

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2008

Council May Meet in Caucus beginning at 7:00 p.m.

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

Nancy R. McGregor, President

Thomas C. Evers, Vice President

Beryl D. Anderson

Shane Ewald

Thomas R. Kneeland

John R. McAlister

David L. Samuel

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 15, 2008, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Nancy R. McGregor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Vice President Evers delivered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by David Shanks of Boy Scout Troop 317 from St. Matthew. Agenda for this meeting was published on September 11, 2008.

Members Present: Nancy R. McGregor, Thomas C. Evers, Thomas R. Kneeland, Shane W. Ewald, John McAlister, Beryl D. Anderson and David L. Samuel

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Jim Williams, Director of Emergency Management, recapped the events of the wind storm yesterday; was requested to bring you a brief update; major effects dealt with yesterday were power outages; majority of city will be out at least until Wednesday; AEP is still saying 5 to 7 days; priority is going to hospitals, care facilities, etc.; fuel situation is well in hand for us so we can get fuel to our generators; as of late yesterday there was no ice or D cell batteries available in our area and situation is not better today; Capital City Ice is making ice as quickly as possible; major priority for us is that we are a thoroughfare community; part of our job is to get people through Gahanna; to that extent traffic lights are working with generators at major intersections; power is out in the majority of the areas west of Big Walnut Creek; also east of Hamilton; generally in the area north of Granville up to Stoneridge is out although Stoneridge has power; all depends on which substation you are on; the Morrison/Waterbury area is also out; outside resources at state level didn't come until later this afternoon; lift stations are taking care of sewage because they have auxiliary power; we do not have a problem with water supply; Service Department is doing a tremendous job along with Parks; have formulated a debris removal policy; will be picked up at curbside; we have established a policy; have put it on website but if you don't have power won't see it; are trying to use all media sources to get word out; call 342-4005 and let us know if you have debris and we will get our people out to pick it up; would like citizens to take debris over to Oklahoma complex to the dumpster there; understand there is a mountain of debris over there already; major damage was the boardwalk from the island to the golf course; that bridge got taken out; island is off limits due to hanging branches and debris; batteries are in short supply; with regard to fuel supply most stations in Gahanna are shut down; those in the area that are up and running are running out of fuel; trying to get those stations back on; our fuel site is operating; we are taking care of our vehicles and emergency vehicles; refueling all our generators; those people with special medical needs, those who are on electric appliances need to get to a place where there is electric support; Red Cross has opened a shelter at the Rhodes Center at the fairgrounds; our internal plan if people need shelter is they can contact Police Department and we can get them in to a shelter we are operating if necessary; have been inundated by media and are handling all media calls out of Mayor's office; think that so far we have the situation in hand; have not opened the emergency management center; when to throw out food will be a key issue and general is about 24 hours for refrigerated food and a freezer can usually go 48 hours; working full bore to keep up with the situation.

Samuel asked Williams about the school system. Williams stated last briefing was last night; determined not to have school today; Blacklick Elementary lost part of roof; a lot of the problem was downed power lines and concerns with children walking to school

and busses dealing with debris on streets; no decision yet for tomorrow. Stinchcomb stated she spoke with Morris about 20 minutes ago and no determination had been made yet although is leaning towards not having school; will be able to use broadcast media to get information out; do have access to our code red system.

Evers asked if any consideration had been given to debris pick up call through code red system. Williams stated it was considered this afternoon and need to see what our response is; if we see a tremendous amount may want to do that; 30 second message to residents might work; could contact 7,000 to 8,000 homes in a few minutes.

Anderson noted Red Cross has a shelter at fairgrounds; you stated our residents could contact the Police Department; where will shelter be? Williams stated if they contact Police Department we will get information to them; will be run by Parks & Recreation; same system we used in ice storm and it worked very well; normally with shelters people don't go to them; small number potentially; most people find family to stay with; have been in touch with Stygler Village and Stygler Commons; they are encouraging those residents to find alternate shelter with their families; majority of those have done so; some have expressed their desire not to leave; can't be forced out; they will bear the consequences; but they will be taken care of one way or the other.

