

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 6:45 p.m.

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

David L. Samuel, President

Brian D. Larick, Vice President

Beryl D. Anderson

Shane Ewald

John R. McAlister

Nancy McGregor

Timothy W. Pack

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council David L. Samuel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Vice President of Council Larick followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Anderson. Agenda for this meeting was published on September 1, 2011.

Members Absent: Nancy R. McGregor and Timothy W. Pack

Members Present: David L. Samuel, Brian Larick, Shane W. Ewald, John McAlister and Beryl D. Anderson

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, to postpone RES-0020-2011 to September 19, 2011. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Samuel, Anderson, Ewald, Larick, McAlister. Motion carried.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

George Mrus, 1217 Sanctuary Place, stated he was here with regards to conversation on the planned variance for the detention basin; thank Wetherholt, Franey and their team on their hard work; is appreciated by my wife and I; ask that Council approve the variance; obvious that the issue needs to be addressed by Gahanna regardless of where the genesis of the problem was; is a Gahanna issue that needs to be dealt with before there is any structural damage whether it is at Woods at Shagbark or downstream; ask that you go along with vote of Planning Commission last week and approve the planned variance for the detention basin; thank you for your time.

Keith Webster, 1223 Sanctuary Place, stated the condo he and his wife live in is the most northern condo with a winter view of the confluence of McKenna Creek and East Beem Ditch; the detention basin is contentious and some issues need to be addressed even though the basin will be built regardless; the 3 issues are erosion, flooding, and trees; overall issue is the City's transparency; the City issued its fait accompli to homeowners in Shagbark on May 19, 2011; some welcomed it; the Sanctuary 10 group, as we call ourselves, did not; you had 21 letters for the detention basin and 11 of those mention erosion; the expectation was/is that erosion of the McKenna Creek's bank would be stopped or drastically reduced by the detention basin; it won't because the volume of water south of the diversion will still be the same; as Franey has written us "downstream from the outlet, the reduction of flow along with implementation of soil erosion measures can reduce soil erosion potential"; potential, a word that promises much but doesn't necessarily deliver anything; more importantly, when the detention basin is built, as the City has been determined for some time that it will be, erosion may be mitigated if residents engage in bank stabilization, but Shagbark residents don't know that; some may believe that that's already been done with the riprap the City provided to armor the banks; it won't be enough for the long haul; other measures will have to be taken; Windy McKenna knows that because the City has undertaken to teach downstream residents how to do it; as far as I know, that has not been conveyed to the Shagbark Board, and, as of now, I'm on the Board and should have been informed; that's not transparency at work; I should, in fairness, repeat what Franey has also written - "the primary purpose of the detention basin is to reduce peak flows from various storm events to help reduce downstream flooding potential"; there's that word potential again; if it does reduce peak flows and that helps reduce flooding and, in the short term, bank instability, great that's to be applauded; but how and when did the City decide on the basin; we don't know for sure; we know that the City received URS studies on McKenna Creek as early as the

May 28, 2008, report; but in 2006 according to Columbus records, the cities met and Columbus suggested and just reaffirmed in the August 4 meeting some 5 years later, that Gahanna contract private entities in Columbus, meaning Meijer, Home Depot, Kohl's, etc; did Gahanna take up that suggestion; no; why not; would it have been difficult to deal with these private enterprises' run off basins; possibly but it will be no less difficult now; as Wetherholt has said "the ideal solution is to go upstream to address stormwater management and Gahanna is committed to working with upstream property owners in devising additional solutions"; should that commitment have been implemented in 2006 or 2007; had they been, the 2011 detention basin wouldn't have been necessary; maybe they weren't because as Wetherholt has also said "incentives would need to be offered" as they will still have to be offered in the future when those additional solutions will have to be found.

President Samuel extended time.

