

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 19, 2001**

**7:30 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/AEE, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, March 19, 2001, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Rebecca Stinchcomb called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Council Vice President Mike O'Brien led the Invocation with the Pledge of Allegiance led by General Jim Williams.

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

## B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

### ORD-0056-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Gahanna Dispute Resolution Center

**A motion was made by Vice President of Council O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Removed From Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
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### MR-0023-2001

That funding in the amount of \$2,000 is hereby transferred from Account No. 229.151.5251, Mayor's Court Data Processing, to Account No. 229.151.5511, Mayor's Court Capital, for a computer for the front window of the Court office.

**A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Added To The Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
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### MR-0020-2001

To Authorize transfer of \$2,000 from Account No. 101.348.5251, Network Data Processing, to Account No. 101.348.5401, Network Office Expense, to pay for mobile phone service for the Department of Network Operations.

**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
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### 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.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Kneeland, to Remove ORD-0051-2001 from the Consent Agenda and place it under Item I, Second Reading of Ordinances. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Kneeland, Payne, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Hogan, O'Brien. Motion carried.

## C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Windy McKenna, Gahanna Jefferson School Board stated the March meeting was held on the 8th; several nice honors were noted; Susan Matthews had been presented with the 2000 Ohio Outstanding English Language Arts Educator Award and Ryan Jolley told us about his experiences with the Presidential Classroom; approved some grant applications; most of the meeting dealt with personnel issues, special board meeting was held on Friday, March 16 where Mark White was hired as the new principal at Gahanna Lincoln; coming to Gahanna from Hamilton Township High School; was also a vice principal at Westerville South and in Texas previous to that; will be doing away with the position of grant writer which is to be incorporated into other positions; will not have a full time grant writer.

Jack Schmidt, 3021 Knoll Drive, stated he was co-chairman of the campaign fund committee for YMCA; with the help of City Council in buying land for us we have been able to get this project moving along; have raised approximately \$1.2 million of the \$1.8 required; a major announcement is coming soon; by the end of this year hope to be at a point we can take the next step; thank you for what you have done so far and hope to continue working with you; in 40 years with the schools was responsible for facilities, the lack of facilities was always a major problem; the YMCA won't solve all the problems with facilities but it is a major step forward for our young people; thank Council for what you have done.

Al Reis, 3250 Knoll Drive, stated he was a member of the committee for the Y; some questions were raised with regard to long term viability of the Y building and potential for future funding; my involvement dates back to childhood in a suburb of Cleveland; most of my free time was spent at the Y; that same Y is serving the community today and has been in existence over 75 years; Y has not asked often for community support; even when asked that investment by the local community has been repaid several times; 10+ years ago had a discussion with Mayor on a recreation center, while City could afford initial construction there was probably no way to maintain and operate such a facility; that's what you are being presented with today; it is most likely that no future funding would be asked for in this community; thank you for your support.

David Valinski, 875 Montrose Ave., Bexley, stated he was here in behalf of John Bickley who is in Australia; wish to recognize the outstanding leadership of our campaign committee; there has been 1-1/2 years of work and many other people have been involved; businesses in Gahanna are supportive; have made gifts to help raise the money; has been tremendous support but also outstanding hard work to make this dream a reality.

Gary Paine, 1160 Kames Way Drive, Gahanna, stated he wished to speak about the YMCA; wanted to become a sponsor; one of the other concerns raised has been about a not for profit organization and it's competing with local for profit businesses; currently work out 3 days a week at Capital Club; it is a different organization; but there is a sense of community in Gahanna that I want; don't see that these two would be diametrically opposed; they provide different kinds of support of the community.

Paul Zink, 378 Forestwood Drive, stated he wished to address Council regarding car stereos and how disruptive they can be to a neighborhood; thank Council for responses to my E-mail; spoke with Officer Graham; there is one primary offender who has disrupted our entire street; bring to your attention the way the code is written; Police Department is hampered by the way the legislation is written; ordinance is restricting them. In response to question from O'Brien, Chief Murphy stated that we have to see or hear it to enforce it; is a singular offender; we will get him. Angelou asked if we still

had the noise monitoring equipment. Murphy stated that equipment is really meant for bars and such; if we hear the music from a car stereo in excess of 50' they can be cited. Angelou stated it was hard to understand why people would continue to do this; Dispute Resolution Center might work also. McGregor stated that the law can't be changed; office can only testify to what he has seen or heard; officer can't write ticket if he doesn't see the violation; as Chief mentioned if they hear it they can take action. Zink stated that the Chief has given the neighborhood advice on how to assist them. Hogan stated the law is quite liberal.

Jessie Hamm, 329 West Johnstown Road, thanked City Council as well as all of the Department Heads within the City who have worked with us and given us advice; also have question on ORD-0042-2001 regarding the redesign of intersection of South Stygler; is that in conjunction with further development or is that in conjunction with something else going on in the Johnstown Road area. O'Brien stated that it was the redesign of the Route 62 and Stygler intersection. Hamm thanked O'Brien for the information.

## **D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE**

### **Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee**

Ordinances, introduced, by title, as amended, by Payne.