McGregor noted the Fire Department stopped on her street today and cut a tree for neighbor; told them they would bring a chipper out if they just left the debris at the curb. Williams stated the Fire Department purchased some additional chain saws; some trees burning and they cut some of those trees out of the wire areas; don't want to do without coordinating with AEP; are in close coordination with Fire Department.

David Shanks, 883 Bryn Mawr, stated he was here to introduce fellow scouts; am senior patrol leader of Troop 317 from St. Matthew; here to learn about government in our community; fulfill citizenship badge; thank you.

Tom Liskay, 457 Tresham, stated he wished to discuss two topics; first is the post office issue; one option using myself is to park at Shull Park and cross at the traffic light and walk to post office; encourage that for citizens who are able to walk; hope that owner would put in some additional sidewalks along entrance so they don't have to walk in asphalt driveway; also a sidewalk from the street into his shopping center at some point would help; don't expect the city to do that; would hope that the private landowner would do as a convenience for his customers; here's an opportunity to walk that can be used. Second topic is less humorous; discussion about a month ago at Council meeting that was upsetting to me; was a lot of rumor and innuendo suggesting that a local developer possibly had foreign ties; was talking about a fellow U.S. citizen; I got upset; was talking about this man's country of origin; I'm from Cleveland; my mom came over in 1938; our last name ends with a vowel; am proud of our heritage; was often called a "DP" growing up, a displaced person; proud of my heritage; thought that type of prejudice was long gone; as a resident am proud of the Council members who addressed that; don't understand why this was brought up; proud of all of you for speaking up.

Claire Yoder, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, stated that today we embarked on a new path when Jeff Carson, Gregg Morris and Julio Valladares signed to be the owners of the old Kroger site; now we are closed and holding that mortgage; looking for folks to apply for the construction services that we will need; intend to contract for architectural services soon; planned project calls for development of the site on northwest corner of Hamilton & Granville as multi-use facilities, classroom and administrative space as well as commercial retail space; will begin the evaluation

process by the end of the month; Anderson had asked question at last meeting about language classes; Goshen Lane and Royal Manor will do grades 1-2 and 3-4 together and language is Spanish; at Highpoint and Blacklick same grade levels will be doing Mandarin Chinese; today was supposed to be the first day of working with those kids; high school started the year off with "Fresh Day"; theme for the year is called "Turn it Up"; lot to look forward to as they progress; enrollment was 6,999 students as of last Thursday; some elementaries have changed because of the change in boundaries but district wide we are level; people thanking us for all day kindergarten; not sure about tomorrow but Mr. Morris is one of the last to cancel. Mayor stated she had just been handed a note that there will be no school on Tuesday; was just announced.

Evers stated that over last couple of weeks have gone to some sessions on USDA Food nutrition; relates to the children's lunch program which I know needs to be reauthorized next year; sat through a couple of sessions that were very enlightening; will be sending some information to the board to share and some innovative things some school districts are doing. Yoder stated that Kathy Chilcoate, head cook, is always looking for new things; any resources you can pass our way will be appreciated.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Evers.

ORD-0194-2008

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CALDWELL CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE FOR PURCHASE OF A SPRINTER 2500 SHC VAN FOR THE WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Introduced

ORD-0195-2008

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HALLER & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR REPAIR OF CITY HALL SKYLIGHTS; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$22,000.

Introduced

ORD-0196-2008

TO ACCEPT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR DEVELOPER FUNDED REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE MORRISON/CLAYCRAFT TURN LANE; IMPROVEMENT NO. 899; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$6,050; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0199-2008

TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 27.9+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, LOCATED AT 5847 TAYLOR ROAD; REQUESTED BY RICHARD C. BRAHM, AGENT FOR PETITIONER VALUE RECOVERY GROUP II.