Webster continued that they weren't explored in 2006, 2007 or 2008, or even in 2010; instead we opened the possibility of working with Meijer by asking Meijer for help on June 17 this year; to their credit Meijer responded and on August 14, Meijer and the City spoke; as mentioned, it should have been done years earlier before the City decided to build the detention basin; it wasn't, so the City had no mind to offer Meijer any incentives to retrofit their basin; Gahanna's basin was a done deal; the point is, the detention basin should have been the additional solution once the properties up north were storing water to the max and it was apparent that wasn't sufficient to do the job; we'll never know now because the City has not been exactly transparent about the decisions that put us in the positions we're in which means the detention basin will be built; the third issue is trees; you have my script on that; trees are a big issue for us; the 20 people I mentioned belonging to our group are the ones who will not have the screening from Giant Eagle; we will have to suffer that; you are going to do the detention basin and we'll have to suck it up for the 6 weeks or so of destruction and then we'll have to suck it up thereafter if we see Giant Eagle every day of the year; thank you.

Heather Widney, 1209 Sanctuary Place, stated that on behalf of my husband and myself am concerned that this basin isn't going to be the complete solution that everyone is hoping for to prevent the erosion and flooding downstream as well as the erosion taking place in our own backyards; this detention basin doesn't even talk about the East Beem Ditch; the water flow is going to continue from there; about 43% of the water shed is coming from the East Beem Ditch; another concern in addition to the erosion and flooding is the trees; the project is replacing less than 17% of the tree diameter; it is going to remove 700" of tree diameter and only going to replace about 126" of that diameter thus increasing noise pollution and probably additional utility expenses on the homeowners in that area; also 90% of the canopy will probably be removed and am concerned about additional light pollution and noise pollution that does come from Giant Eagle when the trucks come in the morning and empty trash or are off loading their products; we are concerned about flooding and erosion but also to looking at less expensive and more effective options that won't impact the environment as much as this will; thank you for your time.

Tom Torr, 249 Deer Meadow Drive, stated he was in the Crossings area; here to encourage Council to approve the retention basin; several homeowners in our area live adjacent to the creek and they reported serious flooding problems in their backyards with tress that have eroded, debris causing more erosion, large rocks and blockage of the stream; City has come out and put large rocks in the area to prevent some erosion, but it continues to be a problem; two adjacent home areas next to us also have expressed problems with the creek; urge Council to accept the approval of Planning Commission;

all 7 members did vote for that; ask you to support as well.

Windy McKenna, 202 Academy Court, stated we had another heavy storm over the weekend; seems like there is no end of this heavy fast water; want to set the record straight about the creek banks; at last community meeting we had at the front of this building I mentioned to engineering firm about having a meeting with the creek property owners when the project was finished to give us some idea about the proper plants to plant and how to care for them; let us know what we could do to the utmost of our ability to stabilize the creek bank when this was finished; we want to do our part to stabilize the bank and plant the right kinds of plant; they said they would be willing to have a meeting to provide us with information on type of plants we should be planting and how to care for them; that was the suggestion that Mr. Webster was referring to; did talk about that when we were walking out of Planning Commission last week; don't expect any information until after the project is finished; engineers thought it was a good idea; we want to do our part; don't want this project to fail; we want to do our part when it is our turn to provide stability in the creek bank and to plant the right kind of plants to absorb the water and make it as environmentally friendly as possible; we were fighting the deep water and pace of it this weekend; very much looking forward to this project; thank you for your time.