#### **ORD-0057-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AS PART OF THE EXPANSION OF THE INTELLIGENCE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 744; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0058-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA-JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AS PART OF THE EXPANSION OF THE INTELLIGENCE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 744; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0059-2001**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 943, SANITARY REGULATIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA REGARDING DISPOSITION OF SANITARY SEWAGE AND THE MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF GREASE TRAPS.

**Introduced, to Service Committee**

#### **ORD-0060-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER, INC., FOR CRACK SEAL PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 773; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0061-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED FOUNDATION SOLUTIONS, LLC, FOR BRENTWOOD FOUNDATION DRAIN REMEDIATION; IMPROVEMENT NO. 768; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

#### **ORD-0062-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILSON

CONSULTING GROUP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TAYLOR STATION ROAD/CLAYCRAFT ROAD INTERSECTION; TO TRANSFER FUNDS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced**

**ORD-0063-2001**

TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH MOODY NOLAN LTD INC., FOR THE MORSE ROAD/US 62 INTERSECTION ENGINEERING SERVICES, IMPROVEMENT NO. 753; TO TRANSFER AND TO REALLOCATE FUNDS.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0064-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JACK L. & MABEL Y. EDWARDS FOR 1.0 ACRES AT 6010 TAYLOR ROAD; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$100,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced, to Service Committee**

**ORD-0066-2001**

TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1317.01, COMPLETION OF STREET REQUIRED BEFORE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMIT, RELIEF, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; FOR THE VILLAGE AT STERLING PINES, RESIDENCES OF GAHANNA AND CAMERON RIDGE APARTMENTS, BY TRIANGLE REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC.; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced, to Service Committee**

**ORD-0067-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FRA-MORSE ROAD-EAST PROJECT (PID 13897) WHICH PROPOSES TO DO STREET TREE PLANTING AND AREA-SPECIFIC LANDSCAPING WITHIN EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced, to Service Committee**

**ORD-0069-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HAMBURG FIREWORKS DISPLAY INC. FOR FIREWORKS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION 2001

**Introduced**

**ORD-0070-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL FOR ONE YEAR

**Introduced**

**Statutory Resolutions Requiring Two Readings**

**SR-0002-2001**

A RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 3735.65 TO 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE IN EFFECT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1994, ESTABLISHING MODIFYING, AMENDING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF A "COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #1," AMENDING FOR THE GREENBERG TRACT; DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL; AMENDING SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. 24-96; TO REPEAL SR-0006-2000; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**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-0055-2001**

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF OHIO; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0065-2001**

TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1317.01, COMPLETION OF STREET REQUIRED BEFORE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMIT, RELIEF, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; FOR THE COURTYARD AT BEECHER CROSSING BY CANINI & PELLECCCHIA, INC.; 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.**

**Ordinances on Second Reading****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.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**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.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**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

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**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

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0047-2001**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Morse Road Culvert Overruns

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**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.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**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.

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**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

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**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

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Postponed to Date Certain: April 2, 2001**

**ORD-0044-2001**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Council, Universal Network Access

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain on the Consent Agenda.**

**Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading**

**RES-0002-2001**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND GAYLE MOHER

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**RES-0003-2001**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND APRIL CARPENTER

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**RES-0004-2001**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND STEVE MONTGOMERY

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Statutory Resolutions on Second Reading**

**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

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion Resolution**

**MR-0021-2001**

That this Council has no objection to the new D1 Liquor License for GJP Inc., DBA

Corners Beverage Shoppe, 1383 Johnstown Road.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**MR-0022-2001**

To Confirm the Appointment of the Fire Chief of Mifflin Township as Municipal Fire Safety Inspector for the Term of April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**MR-0023-2001**

That funding in the amount of \$2,000 is hereby transferred from Account No. 229.151.5251, Mayor's Court Data Processing, to Account No. 229.151.5511, Mayor's Court Capital, for a computer for the front window of the Court office.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

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

Yes	7	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
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**End of the Consent Agenda**

Shepherd presented resolutions to Gayle Moher, April Carpenter and Steve Montgomery. Moher thanked Council; has lived here 6 years now and appreciates the way people have taken her into their hearts; everyone is friendly and welcoming. Montgomery stated it has been great to work with the various students over the years; has been a pleasure to serve this sport.

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland: No Report.**

**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**

**Council**

**I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**



## Ordinances Reported Out of Committee

### 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

MOTION by Hogan, seconded by O'Brien, to amend by substitution. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Hogan, O'Brien, Kneeland, Payne, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Angelou. Motion carried.

**A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Vice President of Council O'Brien, that this matter be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
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### ORD-0054-2001

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

Hogan stated that the YMCA is terrific; if it wasn't for YWCA, my wife wouldn't have degree and be a research chemist today; can't support it even though feel it will pass; there is a place not to use taxpayer funds; schools will benefit tremendously because of the facilities; but when asked if the schools would contribute, we were told schools are prohibited from using taxpayer funds for supporting an outside organization; wholeheartedly support your fundraising and will help you with private fund raising.

