

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 20, 2010**

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

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Thomas R. Kneeland, President*

*Shane Ewald, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Brian D. Larick*

*John R. McAlister*

*Nancy McGregor*

*David L. Samuel*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday September 20, 2010, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President Thomas R. Kneeland called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Invocation was given by Council Member Shane Ewald followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on September 17, 2010.

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

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**B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Kneeland noted a change to the agenda is needed regarding ORD-0140-2010. Weber stated this item was tentatively planned for another discussion in committee next week; will be out of town so requesting postponement to October 18 instead of October 4 so it can be discussed on October 12 in committee.

MOTION by Ewald, seconded by Larick, to amend the consent agenda to show a postpone date of October 18, 2010 instead of October 4, 2010. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Ewald, Larick, Kneeland, McAlister, McGregor, Samuel, Anderson. Motion carried.

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Patrick Losinski, Executive Director of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 S. Grant Avenue stated he was here with Dewitt Harrell, our Chief Financial Officer who is a resident of Gahanna; here to give you a short briefing on the library levy ; is important to get out to suburban communities where we have branches, we have 21 locations throughout the county; Gahanna is a significant branch for us; it is the 3rd or 4th busiest in the system; we have always had great support in Gahanna; CML is a vital community institution who had 8.5 million visitors last year; 52,000 children registered for homework help last year; when economy turned south instituted Job Help centers during the day with 40,000 people seeking help; more than 2.3 million people signed up for computer usage in our buildings; these are people who don't have access to technology; like many institutions we have taken our lumps from the state; libraries are mostly state funded institutions; beginning in 2003 we have had a frozen budget from the state; we have lost \$11 million since 2008; have reduced our staff by 160; we have cut technology budget, deferred maintenance on buildings, and have tried to do everything we could to get to the expiration of our levy; we have had a reduction of hours for all employees and mandatory pay cuts for all salaried employees; have reduced hours to the public; levy is before us; this is our only means of local support; this levy was approved in 1986 at 2.2 mills and was renewed in 2000; asking for a renewal of 2.2 mills and an additional 0.6 mills; amounts to about \$86 annually on a \$100,000 home; this is more than half of our budget; if this does pass we hope to restore hours and bring materials budget back; have been named the #1 urban library in the country; this year we were named the National Library of the Year by the trade publication Library Journal. Kneeland stated the library system has a major distribution center here in Gahanna; if you have problems on the levy will there be impact on those facilities. Losinski stated we would be talking about half the buildings and half the staff; would be very significant; hopefully we don't have to go down that path; obviously we have a small marketing budget; please let your neighbors know about this; it is a grass roots effort with a lot of volunteers; appreciate your support as well.

**D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:**

**Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:**

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Samuel.

**ORD-0158-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH URS CORPORATION FOR FINAL DESIGN ENGINEERING OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE GIANT EAGLE DETENTION BASIN FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MCKENNA CREEK WATERSHED; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$24,000.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0160-2010**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Various Police Accounts

**Introduced**

**E. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes - To Approve:**

**2010-0052**

To approve the following sets of Minutes:

- 1) September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2) September 13, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes

**This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ordinances on Second Reading:**

**ORD-0149-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0150-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0151-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0152-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN WITH THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MAYOR'S COURT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0153-2010**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Development Planning

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**ORD-0155-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AND APPROVE THE FINAL RESOLUTION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FRA 317-18.00 PID NUMBER 80811; ALSO KNOWN AS THE HAMILTON ROAD/GRANVILLE STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT NO. 883; TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ODOT FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE PROJECT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**Ordinances - Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as Emergency:**

**ORD-0159-2010**

AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. ORD-0095-2007 AND ORD-0098-2007 TO REALLOCATE THE USE OF CERTAIN UNSPENT PROCEEDS OF THE CITY'S VARIOUS PURPOSE BONDS, SERIES 2007; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.**

**Postponed to Date Certain: October 18, 2010.**

**ORD-0140-2010**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TO ESTABLISH A DEVELOPMENT FUND; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$375,000

**This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain to the Committee of the Whole on the Consent Agenda.**

**Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:**

**RES-0013-2010**

TO HONOR AND COMMEND PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2010 GAHANNA SUMMER LUNCH CLUB

**This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.**

**RES-0014-2010**

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-0035-2010**

Motion Resolution to authorize the transfer of \$475 from Account No. 101.211.5328, Police, Detective Bureau Supplies, to Account No. 101.211.5510, Police, Minor Capital; additional funds needed for purchase of thermal printer for recording outputs from polygraph examinations.