Introduced

ORD-0201-2008

TO REZONE 10.000+/- ACRES AS L-AR, LIMITED OVERLAY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 433 THROUGH 531 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD; BY STONEHENGE LAND COMPANY, TERRY ANDREWS, APPLICANT.

Introduced, to Finance Committee

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

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This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:

[ORD-0197-2008](#) TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Facilities Maintenance Supplies & Contract Services

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

[ORD-0198-2008](#) TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Herb Education Center Signage

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

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:

[ORD-0200-2008](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENT WITH GEORGE W. WEBER, JR., FOR 2.731 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 258 JAMES ROAD, GAHANNA; FOR A RECREATIONAL MULTI-USE TRAIL; TO REPEAL ORD-0192-2008; 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-0187-2008](#) TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR A WALKING AND BIKE TRAIL; IN THE AREA OF MILL STREET; LINTNER PARK; FROM MJM INVESTMENT CO.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0188-2008](#) TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR A WALKING AND BIKE TRAIL; 170 MILL STREET; FROM MJM INVESTMENT CO.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0189-2008](#) TO ACCEPT CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 294 JAMES ROAD.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0193-2008](#) TO ACCEPT CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 312 JAMES ROAD.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Postponed to Date Certain: November 3, 2008

ORD-0172-2008 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR LINCOLN CIRCLE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

Postponed to Date Certain: October 6, 2008

ORD-0185-2008

TO ADOPT THE PORT COLUMBUS AREA GROWTH PARTNERSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:**RES-0017-2008**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO MID OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FUNDS FOR THE WEST GAHANNA UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PHASE 1.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

RES-0018-2008

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:**MR-0046-2008**

Motion Resolution to authorize transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000 from Account No. 220.330.5596, Streets Capital Projects/Improvements, to Account No. 220.330.5510, Capital Equipment Streets, for the purchase of a plow blade and housing assembly.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Kneeland, seconded by Vice President of Council Evers, 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 McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson, McAlister and Samuel

End of the Consent Agenda**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

President read Public Hearing Rules that would apply to the public hearing this evening.

Z-0012-2008

To consider a zoning application to rezone 10 acres located at 433, 451, 471, 499, 515, 525, 531 Hamilton Road; current zoning SF-2; requested zoning L-AR (Limited Overlay Multi-family); Stonehenge Land Company, by Terry Andrews, applicant.

President asked for administrative comments. Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated the property is currently zoned SF-2; request before you is to a zoning of Limited Overlay AR; property is north of Carpenter but south of US Route 62 on the west side of Hamilton Road; is not too far from the Northeast School; application looks at what is in general vicinity; around it on east and west side is SF-3 and SF-2 which means that these parcels were large estate lots or larger than our general lot size in most of our subdivisions; some have older single family homes on them and Stonehenge has aggregated enough land so you can redevelop, rezone, reuse for a different use; use suggested is somewhat depicted by site plan which is used to begin to lay out a new use

for the 10 acre site; Heartland Plan, for planning purposes, is for the use of land bounded by Hamilton Road, US Route 62 on north, Johnstown Road on west and goes down to Creekside; most of the use in that area is single family; one of the things the Heartland Plan talks about is that if you don't come in with more parcels than one, you won't have a good chance of rezoning; preferable to have 6 together and in this case it is more than 6; so it can be considered for a reuse; that reuse should protect the fabric of the single family uses in the Heartland area; not looking at uses that are of a commercial or office nature; uses that are compatible or not in conflict with current use and help support that use; a limited overlay is different zoning; highly protective; says developer cannot develop anything but what is in contract in the zoning category; higher standards and criteria need to be met; if approved by Council can only build what is on text and in site plan and what eventually will go back to Planning Commission; before us is just the zoning; have to make a decision based on materials and information provided by the developer to see if it is an appropriate use for these parcels; normally don't show what you are going to do but as a limited overlay it specifies multi-family looking similar to illustration in your packet; all natural materials which would be wood, stone, stucco, so that it gives a higher quality to a particular development; blends into site much better; these are renderings as to what it might look like but also actually show you what the layout of the buildings will look like on this 10 acre site; also included in this application is the fact that there will be some land dedicated like any residential development for park use; if you look at the configuration of the buildings you will see to the west a huge buffer park and open space and detention pond area; this application has gone before Planning Commission and they have made a recommendation for approval.