Anderson stated we have gone back and forth on this issue, talked about it in Council and in committees, had several people in committee, have one question based on some comments tonight; comment made about after one of the meetings with Columbus there was recommendation to talk to Meijer and Kohl's and was wondering if either Franey or Wetherholt would like to address that as it relates to a post Columbus meeting. Franey stated they have talked to Meijer since talking to the City of Columbus; Meijer is open to listening to us; Meijer doesn't necessarily have any interest in investing money in modifying their basin; we know that for them to experience a storm credit by making a modification to their basin so they would pay less to Columbus, they would have to first bring their basin up to current regulations and then go beyond that; would be a significant investment for Meijer before they could get credit; then it comes down to whether or not Gahanna would invest in a project in the Meijer basin; while that's something we think can continue to be investigated, as we've said previously, the basin next to Giant Eagle was originally thought to be larger but we wanted more of a buffer for the residents of Shagbark so we actually made it smaller; therefore doing a project with Meijer, if that would pan out in the future, would supplement this basin which is smaller than we had originally wanted; not a bad option but it would just supplement the basin we are doing now; Kohl's have their detention in their parking lot; in order to maximize Kohl's, the ideas were to either put a green roof on Kohl's and things like that which are very expensive; Columbus made it very clear that they will not invest any funds in any project that does not benefit their taxpayers. Anderson asked Franey to flesh out what we talked about if Gahanna were involved in the challenge of doing projects in Columbus. Franey stated you can imagine the challenges involved if we were to take revenue from Gahanna taxpayers, even if is from the stormwater utility, spend it in a different jurisdiction on private property; we don't do work on private property if we can avoid it; it is an incredibly rare situation to do anything on private property and then we would be outside our jurisdiction; in addition to those challenges we would also have maintenance involved in a detention basis; then we are either performing maintenance outside our jurisdiction on private property or trying to enforce outside our jurisdiction; struggles just increase to where when you step back and think our other option is enlarging an exiting basin on city property; when you compare all of those it just seems to make sense to do the project on city property and enlarge the existing basin. Anderson stated she just wanted the benefit of everyone else hearing that and wanted it on the record in the minutes. Samuel stated that Meijer met standards that were set a

long time ago and since they met them they don't have to do anything unless EPA changes something. Franey replied that was correct; as they develop or redevelop into some different structure or build a structure they would have to bring that parcel up to current standards.

Louis Houser, 1203 Sanctuary Place, within the Woods at Shagbark; am treasurer of our 118 unit association; am also a licensed professional engineer in Ohio; have addressed Council and made comments in support on a couple of previous occasions; met on at least 3 occasions with Franey and Wetherholt on what the overall objective would be and how the detention basin would work; would not stand here and say I calculated anything as it related to that, when I addressed Council back on July 5, I showed pictures of flooding that we experienced at Shagbark; do live right on the creek down from Mr. Webster just south of the bridge; when the rains come down and we get flash floods that water can come up 3 to 3-1/2 feet in the ditch as it goes behind our place; what goes down through there works all the way down McKenna Creek and goes across Hamilton Road and hits the Crossing Creek people and the Academy Ridge people; to the extent that detention basis would mitigate the high flood waters that go through and Scott Sonnenberg talked about reducing the high water flows; to that extent it will help all the owners and there's probably 400 to 500 homes all together; did go to Planning Commission and spoke there; pros and cons discussion for an hour and twenty minutes; after that time the vote was 7-0 to grant the variance; again I support that and for the good of all of us in the City I would hope that we move forward that way and gains Council approval; thank you.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Larick.

ORD-0168-2011

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Various GIS Accounts

Introduced

ORD-0169-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT WITH ORCHARD, HILTZ & MCCLIMENT, INC., (OHM) TO INCLUDE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 961; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$9,896.

Introduced

ORD-0170-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO FILE AN ANNEXATION PETITION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 0.29+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4427 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; CITY OF GAHANNA, OWNER; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0171-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO FILE AN ANNEXATION PETITION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 3.4+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5061 SHAGBARK ROAD, JACK A. AND SUE WILLIAMS, OWNERS AND 1150 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD, ROBERT L. ROSHON, ET AL OWNERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0172-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF WORK WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN TO PROVIDE DESIGN OF WATERLINE EXTENSION FOR TECHCENTER DRIVE INFRASTRUCTURE; IMPROVEMENT NOS. ST 976 AND SA 977; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0173-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE POWER SALES COMPANY, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF AN EXMARK LAZER, S SERIES Z MOWER; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$911.

Introduced

ORD-0174-2011

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Finance/Recreation Bank Charges

Introduced

ORD-0175-2011

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Retirement Pay

Introduced

ORD-0176-2011

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Prisoner Funding Transfer

Introduced

ORD-0177-2011

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - OHEC Capital Projects/Improvements

Introduced

E. CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes - To Approve:**

2011-0049

To approve the Following set of Minutes:

1) August 15, 2011

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:**ORD-0160-2011**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SPEER MECHANICAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY HALL CHILLER; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$49,890.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0161-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MIKE BASS FORD, FOR PURCHASE OF A FORD F-350 PICKUP TRUCK, UTILITY BODY AND LIFTING CRANE, FROM THE STATE CONTRACT #RS 900411, INDEX GDC093E, ITEM 30A.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0162-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL TESTING NETWORK, INC., TO CONDUCT PROFESSIONAL TESTING FOR ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER AND POLICE RADIO DISPATCHER POSITIONS FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0163-2011

TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, DATED AUGUST 2, 2011.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0164-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MT BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES TO LEASE A MULTI-FUNCTION COPY, PRINT, FAX, SCAN MACHINE FOR THE COURT OFFICE.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0165-2011

TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0166-2011

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ENGLEFIELD OIL COMPANY, FOR PROPERTY AT 407 GRANVILLE STREET, FOR RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED FOR THE HAMILTON/GRANVILLE INTERSECTION PROJECT; IMPROVEMENT NO. 883; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$220,230; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0167-2011

TO ZONE 13.175+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS OCT, OFFICE COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 655 TECHCENTER DRIVE; TRIVIUM DEVELOPMENT, APPLICANT.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:**RES-0019-2011**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:**MR-0042-2011**

Motion Resolution to authorize the payment of 2nd Quarter Columbus Utilities to be made as funds were not encumbered prior to the services being rendered; total \$2,146,397.75; funds available in Account Nos. 651.350.5268, Water Purchases, 661.360.5269, Sewer Rental, and 661.360.5270, Columbus Sewer Surcharge.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0043-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize the payment of 3rd Quarter Columbus Utilities to be made as funds were not encumbered prior to the services being rendered; total \$2,146,397.75; funds available in Account Nos. 651.350.5268, Water Purchases, 661.360.5269, Sewer Rental, and 661.360.5270, Columbus Sewer Surcharge.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0044-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize payment to be made to Vector Disease Control for mosquito abatement services, as funds were not encumbered prior to the services being rendered; total \$11,473.69; funds available in Account. No.101.217.5249, Public Health Contract Services.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0045-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize payment to be made to Emergency Communications

Network, Inc., for CodeRED Weather Notification Program as funds were not encumbered prior to the services being rendered; total \$3,750; funds available in Account No. 101.215.5267, Emergency Services.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0046-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize the transfer of \$19,000 from Account No. 101.151.5101, Mayor's Court, Director, to Account No. 101.151.5131, Mayor's Court PERS, for funding the early retirement incentive.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0047-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize the transfer of \$3,581 from Account No. 101.221.5117, Communications/Dispatcher Overtime to Account No. 101.221.5118, Communications/Dispatcher, Holiday Overtime.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0048-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize transfer of funds in the amount of \$12,784 from Account No. 101.440.5282, Gahanna Swim Club, Insurance, to the following Accounts; \$10,930 to Account No. 101.440.5111, Gahanna Swin Club Part-time; \$1,531 to Account No. 101.440.5131, Gahanna Swim Club PERS; \$159 to Account No. 101.440.5138, Gahanna Swin Club Medicare; and \$164 to Account No. 101.440.5132, Gahanna Swim Club Workers Comp.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0049-2011

Motion Resolution to authorize transfer of funds in the amount of \$12,855 in the Hunters Ridge Pool accounts to cover expenses associated with part-time personnel as follows: \$6,360 from 101.438.5282, HRP Insurance to 101.438.5111, HRP Part-time; \$4,640 from 101.438.5456, HRP Operations to 101.438.5111, HRP Part-time; \$1,000 from 101.438.5137, HRP Uniforms, to 101.438.5131, HRP PERS; \$540 from 101.438.5456, HRP Operations to 101.438.5131, HRP PERS; \$150 from 101.438.5305, HRP Saleable Supplies to 101.438.5138, HRP Medicare; \$165 from 101.438.5305, HRP Saleable Supplies to 101.438.5132, HRP Workers Comp.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Absent	2	McGregor and Pack
Yes	5	President of Council Samuel, Vice President of Council Larick, Ewald, Anderson and McAlister

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Committee of the Whole - Larick: No Report.

