



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Thomas R. Kneeland, President of Council
Stephen Renner, Vice President of Council
Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley, Brian D. Larick,
Jamie Leeseberg, Michael Schnetzer

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

Monday, May 18, 2015

7:00 PM

City Hall

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday May 4, 2015, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President Kneeland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President Renner delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on May 15, 2015.

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

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA. None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

President Kneeland called Mr. Edward Toney of 626 Harrow Court, Gahanna, Ohio.; Mr. Toney said he is dismayed by the violation of the Gahanna Charter Section 3.01 by Joseph Gergley this section called for the nonpartisan primary election; Mr. Gergley claimed to be the only Republican running; was quoted in the newspaper; unsure how Mr. Gergley is aware of the other candidates political leanings; ask that the Mayor invoke her judicial power as outlined in Section 3.03 of the Charter; Section 3.04 outlines her power; and ask that the Mayor direct the City Attorney or sitting Council to ask the Franklin County Board of Elections to de-certify the election of Joseph Gergley until such time that the laws of Gahanna are determined to be binding on all candidates; if found that the nonpartisan election rule can be openly violated, ask that the Council replace this charter paragraph and replace with partisan primary and partisan election in November.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Renner introduced the items under section D.

[ORD-0064-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENT WITH FRANKLIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE SYCAMORE RUN STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT.

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0065-2015](#) TO ACCEPT MONIES SEIZED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$593 AND AWARDED TO THE GAHANNA POLICE PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER NO. 13CV-13035; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$454 TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0066-2015](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Local Transportation Improvement Capital Streets

This Ordinance was introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2015-0101](#) May 4, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0058-2015](#) TO REZONE 8.04+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS SF-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND ROD SF-3, SINGLE FAMILY OVERLAY; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED ON KASON'S WAY IN FOXWOOD SECTION 3; CURRENT ZONING A COMBINATION SF-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND ROD SF-3, SINGLE FAMILY OVERLAY; JIM LIPNOS, HOMEWOOD CORPORATION, APPLICANT.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0059-2015](#) TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR RESUBDIVISION OF PART OF FOXWOOD SECTION 3; CONSISTING OF 3.520+/- ACRES EAST OF KASON'S WAY, NORTH OF PRESERVATION WAY; EMH&T, MATT KIRK, APPLICANT.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0063-2015](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE GAHANNA-JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO THE GAHANNA-JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

[MR-0028-2015](#) Motion Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the Equipment Replacement Program. Transfer detail attached.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Kneeland and Larick

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

[2015-0103](#) Committee Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2015

Committee of the Whole - Renner

No report.

Finance - Schnetzer

Schnetzer reminded everyone City has combination of new money and bond refinancing on Wednesday the 20th.

Service & Safety - Leeseberg

No report.

Development & Parks - Larick

No report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None.

Council

None.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Kneeland

Larick gave a reminder that CIC meets tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. in City Hall.

[2015-0105](#)

COG Board Structure E-committee Presentation

Angelou said she attended the Chamber and Government Day; MORPC Planning Commission met May 13th; Share Ohio get together, promising opportunity, you can visit their website; air quality alerts, had one this year, none last year; can sign up for air quality alerts at airquality.morpc.com; Phase of Insight 2015 raising funds; 116,000 needed, raised 66,000 ; Ohio Department of Transportation; traffic issues in Polaris being studied; OSU airport new advisory council; Columbus jet taskforce being sent forward; Rickenbacker looking to do new infrastructure; PACT is a large project heavily involved with the City of Columbus; regional data and mapping has added 5300 miles of sidewalk onto GIS.

Angelou introduced Mr. Tony Collins to give COG Board Structure E-Committee Presentation.

Mr. Collins said he has been involved with Central Ohio Greenways for the last 10 years; Big Walnut Trail is part of the Greenway system;

unified signs have been added to the Big Walnut Trail throughout Gahanna; has built a mapping system for the entire region; built a mapping system and website; you can see how to get from point A to point B and see construction updates and maintenance issues along the trails; recognizes we need more trails; highest priority to many citizens; Houston Parks & Recreation board announced a 50 million dollar contribution to put more trails on the ground; we are increasing the number of people utilizing our trails for recreation and transportation; next is a step-by-step action plan; looking forward to bringing the resources to Gahanna. See attached presentation.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Jolley

Nothing to report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley

Jolley said they had meeting this past Thursday; received email with positive feedback about the Gahanna airing on Good Day Cleveland on Fox 8 TV; generating a huge buzz; bringing a lot of positive interest in Gahanna; getting bus tours to the City to include one called "Girls Day Out" which has sold out; Blues and Jazz festival exceeded fundraising compared to last year; still need more volunteers for the event.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor touched briefly on FOX 8 airing that Jolley referenced; increasing citizen involvement by opening the Open Town Hall; seeking additional feedback in reference to the zoning change on South Hamilton Road; comments will go to Planning Commission; requests we urge citizens to utilize this new online tool; brought Young Professionals group to Gahanna; covered a number of leadership topics and featured sessions; Niel Jurist was a guest moderator for the panels and active member of the group; reminded everyone that this weekend we will celebrate Memorial Day, will be attending the VFW Mifflin Ceremony at 12:15 p.m. on Monday; will join Mr. Kneeland at brick dedication at 1:00 p.m.; request we take a moment on Monday to remember and honor our Veterans.

City Attorney

Not present.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Leeseberg recognized the 5k Run this past weekend at Highpoint Elementary; had a great turnout; over 400 people in 3 days signed up.

Angelou said the Parks and Recreation Foundation had their Herbal Affair this past Friday evening; wonderful opportunity.

Jolley said he participated a 100 mile 'pseudo bike race; joined people from over thirty states and other countries.

Kneeland participated in three business ribbon cuttings last week; excited about the new businesses opening in Gahanna; reminds everyone again that this weekend we celebrate Memorial Day; we have a signed joint use agreement from the Mayor of Whitehall, over a million dollars will be coming soon for the fiber build.

O. ADJOURNMENT

7:27 p.m.; Motion by Larick.

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2015.*

Thomas R. Kneeland