President opened Public Hearing at 8:09 p.m.

Mo Dioun, Stonehenge Land Company, 147 North High Street, stated that since the mid-1990s when we started working on Sycamore Woods, we became familiar with the Heartland Plan and its requirements; in last 5 or 6 years we assembled 9 parcels; for the last 13 years have been contemplating what kind of product would be best; numerous discussions with Development Department to make sure it works; went from single family to empty nester and how to develop land sensitively; this is a property that is very natural with beautiful topography especially on southwest corner; started focusing the impact of the building on the northeast side of the property where there is less topography changes; want to avoid what a typical developer would do which is cut and fill; to develop need to deal with some realities; single family market does not exist; plenty of single family available and there are lots that have been developed but not built on; secondly there are a number of condominium projects in the \$200,000 to \$400,000 range; we are the owner of a couple of them; Creekside Green is still in early stages; as we looked around there is a lack of housing for young professionals in our community; was a letter in the Dispatch complaining about no housing stock for young professionals available in Central Ohio; had her contact information and did contact her; was looking for development geared to young professionals that addresses environmental issues and recycling; result is a project that we believe will address that market; will be 700 to 1100 sq. ft.; middle of buildings will have adult style gathering spaces and further south is a workout facility and pool; most probably will be a gated community and we think there is a market for it; are many people who work in Gahanna but don't live here; look at corporations around you where the young professionals are employed; they live in other communities now; we are looking at extensive recycling; alternative energy if we can; looking at possible solar for water heating; some applications we are considering that are outside the box and will create a platform for some dialogue and discussion; property is about 17 acres total; focused our impact on 10 acres; schools are dear to my heart; impact on schools will be minimal if any but

resources it will create will be significant; glad to answer any questions.

Tom Liskay, 457 Tresham Road;, stated he hoped we can make this work; have been involved in various concerns for this area for a long time; like basic concept with bike path; speaking as an ordinary citizen, think this is a project that could work; encourage your participation in working through the process.

President asked for Opponents. There were none. President asked for rebuttal.

Liskay stated that his druthers would have been to do single family in 10 acres; know that is economically unfeasible; plan we have here is probably the most promising I have seen for this property; think Stonehenge Company has a good reputation in town; think Development Department and Planning Commission will hold their feet to the fire and it will be a noteworthy development; finally don't believe the previous developer came this far but he wanted to do cut-and-fill and cover the whole area with condos; told him when I met with him that it was dead on arrival; would have spoken against that but think this will work.

Dioun stated he conducted a couple of meetings with residents of Gahanna Heights and Foxboro; some of the input and commitments are part of this plan; nature of the finish we will be addressing when we go back to Planning Commission.

President closed public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

Anderson stated she is glad to see this has included public input; e-mail from one concerned resident; one of the comments was lack of garage space and parking; can you speak to parking issue. Dioun stated there is ample parking to meet code; as far as project goes, it parks within itself; some surface parking and some elements are detached garages; not all will be parking within garages; there are 2 spaces per unit; garages will be available as an option. Anderson asked the price point regarding this. Dioun stated they haven't decided if it will be condos or if they will hold on as investment for ourselves; will be market driven as we move into the project; good chance we will hold on; if we go through our final development plan timely and start construction the earliest anything will be available will be late 2009 or early 2010; our preference will be owner occupied but will keep as an internal investment if warranted. Anderson noted a larger acreage stated but that 10 acres will be used for residential part. Dioun stated the impact is less than 8 acres; almost 1.5 acres in green space and close to 2 acres of park land dedication. Anderson spoke to issues of environmental sustainability, wanted to know if plans still leave opportunity for further discussion so building might have various ways of being green; is plan already set? Dioun stated they will modify plans to address those objectives as much as we can; will not shy away from coming back to modify the plans if necessary; will come to city and establish a dialogue to see if we can modify or not; will take advisement from them as to what we can do; will not rule out any sustainable applications that we can; will discuss with city and what our flexibility is.

