of Parkland Dedication for the project.

It is the City Administration's determination that there isn't sufficient land on site to warrant the parkland dedication for the project. Per Gahanna Code 1109.08(i), City Council is recommended to provide informal feedback on any potential parkland dedications pertaining to new residential subdivisions. The project site plan is included in the attached presentation.

Moreover, the Planning Commission will be reviewing a Final Plat for the project in the near future. If that is approved, Gahanna City Council will have to approve the Final Plat and any recommendations for Fees in Lieu of Parkland Dedication.

President Larick stated the rules for all public hearings and opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. and asked for proponents. There were none.

President Larick asked for opponents and seeing none, closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

After motion, President Larick re-opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. and asked for proponents.

Glen Dugger, 37 W. Broad Street, attorney representing the applicant, apologized to Council for tardiness; here to answer questions; this application was supported by Planning Commission; there are compelling reasons for request due to the property being narrow; lots are being put on one side and putting sidewalk on one side is appropriate.

President Larick asked for opponents and seeing none, closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Kneeland, seconded by Renner, to re-open the public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Kneeland, Larick, Leeseberg, Renner and Schnetzer

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

[2014-0005](#)

February 10, 2014 Committee Minutes for Review:

- 1.) Committee of the Whole
- 2.) Finance Committee
- 3.) Public Service & Safety

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Committee of the Whole - Kneeland

Finance - Schnetzer

Service & Safety - Angelou

Angelou thanked the Service Department for all that they have done during this historic winter season.

Development & Parks - Renner**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

Clerk

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES - Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:**

[ORD-0031-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WHITEHALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING, DEVELOPING AND HOSTING A GIS SYSTEM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Jolley, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Angelou, Jolley, Larick, Leeseberg, Renner and Schnetzer

Abstain, COI: 1 - Kneeland

Kneeland explained his abstention by stating that he works for the City of Whitehall and was working with technology Director at the City of Gahanna to get this program going.

A motion was made by Jolley, seconded by Renner, that the Ordinance be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Angelou, Jolley, Larick, Leeseberg, Renner and Schnetzer

Abstain, COI: 1 - Kneeland

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Kneeland

Larick discussed Groundhog Day and the cost and how it impacts the CIC; was a success; people stepped up and recovered nearly all the costs; \$8,500 of around \$10,500 was recovered through donations; hopes that it can become self-sustaining; attendance was approximately 250; talked about economic forecast, 181 Granville and it is 100% occupied; CIC annual report will be March 24.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou said the capital budget bill is going to be funded; we are part of one of those items to be funded for 2 million dollars on multi-jurisdictional fiber utility; going through Bexley, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg, and Gahanna to work together on a shared services collaboration for fiber network; William Murdock brought up the black enterprise conference is coming back May 14 to 17; was big success last year; new MORPC website and logo were launched in January; have login information; each have own user name and password; more streamlined/easier to use; State of the Region Luncheon is April 17 at the new Hilton downtown; keynote speaker is to be Peter Calthorpe; he was named one of 25 innovators on the cutting edge by Newsweek magazine for his work redefining models of urban and suburban growth in America; final draft of the transportation improvement plan for managing MORPC attributable federal funds is posted on the website; talked with Wetherholt to see if he sees anything is a problem; we have four new members: Plain, Blendon and Mifflin Townships; Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District is a new associate member; growth of MORPC has to do with new person hired, who lives in Gahanna, who is doing a wonderful job; there is dinner and workshop on February 25 at MORPC; the cost is \$25; looks worthwhile for new members; had really good guest speakers/presentations; one about shared services; one was about fueling stations; station at 2333 Morse Road will be the largest natural gas fueling station; be available to the public; government rate; general public will be paying \$2.07; planning on building two more stations; one on west side and one in Grove City; on the website MORPC is doing shared mapping resources with a zoning look up tool; also there is a place to put events for your City; talked about diversity and inclusion report for 2014; legislative update shared the national conference of regional commissions; they were working and hoping to get funded; two members who presented at that convention; local governments are passing legislation to increase fees for funding transportation infrastructure; MORPC continues opposition to Substitute Municipal Income Tax Uniformity Bill (HB5); unfavorable changes were made; against mandatory loss; working to get

