



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 6, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Meeting Call in details:

513-306-4583

Conference ID: 282 291 680#

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

Gahanna City Council met in Virtual Session via Microsoft Teams on Monday, July 6, 2020. 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 2, 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.

None

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2020-105](#)

Council and Committee Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2020.

End of Consent Agenda.

Pass the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Renner, to Pass the Consent Agenda.. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

D. RESOLUTIONS

[RES-012-2020](#)

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Larick, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Resolution be Adopted.. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

E. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING:

Mr. Larick introduced the item in Section E. This item stands for first 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.

This item was introduced.

F. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & ADOPTION:

[ORD-053-2020](#)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ENGINEERING TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PIPETEK INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES FOR THE 2020 CCTV & SANITARY SEWER CLEANING PROJECT, 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

G. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**Clerk**

The Clerk read into the record an email received from "JW" asking for maps of the Storm Sewer Survey. It was forwarded to Council earlier in the day. Maps will be added to the file per Mr. Crawford.

Council

None

H.. REPRESENTATIVES:**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick**

Mr. Larick shared that CIC is working on means for small businesses in the community that are most at risk in this challenging environment. It is a program to provide a small amount of funding following certain parameters and is a way to give back. Ideally the funding could come back and continue funding as time goes on without being a burden.

Mayor Jadwin added that they are fine tuning the program and details will be coming out later this week and we are looking forward to assisting.

Ms. Bowers asked if they are grants or loans.

Ms. Syx replied that they are grants. Up to one time \$2,500 grant.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Mrs. Angelou stated that there are no MORPC meetings but the Covid-19 updates will continue.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Mr. Leeseberg shared the CVB report which is attached to these minutes.

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CONVENTION & VISITOR'S BUREAU REPORT

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

Mr. Schnetzer stated that he along with city staff met with staff from the

schools. Topic of discussion was Economic Development. He thanked those in attendance and the fact that they were willing to hear them out and dedicate to further discussions. Next up is to analyze other city/school agreements around us. The next meeting is scheduled for July 29.

I. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Jadwin's report and Proclamation for Parks and Recreation month are attached to the minutes. She pointed out that Council has received the first annual Police Report. It is available at gahanna.gov.

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Mayors Report/Proclamation Parks & Recreation Month

City Attorney

Mr. Mularski reported that there is a nominate a neighbor program and encouraged participation.

J. COUNCIL COMMENT

Mrs. Angelou commended the Chief on the Annual Report. She thanked Russ Sims for his years of service and retirement.

Ms. Bowers thanked the Chief for issuing his comprehensive report and this was one of the finest reports in Central Ohio. She shared her constituent report (attached to the minutes). She feels that the policies of women and minority owned businesses of the administration are in line with her views. She spoke on accountability and transparency and said that accountability requires that those who are responsible for making decisions are known. It is imperative that those who are making decisions and how they're being made is clear. She looks forward to continuing to collaborate with administration and council members.

Mr. Larick had no comment.

Mr. Renner thanked Chief Spence for his report. He said that he has been bicycling 12-15 miles a day and is happy to see people out. He thanked staff for the music in the parks on July 4th. He thanked residents for their emails and communications and hopes they keep it up. He closed with a quote from Brene Brown "Dehumanizing and holding people accountable are mutually exclusive. Humiliation and dehumanizing are not accountability or social justice tools, they're

emotional off-loading at best, emotional self-indulgence at worst. And if our faith asks us to find the face of God in everyone we meet, that should include the politicians, media, and strangers on Twitter with whom we most violently disagree. When we desecrate their divinity, we desecrate our own, and we betray our faith.”

Mr. Schnetzer said that the National League of Cities issued a survey of 1100 municipalities on local spending cuts and service adjustments because of the COVID 19 economic recession that we're in the middle of. Many were being forced to cut back on capital reinvestment and economic development. the results were 65% being forced to delay or cancel capital expenditures or infrastructure projects. 61% surveyed are delaying or cancelling equipment purchases, 24% are making cuts to community or economic development programs and 13% are making necessary cuts to code inspection, planning and permitting. With respect to services, 74% of cities are already making cuts, 20% of those responded that those cuts are across the board and 66% of cities are making cuts to specific programs. On the employment front, 32% of cities said they will furlough or lay off employees adding to the already swollen jobless rates. 41% will or have already instituted a hiring freeze. This should all sound relatively familiar to those of us in Gahanna. We owe it to residents to communicate the sober factual reality that we are not immune to that downturn.

Mrs. McGregor had no report.

Mr. Leeseberg thanked the Chief for the annual report it was detailed and well put together and that we're proud of the CIC for putting their program together.

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Bowers Constituent Report June, 2020

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

April Beggerow, MPA, CMC
Clerk of Council

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

Jamie Leeseberg