Kneeland commented that this plan is a lot better than I had anticipated; give you credit for what we are seeing tonight; seems to address Heartland Plan; so much property that is so cherished; appears there is a collaboration between your company and our Development Department to holistically approach economic development and young professionals who don't have an addressable market or quality-of-life living conditions; commend you for having that component as part of the plan; very skeptical on residential market in general; interested to see how this unfolds.

Samuel stated he wished to address the mobility issue; will the paths be connecting into some things in Gahanna to move from area to area either by walking or biking? Dioun stated there has been excessive collaboration on future bike path. In response to question, Dioun stated that the Hamilton Road widening has been taken into consideration with bike path they have planned; opening is provided on south side of development which will provide connectivity for residents on east side that will be in plans and provide connectivity to residents and connecting to US Route 62 and back to downtown Gahanna; Collins can elaborate on that if necessary.

Ewald asked if this plan takes into consideration the future roundabout. Dioun stated they worked with Engineering Department; are giving ample right of way; did give it consideration and main access to project will be from roundabout once built. Ewald asked if there were bike trails adjacent to the road. Collins stated they will connect to Hamilton Road; Wetherholt has detail on that and will connect and go all the way down; will connect Hamilton Road network.

White stated that at sustainability conference this is actually the housing type they are reporting for greater sustainability; smaller carbon footprint and in terms of single family what it would do for impervious soil; greater opportunity here to aggregate housing; much discussion on how we have to reduce carbon footprint by 2050; will be bringing detailed information on that to you in the future; from an economic development standpoint to meet the needs of the housing market, half of the houses that population will need by 2050 don't exist today; what they were showing were more housing patterns in this opportunity; from sustainability and prosperity views which also address young professionals; need to keep them within state and our own community.

Heard in Public Hearing

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Development & Parks Committee - Ewald: No Report.

Public Service & Safety Committee - McAlister: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Evers: No Report.

Finance - Kneeland: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:

Z-0012-2008

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Clerk noted this was an amendment to a recommendation made at the August 13, 2008 Planning Commission meeting.

Heard in Public Hearing

PL-0001-2008

To make a recommendation to Council; to fulfill the park land dedication requirement; for development of property located at 433, 451, 471, 499, 515, 525, 531 North Hamilton Road; Stonehenge Land Company, by Terry Andrews, applicant.

Received and Filed

- 2008-0055** Notice to Legislative Authority of a new D5A liquor Permit for Springhill SMC, LLC, DBA Springhill Suites Columbus Airport, 665 Taylor Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is October 9, 2008.
Received and Filed
- 2008-0056** Notice to Legislative Authority of a new D5A liquor Permit for Towneplace Management, LLC, DA Towneplace Suites Columbus Airport, 695 Taylor Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is October 10, 2008.
Received and Filed
- 2008-0057** Recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Board requesting adoption of the Big Walnut Trail Concept Plan; recommendation made at Parks & Recreation Meeting held September 3, 2008.
Assigned to Finance Committee
- 2008-0058** Receipt of a proclamation by Mayor Stinchcomb stating a Declaration of Emergency effective at 1:05 p.m. on September 15, 2008. Emergency declarations by code run for 72 hours unless extended.
Received and Filed

Council:

Samuel stated he had received a call from Jeff Carson asking me to serve on a committee to select an architect for the building project; did agree to serve.

Evers stated there was an invitation from COTA inviting Council to a roundtable next week prior to committee meeting; also a letter from BIA asking for our community to make known our concerns regarding the push for mandating home sprinkler requirements.

McGregor stated she also received a call from Jeff Carson; asking me to be part of a public committee on what we are hearing in the community regarding our school system; will be serving on that committee.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**ORD-0191-2008**

TO ACCEPT MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE MARCH WINTER STORM WEATHER EMERGENCY; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$43,572.