O'Brien stated he was somewhat confused; Hogan didn't object when we spent \$1.5 for lands and improvements; curious as to what happened between then and now.

MOTION by O'Brien, seconded by Payne, to amend ORD-0054-2001 to renumber existing Section 3 as Section 4 and add a new Section 3. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: O'Brien, Payne Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Angelou, Hogan, Kneeland. Motion carried.

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

<b>Yes</b>	<b>5</b>	President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne and Council Member Shepherd
<b>No</b>	<b>2</b>	Council Member Hogan and Council Member Kneeland

### 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.

Angelou noted that this ordinance was prepared with a supplemental appropriation in the title, but money had already been appropriated; that is the only change.

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by O'Brien, to amend ORD-0051-2001 by substitution. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, O'Brien, Shepherd, Stinchcomb, Hogan, Kneeland, Payne. Motion carried.

**A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes 7 President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland

## J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

### ORD-0068-2001

TO AMEND ORD-0287-2000, WHICH PROVIDED RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2001, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001, TO PROVIDE FOR THE HIRING OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AT MORE THAN THE BOTTOM OF THE RANGE; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced, by title, by Kneeland, with request for waiver of second reading.

**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Vice President of Council O'Brien, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes 7 President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland

Kneeland thanked General Williams for working on this; has been a lot of time out of our schedules along with Reynoldsburg; feel we have a good candidate; that's why this legislation is presented in this fashion - so we don't lose him. Angelou noted that this sends us down the path of joint dispatching; is a pretty tremendous piece of legislation; person hiring is coming from New Hampshire; will have a different view outside of this area; is a pretty exciting piece of legislation; thank Kneeland for his work also.

**A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member Payne, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes 7 President of Council Stinchcomb, Council Member Angelou, Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland

## K. REPRESENTATIVES:

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

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No Report.**

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

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

**Ward Redistricting - Angelou:**

Angelou stated there will be a meeting April 14th at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall to look at ward redistricting.

## L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

**Mayor: No Report.**

## City Attorney

Weber stated that Senate Bill 5 has passed; will have full hearings; might give us a chance to speak to our representatives; know our Ohio Coalition is still working on this; 5 or 6 major parts of the bill are onerous; need to make ourselves active in the process; very upset and disappointed with our State Senator Bruce Johnson who voted for this bill and against our interests.

## M. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Angelou stated she agreed with City Attorney; congratulate Kneeland on his retirement; if anyone is having problems with Ameritech they need to be reported; have spent 2-1/2 hours dealing with them recently; was not pleasant and did call PUCO; they can give you a telephone number of person to talk to at Ameritech so you don't have to deal with someone who doesn't have authority or know what to do; anyone having problems call the PUCO and get that number.

Kneeland stated he retired last Friday; go back to work next Monday.

Hogan stated he spoke with Jerry Isler earlier and asked him what our income tax revenue was; it is roughly \$11,398,000; this \$625,000 expenditure is a 5-1/2% tax credit that we could have given every resident of Gahanna; every year we have funds that are spent because we have the money; list could go on and on; am a minority Council member; in the next few weeks will be introducing legislation to reduce the City income tax; will propose about a 10% reduction; will then get back to committee and can decide what percentage they want to go with; will spend it if you have it; know we can afford an income tax cut; have too much money to spend; O'Brien talked about mistake earlier; he also campaigned for reducing income tax when he ran; hope to introduce this in the next few weeks.

Payne stated she was glad we have a fiscally sound community so we can do developments like Creekside.

O'Brien stated he did campaign on this issue; support tax decrease for those people who can least afford; reviewed tax code and people who need it the most get it; people like single parents on low incomes; they pay little Gahanna tax; am extremely confused why Hogan will support \$1.5 million for development of land and deny \$650,000 to finish a project you and other Council members supported; do support local, state, and national level tax decreases for those who need it the most - military and single mothers trying to support families on \$15,000 to \$16,000 a year; tax rates have not been changed since 1978; we have a thriving, beautiful community that is clean, green, and safe; a place people want to come; know those taxes will be well spent.

Shepherd stated that the Y vote wasn't an easy one; was overwhelming feeling about this; wish there was another way to fund but will support; wish there was another way to raise the money.

Stinchcomb stated she was very excited about the Y vote; years ago talked about the possibility of this; most of the community wanted a rec center and would pay for it to a certain extent; we wouldn't put it on the ballot because we didn't want to compete with schools; chose not to have a City rec center; in committee meetings we talked to some organizations and said why not talk to the Y; remember that discussion; felt it was a good idea then; business community is supporting; don't think it is any way a waste of taxpayer money; this is a nice facility at a good and minimum investment;; other comment to Mr. Hogan's comments; echo O'Brien; there hasn't been a raise in more than

20 years in our income tax; we sit in budget meetings and appropriate funds every year; think of all the things we need to cut year after year; things that have merit; can't say we over tax our citizens; we have a balanced budget and feel we spend our money wisely; don't; want students to leave with the feeling that we waste our tax dollars.

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:28 p.m.**

**End of Agenda**

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**Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC  
Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2012.*

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**Chair Signature**