transportation bill reauthorized; could delay funding for transportation; Public Works Commission Bonds to be sold will be on May primary ballot; required to provide each parcel before adopting TIF resolution; HB198 looks interesting; it would establish a procedure by which political subdivisions would notify record owners of each parcel in each district before adopting when creating a Tax Increment Financing District; (HB298) JEDZ to require subdivisions to obtain written approval within the zone before renewing or amending the JEDZ contract; long time employee Bob Lawler is retiring March 31.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Jolley

Jolley said we had a very productive meeting; four broad areas of collaboration that we came up with are communications, infrastructure, joint purchasing and joint programming; looking for ways to reduce costs, find economies of scope or cost and finding crossover between school curriculum and parks and recreation programming; spoke with Niel Jurist, Public Information Manager and she will be meeting with the school Public Information Officer and look into providing information to residents; looking at ways to provide better services and communications to residents; planning to meet once a month.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley

Jolley reminded everyone about Tourism Ambassador training put on by Convention & Visitors Bureau at the Golf Depot on March 13. Contact him or Clerk to get more information; geared towards having a better understanding how to better promote tourism and how businesses can maximize revenue through tourism; interesting information; done successfully in other cities.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Stinchcomb said she enjoyed State of City with Chamber of Commerce; will be giving State of the City to the general public, Thursday, March 13; will be an open house prior to the address; details to follow.

City Attorney

Ewald thanked Police Department; said officer stopped to help a resident who was snowed in; officers go above and beyond; not just Service Department; first time we are completing the process for legal department RFP for all aspects of litigation and legal services;

completed and going out by Friday; hope that will give them an idea where they are in the market and make changes if need be.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Renner discussed the Chinese Exchange Program; it was a really fun event; questions cover the gamut; discussed local government and the power we have; showcased the Chief of Police; shared the gifts that were brought this year from the students; this speaks highly of the success of the program that he helped start; these students come overseas and live with host families and attend school with the high school students for 7-10 days.

Angelou said we need to have a sister City program.

Kneeland he is sorry he missed CIC; he did not feel well; discussed the fiber utility project Angelou discussed; is a \$4.5 million project; asking the state for \$3.5 million; primary purpose on this is collaboration and more intergovernmental operations to save money; shared with K-12 and higher education facilities; showed huge interest; been a struggle; have been lobbying for those dollars to be spent in Gahanna, Whitehall, Bexley and Reynoldsburg; important for this particular project; huge impact on financial services.

Jolley thanked the Service Department; length of hours and cold temperatures; difficult to hear criticism sometimes, but hopefully the thanks make up for it; we are providing above and beyond.

Schnetzer thanked everyone for their time last night at the planning session.

Angelou thanked Administration for their time as well; was a public meeting; people have a chance to be there; it would have been nice for people to watch the process.

Leeseberg thanked Staff for last night's presentation and answering Council's questions; thanked Council and Staff for Big Brother Big Sister support; Saturday bowling was a large fundraiser; raised money for a worthwhile organization.

Larick talked about the winter; Service Department has done a phenomenal job; citizens spoke about how they feel in a positive way; now it is time to deal with pot holes after everything melts; take time to fill all of them; quality efforts; lots of discussion at special meeting last night; lots of discussion on changes; take advantage of things that had been started that were very closely linked to each other to accomplish what needs to be accomplished; critical need to assess and identify

the City effectively and efficiently; thanked Staff for work beforehand; establishment of the foundation; this is the dialogue and now it needs to be vetted and discussed to make decisions and how to move forward; expect to intend to continue that pace; continue to have clarity to bring to the public and bring it out to the public; this is not a discussion of how bad things are; this about how we take this opportunity to develop a program that works for the City; thanks and gratitude to everyone; need to establish next components of the next discussion.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

P. ADJOURNMENT

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2014.*

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC
Clerk of Council

Brian D. Larick