**This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.**

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Samuel, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>7</b>	President of Council Kneeland, Vice President of Council Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, McAlister, Samuel and Larick
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## End of the Consent Agenda

Samuel read resolution "To Honor and Commend Participants in the 2010 Gahanna Summer Lunch Club" and presented it to Steve Hielkema of the Bridge of Gahanna; thanked all participants in this program.

Hielkema stated it was a pleasure to call Gahanna home and be able to serve in this capacity; this summer we served 4,500 meals to over 500 people; nationwide 1 in 7 children live in poverty; in Gahanna, our free and reduced lunch programs at the schools is 1 in 4; for the reduced lunch you can go up to 185% of poverty level; the need is out there; fortunate to have again this year the support of the school district; used 3 sites this year - Chapelfield, Goshen Lane, and Lincoln; also used First Baptist and Walnut Creek churches a few times; we asked for offerings and donations and received \$5,000 over the summer; over 500 people volunteered some time; that translated in dollars that came to us in the tens of thousands of dollars in real service to the community; thankful for the volunteerism; thankful for our community; great place to live, work, and play; looking forward to serving again next year; will be opening up our clearing house where we can connect those in need with those who care; make sure we meet the needs of our community in manageable and legitimate ways; have leased an office at 116 Granville Street; will be opening up in the next few weeks; trying to make this a year round effort not just in the summer; thank you for your help.

Anderson thanked Hielkema for his service and for The Bridge of Gahanna; asked what hours the office will be open. Hielkema replied that at this point the hours will be flexible on an as needed basis; when we have that need, will be getting to 10 to 15 hours a week range; will be based now on availability of volunteer staff and individuals who are in need; will set appointments to value their time as well as ours; want to make sure time spent is productive. Kneeland thanked Hielkema and the entire group for this huge good for the community; appreciate all these volunteer hours; shows a pure love of the community; thank you for your efforts.

### **F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

### **G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Development & Parks Committee - Anderson: No Report.**

**Public Service & Safety Committee - McAlister: No Report.**

**Committee of the Whole - Ewald: No Report.**

#### **Finance - Samuel:**

Kneeland stated there is a proposed time line for appropriations review; want to make sure we have sufficient time; that will be coming out soon; will be working with Mayor and staff to get that done.

### **H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

#### **Clerk - Legal:**

##### **2010-0051**

Notice to Legislative Authority of withdrawal of objection by the City to liquor permit for Big Daddy's Drive Thru, 1115 N. Hamilton Road.

**Received and Filed**

**2010-0053**

Notice to Legislative Authority of a stock transfer of a D5 liquor permit for Mr. Sushi, Inc., 1127 N. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Last day to file objections is October 18, 2010.

**Received and Filed**

**Council:**

Anderson stated we each received a letter from Mark White on community meetings to be held at middle schools on Clark Hall and the levy; Middle School West on September 20, Middle School East on September 22 and Middle School South on September 27; all will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Kneeland noted that we held a Plenary session with Planning Commission a couple of months ago and scheduled another meeting for October 6; ask everyone to look at their calendars and let Clerk know if you are planning on attending.

**I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**

**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.**

**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Ewald/Kneeland:**

Kneeland stated meeting was moved to September 21 to accommodate schedule conflicts.

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor:**

McGregor stated they met last Thursday; lengthy report on project priorities; 5 projects were in contention for ranking - Pickaway East-West Connector, I-71 Widening (Delaware/Morrow County), Pataskala Corporate Park Rail Spur, Downtown Columbus Bus Transit Center, and I-71/US36/SR37 Interchange Modification; long presentation on pros and cons of each project; we then ranked those projects; noticed today about programs where they have crosswalk stings; in Dublin and Columbus where they give warnings about stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks; may be extra funds available; forwarded to Chief Murphy today.

**Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Kneeland:**

Kneeland stated library was also at Board of Education meeting; was one other presentation of interest by Middle School West; had several students that had projects who gave an in depth review of how they accomplished their projects; exercise was based on project management skills and was very interesting.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Kneeland:**

Kneeland noted that the Holiday Lights Parade is handled through the CVB; was privatized several years ago from being city controlled; because of budget constraints the CVB Board voted to hold back and postpone the parade this year; will create a festival instead of the parade; will still be things going on for the holiday season; won't embellish too much as they want to present to Council soon; CVB did get an award from MIDDY award given by the Ohio Association of CVBs for their new web site.

