



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### Finance Committee

Office of the Clerk of Council  
200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

*Michael Schnetzer, Chair, Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley,  
Thomas R. Kneeland, Brian D. Larick, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner*

*Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council*

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Monday, December 8, 2014

Council Committee Rooms

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#### Immediately Following Committee of the Whole

#### Members -

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

#### Attendees -

Mayor Stinchcomb, City Attorney Ewald, Chief Murphy, Dottie Franey, Matt Holdren, Rob Priestas, Rory Gaydos, Tony Collins, Michael Blackford, Ken Fultz, Sue Wadley, Jennifer Teal, General Williams, Clerk McWilliams, Press.

**Schnetzer called Finance Committee to order at 7:58 p.m.**

#### PENDING LEGISLATION

[ORD-0163-2014](#) TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015.

**Attachments:** [2015 Appropriation-1](#)  
[2015 Budget Message from the Mayor](#)  
[2015 Proposed Budget](#)  
[APPROPRIATION ORD - FINAL](#)

Schnetzer opened with one item; continuing discussion regarding the litigation reserve; noted barring any special meetings this will be the last discussion before budget passage on the 15th; not received specific questions and will defer to administration; additions and subtractions may be incorporated with tonight's presentation; Teal brought forth operating expenses and one-time expenses; will discuss in two sections; made up of open-enrollment adjustments that arise in November and part-time reclassifications; increasing Council services and other budget adjustments discussed; Schnetzer noted operating

vs capital on page 146; prior to adjustment the general fund at \$27 million; what is the direct capital outlay versus the direct capital fund; will we fall below the planned revenue; planned increase is 1.9 million dollars; Teal clarified on the cap improvements tab, items by definition and expenses that cannot be paid out of the general fund show the capital investment by fund; noted updating the ordinance for packets on Monday; noted the one-time finite pool of resources; would move forward with presented figures; provided funding figures for boiler replacement at Hunter's Ridge Pool; Creekside Parking Garage, and golf course fuel tank replacement; discussed first phase for Morse Rd. and Trellis project and US 62 resurfacing; discussion about sidewalks on Flint Ridge; will be taken on as a study item; will be in future conversations; funds for sidewalk not included in estimate; will be paid for out of one-time money; noted strategic plan funds, emergency lockdown supplies, and one-time records scanning; letting Council know where the scanning will fall in the budget; the administration is holding funds for the completions of the Morse Rd and Trellis projects; there is an additional placeholder for development, but don't know what projects are yet and at Council's request a 4.1 million litigation reserve; total "one-times" of \$11.1 million leaving \$3.5 million "one-times" remaining; Schnetzer inquired if this is excess; Teal confirmed; Schnetzer inquired if the holds are statutory; Teal clarified they are not; Jolley inquired difference between the \$900,000 and \$400,000; Teal replied it is the offsetting for revenue; it is the total expense and we believe \$400,000 will come back in revenue; noted the idea it may not continue indefinitely and will cover the loss in savings; Jolley inquired since we discussed strategic planning, would like a more robust figure of \$250,000 incorporated; to better serve the community; would like to see a larger commitment from Council; more work will be done; Schnetzer inquired if the figures are deliverable; Stinchcomb noted limitations; Teal noted realization of a wide range, must understand what scope is; goals setting is important from a planning aspect; have to address what success means; what is the best goal; found examples of communities that worked in this nature; was well within the \$100,000; understanding what the scope is and if determined a deeper profile required and would be a joint project; Larick inquired what the terms on a contract like this would be; Teal noted rough quote from colleague mentioned a kickoff quote and pay along as the project matures; Larick inquired what expect start date for initiative and what is the duration; Teal replied depends on desired scope; models that include departmental alignment with goals and extended projects may take a few years; \$100,000 figure is not based on a multi-year project; Teal noted difficulty answering question; Larick wishes to narrow down a timeframe; Teal noted projection is to have the bulk of the project completed before the end of the summer;

Leeseberg inquired about the price tag on the current economic development project; Blackford replied current project is around \$90,000; Jolley noted starting soon is preferred and summer completion is preferred; \$100,000 is good for initial, but will need more for completion; what do residents wish to see and can the whole process be completed in 2015; Angelou noted attending sessions which discussed this matter; after starting development project we will have a better picture; Gahanna's will be more intense, but other communities have made effective use of their funds; noted a community spending \$12,000 of \$15,000 budgeted for a whole county.

Stinchcomb noted pool conversation; plan to pass on Monday; reminded by Collins that advertising for pool membership will be helping residents by permitting them to buy memberships early; by waiting for pools we may incur losses; Jolley is one-hundred percent behind keeping the pools open for 2015; Angelou noted emails referencing the pools being brought back and thanking the City Council; Stinchcomb noted that's because it is now in the budget documents; Angelou inquired if the allotted budget included the swim club pool; Collins replied number in budget includes staying open for pools in 2015; but not included improvements for pools; will not know how pools fare until after winter; Angelou inquired if pools do not survive winter; Collins replied we have a financial plan to address pool failures all year; may not be able to charge full price if one pool is unavailable; Collins noted customer service involved; if we change for 3 pools and then only two pools are available, it would be bad for the pool membership costs; Angelou noted if pool has been looked at, it's ok; Collins noted the assessor didn't see the value in drilling into the concrete to assess as the pools cracks could be anywhere; Larick noted the regular costs of opening the pools are included; Collins confirmed; Larick supports pool being open next year, but supports dialogue for long terms solutions with the public; Jolley inquired of the \$18,000 boiler for Hunter's Ridge; but pool costs extra not included; discussion has to be robust and acquiring input from all members of the community and those not in attendance at some meetings must have opportunities as well; supports putting out marketing materials; going forward there will be tough positions; Stinchcomb noted this is a Band-Aid and a decision will have to be made; forces action soon; imperative to make decisions; awareness that we cannot permit continuation of this situation.

Larick noted simplification of one-time records scanning; roughly \$300,000; two components of records, availability to the public, and the recuperation of having a records administrator; our long-term requirements to the community, funds, revenues, and expenditures

extending beyond the initial year of appropriation; Schnetzer noted in addition you have to observe budgets past that delayed capital expenditures; only looking at a 4% deficit after loss of revenue; can Council give administration go to put forward on the 15th ; Teal noted having a revised ordinance prepared for Monday; thanked Council and Committee for smooth budget transitioning; Jolley thanked Finance for its smooth work; Schnetzer noted nothing needed.

**RECOMMENDATION: Regular Agenda**

**Schnetzer adjourned Finance Committee at 8:41 p.m.**

**Chris Weisenberger, Reporting**