Finance - Anderson

Anderson stated we just had 2nd meeting with State Auditor; information is public; invite you to take a look at that report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Expenditure Study Committee - Larick: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:

V-0004-2011

To consider a variance application to vary Section 1109.08 (b) of the codified ordinances of the City of Gahanna; to allow a detention basin to be constructed on dedicated parkland for required stormwater management for Giant Eagle and Shagbark.

Received and Filed

Council:

Anderson passed out a flyer to Mayor, City Attorney and Council on Picnic of Hope on Saturday, September 24 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Veterans Memorial; partially sponsored by Peace Lutheran, Stoneybrook Methodist, Dairy Queen and Whit's Frozen Custard, all in Gahanna; many activities going on; copy of flyer on file in the Council office.

Larick stated he had received a letter from a resident on Taylor Road generally concerning Safe Routes to Schools and trails going in from Taylor Road to Techcenter Drive; general question had to do with trees and some of the routing of the trail; Wetherholt did respond on behalf of the administration but do have an additional question on that topic; concern is where the trail comes out at Taylor across from Rice and that is past the peak of the hill; what signage and messaging is planned and going to be provided to provide those drivers knowledge of the pedestrians who might be crossing. Wetherholt stated that wherever the trail does have a crossing with eastbound traffic on Taylor, we have not devised an exact plan for the signage; we have guidelines through Uniform Traffic Control Devices Manual to help with that; very shortly we will be coming up with some kind of signage plan; we'll be able to come up with something fairly standard for that. Larick stated that Taylor is marked for 35 mph but because of where it is and the industry around it, people don't look at it as a pedestrian area; that's my concern. Samuel asked who funds the Safe Routes to Schools program and the signs; where do the funds come from. Wetherholt stated that Safe Routes to Schools is through ODOT and signs are paid for by them. Wetherholt stated the trail crossing Taylor Road has nothing to do with Safe Routes to Schools; would be completely City funded; don't see it as being a giant expense for us.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0178-2011

TO GRANT VARIANCE FROM SECTION 1109.08 (b) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION TO ENLARGE THE GIANT EAGLE DETENTION BASIN ON DEDICATED PARKLAND FOR REQUIRED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FOR THE GIANT EAGLE BASIN; 500 STONERIDGE DRIVE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, by title, by Larick.

Introduced**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.****L. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Samuel:**

Larick stated there has not been a meeting; next meeting is September 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Anderson:

Anderson stated the meeting is this Thursday.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Ewald:

President noted that Ewald is the representative to the School Board this month.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - McGregor: No Report.**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor:**

Stinchcomb encouraged everyone to attend the Parks & Recreation Foundation Event "Friday After Five", this Friday at Creekside; is the fund raiser for the Foundation; funds raised provide scholarships for programs and other worthy causes; event will go on rain or shine; looks to be a great auction with a lot of good items to bid on.

City Attorney: No Report.**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

McAlister stated he was walking down through Creekside underneath the bridge; unfortunately we have some people in this town who have no respect for the work of these school children; have no respect for City property; have no respect for beautification; we have vandals; people who just want to destroy property and this is a piece of it laying on the sidewalk; Collins is probably aware of this; think it is a sad commentary that somebody would take a beautiful piece of artwork that young people put a lot of time and effort into and intentionally destroy it; saddens my heart to see this type of thing; don't know if this piece can be salvaged but here it is.

Anderson stated the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Central Ohio Chapter, will be having their inaugural event this Thursday, September 8 at the Gahanna Convention Center at 6:00 p.m.; Council has passed a resolution I will be presenting at that time; Mayor will be there; welcome that organization to Central Ohio and also for having its inaugural event in Gahanna; also wanted to share that I am a certified candidate for the 4th ward; went to Board of Elections meeting this afternoon where that officially took place; they had a coding problem with their computers which incorrectly listed me as being disqualified; they corrected mistake immediately but had to go through the process; look forward to the campaigning that will take place.

Samuel stated he had just returned from Panama, Costa Rica and Mexico; am glad we have zoning code enforcement; unbelievable what you run into; they have no codes and no zoning; they also have what they call red devil busses; they buy busses from US; pick people up with no schedules; can take 2 hours to get to work because of that.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 p.m. - Motion by McAlister.

Donna L. Jernigan, MMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2011.

David L. Samuel
President of Council