

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2002**

**7:30 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Development Committee**

*David B. Thom, Chair  
Robert W. Kelley  
John McAlister  
Michael O'Brien, ex officio  
Sadicka White, ex officio*

**Members Present:** Robert W. Kelley, David B. Thom and John McAlister

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**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Weber, White, Mumma, Itkoff, Mattlin.

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

**ORD-0224-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNAGE WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE ACADEMY RIDGE SUBDIVISION, PROPERTY LOCATED ON BEECHER ROAD WEST OF HAMILTON ROAD

Dr. David Itkoff, representative of the Academy Ridge Homeowner's Association, stated they had applied for the variance in order to place a subdivision sign; reviewed with Zoning and Engineering, reviewed all plats and maps in order to locate a spot for the sign; final location was to put it right before the guard rails; is within 16' and just to the right of the curb and in the remaining amount of space available; we need entrance recognition; this is the only place to put it; is just this side of the ravine; existing sign will be coming down; this has been approved by Planning Commission and engineering has no problem; OUPS has cleared it and signed off on location.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

**ISSUES - From Director of Development:**

**Contract with George Parker:**

Kelley asked if Parker will be giving different proposals; will he come up with different options. White stated this is for a continuing contract; can call him in to do work and will be charged his hourly rate of \$100 and assistants are \$65; if we need a conceptual plan for A he will draw; could take 10 hours and another project could take 2 hours; this is for up to \$6,000 in consulting services. Thom asked White if she would know where he stands in his billings at all times. White said she would. Kelley stated he would be interested in knowing what Parker can design for \$500,000 or for \$1,000,000. White stated he might get to that point eventually; first task will be to put RFP together which will include expertise on soil conditions; will give me a bill; when we get to the next part it may be a separate contract; this is like a small retainer to get him started; this is all the money I have left. Kelley stated he would like to see what Parker could do. In response to question from Thom, White stated this is primarily smaller projects but all related to Creekside.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back to committee; 2nd reading, consent agenda.

**Contract with Julia Faist:**

White stated this is for her to do necessary title search work for fire house. Weber stated it actually will be with ACS. White stated the total will probably be less than that; could be more but it should be less; was originally going to include the post office; however, Faist stated she had done the closing for post office and did title search; that title is a good deed and she will issue another title policy on that if it is needed; this contract will be just for doing the fire department; need to get started on this.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, no need to come back to committee, 2nd reading consent agenda.

### **Public Works Integrating Committee - Clean Ohio and Infrastructure Programs:**

White stated that MORPC has been the conduit for getting this money in the past; City has received \$3.9 million for various projects; in the past MORPC has done it because they got some other funding which paid for administrative costs; now there are some additional costs; they can do grant preparation but they have no cost recovery; are adding to the grant a cost recovery if we would get an award; if we get \$1 million they would take a certain percentage; it's in the report ; is spelled out in the agreement; requesting legislation to authorize the reimbursement if we would get a grant.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st reading, back to committee.

### **Land Swap - Jane Mattlin:**

Kelley stated we need to pursue this; need that right turn lane; also need to take care of land swap. White stated the deeds are done; this is the first step; is a fee simple transaction; can see from map sent you in packet what is being traded; sizes are not the same; are things we can do and can't do. Kelley asked Weber if there was any problem with doing this with waiver and as an emergency. Weber replied there was not. White stated they were trying to get things done so the applications could get to Planning Commission this year; can't do until these actions have been taken; just want to get it introduced to Planning before year is over.

RECOMMENDATION: Refer to Finance Committee.

### **Agler/Stygler/Vacation of Right of Way:**

White stated that once the land swap would occur we need to vacate the old existing right of way; in doing that they would be able to develop the parcel; will still have utilities but can put a parking lot on that; still makes that accessible; they need it for circulation and access away from the intersection; major improvement to Agler Road; there is an old lane that was there; would help with the turn; actually have the deeds giving the right of way; Mattlin's attorney prepared the deed; Council office has the original documents.

RECOMMENDATION: Refer to Finance Committee along with the land swap issue.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

White stated that the lights are in process of being put up; Mill Street will be done this year, believe every tree, as well as the divider on Rt. 62; arch over bridge also and they agreed to put the stars on the arch on both sides; will be turned on prior to Holiday Lights; Parks and Recreation are lighting the island; ribbon cutting for the CVB is the 21st of this month; this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. is the Y ground breaking; CIC is next Monday; Holiday Lights parade is the 30th.

**ISOBEL L. SHERWOOD, CMC, Clerk of Council, reporting.**