**M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor:**

Stinchcomb stated the 45th annual Flea Market put on by the Historical Society was yesterday; city had a booth; passed out information and handled questions of residents and visitors; Hoyt, Braun and myself staffed the booth; some Council members were also in attendance; questions arose as to moving back to Olde Gahanna; thank Historical Society for the event; the Citizens Financial Advisory Committee is continuing to meet; they would like community members to submit ideas and a special e-mail address has been established; this is driven by members of committee; looking for ideas and suggestions by Friday October 8; attempting to meet around early November as a conclusion to their meetings; they have heard various presentations over the last 4 meetings; they are looking forward to beginning their own debate; pleased with their work so far.

**City Attorney:**

Weber stated we have heard about The Bridge; Gahanna Residents in Need have also had a lot of additional work; the pantry has been extremely busy; when we're thinking about groups in town, GRIN is also doing a lot of work.

**N. COUNCIL COMMENT**

McAlister stated he did get e-mail from citizen upset about traffic stop on Hamilton Road in midst of all the back ups recently; personally have wondered about our policy; on Granville Street during rush hour traffic heading east have seen a traffic stop that backs traffic up even more than it is; would like to see a little report during Public Service & Safety Committee next week on policy.

McGregor stated the flea market was a success; thank all City employees who worked with trash pickup and clean up; heard interest expressed about moving back to Olde Gahanna; had discussions about that; logistics will need to be figured out with regard to parking problems etc; vendors like it where it is; will be discussing that.

Anderson stated that regarding traffic flow, had a lot of calls about people not seeing signage as to access for getting into Gahanna from various points. many people were delayed by the backlog. Emery stated he assumed the reference was to the work the last couple of weekends; these are ODOT related; the first weekend we had no prior knowledge; the second we communicated exactly what ODOT had planned; because of the nature of the closures and detours just wasn't a lot we could do; as we receive information we will circulate that information as best we can; have been corresponding with Police and ODOT for alternative; needs to go a little bit further to forewarn; ODOT was informed by us of our dissatisfaction the first weekend; improved for this past weekend but will continue to try to make improvements; out of our control.

Anderson also gave kudos to Bridge of Gahanna and wanted to underscore the library convenience of educator cards and educator access to have resources available; also story time for little ones and meeting space; these are other things the library does.

Larick welcomed high school students back; sure you feel it was a short summer; understand you are here because it is required; everything you see around this city, what makes it happen starts here; if you see something you don't like or don't understand make sure we get input.

Samuel reminded students about committee meetings; if you want more in depth knowledge come to committee meetings; to our citizens, have been getting a lot of calls and e-mails about why we put so many levies on the ballot; remind people that the school levy and the Clark Hall portion of it is decided by the School Board; the fire levy is decided by Mifflin Township Trustees; City has no input on either issue; Flea Market was great; also enjoyed Dog Days at Hunters Ridge pool..

Ewald thanked everyone who participated in the Flea Market; was an excellent event; a time when community comes together; personally would like to see it back in Olde Gahanna;; also noted that organizations like GRIN and The Bridge have been a godsend for helping in our community.

Kneeland stated the Flea Market was awesome; parking was raised as an issue of moving it back to Olde Gahanna but remember we now have the parking garage; revenue could be generated; on another note, received several more e-mails from Mr. Lefchik and a few others; noise samples are being taken; as we continue to ponder the resolution to this, remember we dealt with Port Columbus several years ago on noise; they had remote noise meters; used when they were going to expand runways and also for us to allow zoning to take place - Hunters Ridge #13 comes to mind; is there anything from those types of remote noise meters that we can do to collect some more data; if there is something we can do to institute a similar reading we should investigate. Stinchcomb stated she is getting same e-mails; stressing that I am asking neighbors to continue to call Police Department; some say they have given up; asking them to continue to call; Development Department has reached out a number of times; looking at some on-site attenuation; have asked White to double her efforts to work with that particular site; will continue to work on this; we are not taking it for granted. Kneeland stated he did not mean to insinuate, just trying to think through the problem; there was a noise measurement device that was placed in specific locations; this is a special use case; measured over a period of time. White stated what you are talking about is old technology; everything is computerized now. Kneeland stated he was talking about doing something similar.

## O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(b) of the Council Rules of Procedure to discuss purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of public property through competitive bidding or public auction and to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual unless such public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual requests a public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes	7	President of Council Kneeland, Vice President of Council Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, McAlister, Samuel and Larick
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Council President Kneeland stated there would be no action taken after Executive Session noting City Attorney Weber, Mayor Stinchcomb, Director of Human Resources Treadway and Director of Parks & Recreation Collins would be needed in the Executive Session. Council rose to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. with all members returning to the dais.

## P. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00 p.m. - Motion by Anderson.



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Clerk's Signature

*APPROVED by the City Council, this  
day of 2010.*

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Chair Signature