McAlister stated he had asked for this to be on regular agenda because I have decided this year I will try to uphold my oath to the constitution; Article 1 Section 8 gives powers to Congress; can't find anything in here that covers this type of funding; we are asking them to pay for our snow removal; this grant costs taxpayers \$43,572 but would argue that it is closer to the neighborhood of \$60,000; money was in Gahanna, was taxed and sent to federates and now we're asking to bring it back to us; need to uphold oath to constitution; read several items that Congress has the right to do; can't find anything in there that talks about Gahanna snow removal; have to vote no.

A motion was made by Vice President of Council Evers, seconded by Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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| Yes | 6 | President of Council McGregor, Vice President of Council Evers, Kneeland, Ewald, Anderson and Samuel |
| No | 1 | McAlister |

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.****L. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Ewald/Kneeland:**

Ewald stated next meeting is tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor/Anderson:

Anderson stated she attended the MORPC meeting last Thursday as well as the Sustainability Conference; including site visits to various sites throughout Central Ohio on Saturday; went to Thursday and Friday event; sat in on several sessions; one was with Frances Strickland who spoke and then moderated a panel with young people who talked about passions and interests in sustainability; also there was a vendors section in one of the rooms; displayed their wares; distributed magazine to each Council member entitled Geo News; interesting to see as well; do annual solar tours and for this year will be in October; will go to several places in eastern part of Columbus with the tour ending at Gahanna Library because it is an energy-efficient building; do a tour and see how that building fits in to solar energy in general; raising conscious level; know these are issues that have been going on for quite some time; last question asked of the panel regarding sustainability was what kind of issues will we be dealing with in 10 years; those in leadership positions have to be responsible to create a better space; need clean air, clean land, and sustainable environment so you can have wonderful opportunities; agenda is online; lots of literature if anyone wants a copy; meeting next month is on the 2nd Thursday.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Ewald:

Ewald stated there was a presentation at the Board Meeting by Mr. Donelson, a science teacher at the high school; went with a class to San Diego over summer to a competition on underwater robotics; they built an underwater robot that competed with MIT and other universities as well as other high schools; received an award for best bang for your buck; for a \$400 or \$500 investment in robot they competed with other teams that spent upwards of \$10,000 or \$15,000 and came away with an award; proud we have such ingenuity in our community and are able to compete at a high level; congratulations to the team; appreciate the schools fostering such programs.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor:**

Mayor stated she had been pleased to announce last year our designation by Money magazine as being one of the best 100 places to live; got a call last week from Black Enterprise Magazine that we have been named one of the 20 best places to retire; we are number 12; this is the October 2008 issue; items looked at are quality of life, low taxes, leisure activities and climate; don't know how they found us but is a wonderful recognition for us

City Attorney: No Comment.**N. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Samuel thanked scouts and leaders for being here; lot more takes place outside of our

meetings; feel free to stay and ask any of us questions after the meeting.

Anderson also thanked scouts for being here as well as the high school students; part of your civic engagement is observing what is going on; also what goes on outside of these walls; very important election coming up; know that we got here as part of the democratic process; as you talk to us afterward or discuss some things remember the process and democracy that goes on; we are representing our wards and our residents at large; you too can sit up here one day if that is your desire; thank you for being here; glad to be able to answer questions you may have; was remiss in not mentioning an invitation from Franklin Soil & Water regarding their 62nd annual banquet on October 23 at Confluence Park; global climate change issues will be discussed by David Robinson.

Evers also thanked scouts for attending; offered congratulations to McGregor who is a new grandmother again with the birth of Alexander James this morning; doing double duty tonight as grandmother as well as Council member; thank all city employees who have worked so hard in the last 24 hours clearing the streets and helping residents; heard nothing but good comments.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:51 p.m. - Motion by Anderson.

Donna L. Jernigan, CMC
Senior Deputy Clerk of Council

APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2008.

Nancy R. McGregor
President of Council