

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 1999

7:15 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Development Committee

*Sherie James-Arnold, Chairman
Karen J. Angelou
Thomas R. Kneeland
Robert W. Kelley, ex officio*

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Bob Kelley, Tom Weber, Sadicka White, Bryan Hairston, Jerry Isler, Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Absent: Sherie James-Arnold and Thomas R. Kneeland

Members Present: Karen J. Angelou

990331

TO ZONE 1.1 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4325 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; TREC DEVELOPMENT INC., APPLICANT

John Gleason, attorney for the applicant was present; zoning change is to Suburban Office; no opposition at public hearing; property is between Schoedinger Funeral Home and Stoney Memorial Animal Hospital. Angelou noted this would seem to be a compatible use.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Regular Agenda (Duplicate)

990407

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Part-time Salaries Tax

Angelou noted memo from Isler regarding this as requested at last committee.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

990420

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, Special Council Contingency

RECOMMENDATION: Remove from agenda.

990422

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PEABODY LANDSCAPE FOR THE 1999 WEST GAHANNA ENTRY GATEWAY PLANTING IMPROVEMENTS, IMPROVEMENT NO. 726; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Kelley referenced letter from Curt Krivit, Chairman, Landscape Commission, and questioned if the concerns had been addressed. White stated the concerns were not pertinent to any bid we would have; we will be maintaining; a presentation had been made to the Landscape Commission; emphasized this is a low maintenance development; there is a 1 year replacement for dead plants; will be getting top quality plants. Kelley stated he would appreciate it if the Mayor or White would call Krivit. White stated she is comfortable that all the issues have been addressed; Myers Schmalenberger recommended Peabody; follow up references were obtained and are excellent. Angelou noted that we received excellent prices; are under the estimate. In response to question, White stated this covers the area from I-670 to the bridge minus the median; should begin in late October.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

NEW LEGISLATION**Accept Annex. 6.49 acres - Robert Kertzinger**

Clerk noted this annexation is at the end of the 60 day hold period; will be preparing legislation this week.

Recommend for Introduction

ISSUES

Annexation Bill

White stated a letter from Joyce Bushman, City Manager, Pickerington had been attached to last report; concerned about the annexation bill; obviously is going to protract annexations for cities; would not necessarily be automatic; currently out muscled in terms of the township trustees; they have the ear of Bob Cupp and the rest of the legislature. Angelou noted she has felt strongly about this for a long time; would like to see some sort of resolution by Council to go to all our representatives; opposed to this bill.

White stated other item mentioned in the letter is their concern with regard to income tax; proposing to pay where you work as opposed to where you live; those people would not pay income tax here unless they live here; would be a potential good side for us as several thousand of our residents out migrate; other states have occupation tax; you pay that occupation tax; if you pay anything it goes to where you reside; township may be pursuing this. Isler stated he did not feel this would go anywhere; is supported by the Southern Ohio townships who don't have the support of the north part of the state; would want a ballot issue which would need 400,000 signatures; has been brought up before at various times; we are the only state it is done this way; kicker is if where you live doesn't tax, then you can be taxed where you work; it does get the townships.

RECOMMENDATION: Resolution, consent agenda, if information received from City Attorney. Copy of resolution to be sent to all communities in the area.

Code Enforcement Officer Account

White stated background information had been submitted with report; in speaking with Isler, need an ordinance to amend current unclassified salary ordinance to allow more hours; this is a quick fix for the balance of this year; will be talking something more substantial for next year. Angelou noted that we could not do without code enforcement for three months. Kelley concurred.

Clerk was requested to prepare amendment to pending legislation amending the Unclassified Salary Ordinance to include an increase to 1,440 hours for the Code Enforcement Officer.

RECOMMENDATION: Amend by substitution Ord. 990412, second reading, consent agenda.

Sustaining Contract with Burns, Bertsch & Harris

White stated she has had a sustaining contract with Burns, Bertsch & Harris; shortly need to have Land Use Plan looked at as required by code; in the past would say how much, they would tell me and then have to wait on legislation being passed; this way would already have PO open and say OK and would basically give you parameters of a not to exceed amount; a contract would allow us to do that; not expending any monies at this time; will keep you apprised of what would happen; in report would say work order under sustaining contract to do update of Land Use Plan would take approximately 40 hours of work; have discussed with Mayor; there are a couple of ordinances we need to look at refining and may end up having to utilize 5 or 6 hours of their review time for that; would like to have that expertise as we make that recommendation to Planning Commission.

In response to question from Angelou, White stated there are two schools of thought; first says using the same firm allow for continuity; they know the City and projects we are working on; other school of thought says you need the diversity of having different groups do different projects; that's why we limit; is not all inclusive at amount they ask; would also depend on where we are in development and planning needs; can still go with someone else if we want a different perspective.

Recommend for Introduction

ISOBEL L. SHERWOOD, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council, reporting