



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Jamie Leeseberg, President
Nancy R. McGregor, Vice President
Karen J. Angelou
Merisa Bowers
Brian D. Larick
Stephen A. Renner
Michael Schnetzer

April Beggerow, MPA, CMC, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.

Monday, July 20, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual

Virtual Meeting Details

513-306-4583

Conference ID: 295 037 992#

To speak during the public hearing, email your name & phone number no later than 1 hour prior to the meeting to: april.beggerow@gahanna.gov.

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 20, 2020, virtually via Microsoft Teams. President of Council, Jamie Leeseberg, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Nancy McGregor, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on July 17, 2020.

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

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

[ORD-051-2020](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO: Amending Section 1163.06 Lighting, Striping, and Traffic Control of Chapter 1163 Parking Regulations.

Mr. Leeseberg opened the public hearing on this item.

Mr. Blackford presented the staff report on the legislation.

There were no members of the public to speak.

Mrs. McGregor stated that she would like to see lighting be required to face down.

Mr. Leeseberg closed the public hearing.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2020-117](#)

Meeting Minutes for Approval

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Larick, that the Minutes be Approved and Filed.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

End of Consent Agenda

Pass Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Renner to Pass the Consent Agenda.. Second by Larick. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

E. MOTIONS

[MT-020-2020](#)

MOTION TO REINSTATE COUNCIL RULES ARTICLE VI.

Council members discussed the motion proposed, Mr. Larick moved to amend the motion, Second by Mrs. McGregor. Vote to amend passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Bowers, that the Motion be Approved as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

[MT-021-2020](#)

MOTION TO ADOPT ELECTRONIC SPEAKER'S SLIP

Council members discussed the motion.

Mr. Larick asked the City Attorney if this is something that needs to be added to Council Rules.

Mr. Mularski replied that, that would be something Council could decide to do.

Mrs. Beggerow added that an email would suffice, as speaker slips are

retained until the following minutes are approved and the important information needed for a resident to speak would be the telephone number so that person isn't muted upon call in.

A motion was made by Bowers, seconded by Renner, that the Motion be Approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Renner, Schnetzer and Bowers

No: 4 - Leeseberg, Larick, McGregor and Angelou

F. RESOLUTIONS

[RES-016-2020](#)

A RESOLUTION PLACING A MORATORIUM ON GAHANNA CITY CODE SECTIONS 780.03 REGISTRATION REQUIRED, 780.04 DESIGNATED AGENT; NOTICE AND SERVICE OF PROCESS, 780.08 FEES AND 780.09 INSPECTIONS; ALSO KNOWN AS THE RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE CODE.

Mr. Mularski presented his legislation.

Ms. Bowers asked if this moratorium was requested due to the COVID emergency.

Mayor Jadwin responded that it was not. It has been in place for 1 year and it was in need of a review.

Motion by Renner, Second by McGregor that the Resolution be Adopted. The Resolution passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

G. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & EMERGENCY ADOPTION:

[ORD-054-2020](#)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ENGINEERING TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, LLC., FOR THE WESTERN GAHANNA SSES-PHASE1 PROJECT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; WAIVING SECOND READING AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Angelou asked if there had been an RFP/RFQ because of the large amount of money requested.

Mr. Leeseberg said my concern with this contract is that it was not bid and that B&N wrote the scope. They may very well have been selected in a competitive bid process because of their knowledge, but we should have prepared a scope/RFP and gone through the process. The City of Columbus has been bidding and awarding "blueprint" jobs for 15 years. There are at least 20 firms with this type of experience in Central Ohio.

You mentioned many of them in your description.

Charter 135.03 (g) is clear about competitive bidding and avoiding sole sourcing.

Section 135.04 (a) requires competitive bidding for services longer than six months

Section 135.05 (e) lists clear ways around competitive bidding and I would argue that this project doesn't meet any of them. It may be argued that this is an emergency but I don't feel adequate documentation has been provided under (3) Emergency purchases.

B&N, while very qualified, is not the only firm that is capable of performing this work in Franklin County. Awarding a contract worth half of the revenue generated annually for the Sanitary fund seems excessive. There are several legal sources that warn against sole sourcing services such as this.

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Larick, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

No: 1 - Leeseberg

[ORD-055-2020](#)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ENGINEERING TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HACH COMPANY, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLOW MONITORS FOR THE WESTERN GAHANNA SSES-PHASE1 PROJECT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; WAIVING SECOND READING AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Bowers, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

[ORD-056-2020](#)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH OPRONA INC. (ROSEN USA), FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1195 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE; PARCEL ID NO. 025-008886; FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN YEARS, FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TAX ABATEMENT ON THE INCREASED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY; PART OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #1; WAIVING SECOND READING AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Schnetzer stated that he supports this project and encourages the support of Council. This project is bringing in higher paying jobs and has a high profile partner in the State of Ohio.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Angelou, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

H. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

[ORD-051-2020](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO: Amending Section 1163.06 Lighting, Striping, and Traffic Control of Chapter 1163 Parking Regulations.

A motion was made by Larick, seconded by McGregor, that the Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

I. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None

Council

None

J. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick

No report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Mrs. Angelou shared her MORPC report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Mr. Leeseberg shared his CVB report.

[2020-119](#) CVB Report July 20, 2020

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

No report.

K. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

Mayor Jadwin gave a report to Council which included a statement that there will be a Budget update and a report on the Capital Needs Assessment at the next meeting August 3rd.

City Attorney

No report.

L. COUNCIL COMMENT

Mrs. Angelou said that she hopes soon people will get to go back to church it has been strange doing virtual church so let's say some prayers so we can get back.

Ms. Bowers thanked the Parks & Rec department for the kayaking experience and thanks for expanding the things people can do in the community. She acknowledged a vehicular fatality that appeared to be a distracted driving issues and she expressed condolences to the family and to the first responders. She looks forward to the distracted driving bills that are pending in the state legislature. She shared her thoughts for Representative John Lewis and Reverend C.T. Vivian. She prepared this statement:

I want to take a moment to recognize Congressman John Lewis who passed away over the weekend, the same day as his friend and fellow civil rights leader CT Vivian. Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013, C. T. Vivian was a distinguished minister, author, and organizer. A leader in the Civil Rights Movement and friend to Martin Luther King, Jr., he participated in Freedom Rides and sit-ins across our country. Vivian also helped found numerous civil rights organizations, including Vision, the National Anti-Klan Network, and the Center for Democratic Renewal. In 2012, he returned to serve as interim President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Former US Attorney Steve Dettelbach penned the following tribute to Congressman Lewis: "John Lewis was not just a great Congressman, though he was that. He was not just a courageous community activist, though he was that. And he was not just a civil rights icon, though he certainly was that."

John Lewis was our moral conscience. He was that persistent voice,

often inconvenient and always honest, that reminded us we could and must do better. Most of the time we already knew that ourselves, but John Lewis was the one who made sure we stopped fooling ourselves for a moment, stopped patting ourselves on the back, and got back to work.

Mrs. McGregor shared that the Historical Society applied for a grant through the CARES act and received \$5,000. July 9th she had surgery and she was happy to hear that while cases were going up, hospitalizations were not increasing.

M. ADJOURNMENT

meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2020.*

**April Beggerow, MPA, CMC
Clerk of Council**

Jamie Leeseberg