

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 27, 1999

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Debra A. Payne

L. Nicholas Hogan

Robert W. Kelley, ex officio

Additional Attendees:

Director of Public Service Terry Jordan
City Engineer Karl Wetherholt
Water Resources Engineer George Jackson
Peg Cunningham, Clerk
Visitors & News Media

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Present: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Debra A. Payne and L. Nicholas Hogan

990411

TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Committee with Kneeland in attendance for his discussion requested more specific documentation of duties. Something in more detail as opposed to generic sheet from the employee audit. Jordan said the person will be cross trained for Dottie, Relva, and Water; will handle complaints and phone calls and will be back-up to that function; on-going studies for the fuel site. Would be a starting salary of \$27,000. Jordan continued that he had brought a girl in part time that had worked for a service director in Whitehall.

Kneeland noted talking to the Mayor this date, and the Mayor had inticated the position would probably not have to be filled this year and could wait for Appropriation time.

Committee requested the items noted by Jordan in writing, as well as a memo from the Mayor on his position in the matter.

Postpone for committee discussion in two weeks.

Referred to Service Committee

990412

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, WHICH PROVIDED RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Committee requested postponement as a companion ordinance to 990411.

Referred to Service Committee

990447

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ARNOLD & ASSOCIATES FOR APPRAISAL OF EASEMENTS FOR A PORTION OF THE EASTGATE TIF; EAST INDUSTRIAL SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 727; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$3,200; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

990448

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WAYNE E. PACE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATIONS AND ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR THE EAST INDUSTRIAL SANITARY SEWER PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$10,600 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wetherholt advised this work should be broken up into two ordinances; Wayne Pace would be using a company that does this and it might appear to be a conflict of interest; said he would have a specific contract.

Back to committee in two weeks.

Referred to Service Committee

990450

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Capital Projects, Streets

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

NEW LEGISLATION

Relocate PRV Near Intersection of Hamilton & 62 - Water Pressure

Request for \$29,000 to relocate pressure reducing valve near the intersection of Hamilton Road and U.S. Route No. 62; would increase water pressure for fire protection to the Castle Pines condominiums. Jackson advised that we previously adjusted, but now a wider intersection, so we want to move; will also put in a spool.

Refer to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Demolition of 6000 Taylor Road

Three proposals received, Jordan recommends lowest quote of \$5,695 from Hauling Solutions A.P.S., Inc., Funds are available from Account No. 230.350.5447, Storm Sewer, Miscellaneous.

ISSUES

Telephone System Update

Will be in Communications and Technology Committee on October 12.

Traffic Study - East Johnstown and Morse

Wetherholt explained that this will be similar to the one that we did with regard to the level of activity in the Triangle Area. The traffic study did not address a large enough territory; Wants to expand to include Morse and Johnstown; said this adds \$66,289; said \$5,300 is to MORPC to make the complete model larger; now will do Morse and Johnstown. Wetherholt advised getting into a discussion on the development Columbus is building across from Fairfield, which is a large integrated project; said it is most urgent to get the complete picture; said consultant used to work for City of Columbus; we will know projected development and to the north.

Question of whether the 62 & Morse intersection will change, and Wetherholt said that it would. Wetherholt reminded that it is multi jurisdictional: City of Columbus on the north, Gahanna is South, Franklin County has the bridge, and no way to do anything unless the bridge is widened; then the next bridge on the north is an ODOT bridge. Other entities are not going to work very fast; we could go ahead and start design and this information will support from traffic standpoint; would be public involvement meetings, which would be a requirement for grant funding.

Big Walnut Walkway - Overruns

Wetherholt advised Steve Carter still does not have complete engineering from Ziegler.

Retro-fit of John Deeres

Jordan said he was asking for \$24,000 to retro fit our John Deere tractors for snow removal; said this has been done by Dublin; can be used in residential courts; John Deeres have a sharper turning radius; give better visibility; did some pricing; we have two in our current fleet, and would cost \$12,000 each; would include blade and hydraulics; felt it would enhance fleet rather than buying big vehicle; they are saying 4-5 weeks to receive. On question of speed, Jordan said these would be used in cul de sacs, where you do not need speed. It was noted that the City collects a one-time cul de sac fee from developers.

Committee questioned the life expectancy of these retrofits. Jordan said that John Kring researched and added that they are regularly traded. Jordan said he will need a supplemental.

Committee noted the amount of ice that has accumulated on the streets. It was noted that the tractors would have more traction.

680 Johnstown Road - Hammonds Sewer

Wetherholt has done an extensive cost estimate for the Johnstown Road Sewer Extension. Wetherholt emphasized that the construction figures are not his, but rather are based on the Ohio Revised Code. Said he had used a perpendicular distance between two lot lines; said it is a one-side loaded sewer, so is expensive (as opposed to one which would incorporate property owners on both sides of the road.

Said he suggested that this be set up as a sewer district, with the City to recuperate when the land was rezoned or redeveloped. Wetherholt said you cannot force an assessment for a sewer line.

It was noted that Dutch Garrison on Stygler Road paid front footage fees.

Approximate figures discussed were: \$4,950 would be the base cost to the Hammonds under a district; less \$1,425 to be received for the easement; plus approximately \$2,000 to be paid by them for capacity charge. Then \$11,503 ($\$16,453 - \$4,950 = \$11,503$) would be paid at the time the property was sold or rezoned. A lien would be placed on the property to assure receipt of the \$11,503.

See Engineering Preliminary Estimate, attached hereto.

Committee requested back in two weeks with concrete figures and proposed legislation for the sewer district for this project.

Light at Gary Lee Drive and Hamilton Road

It was noted that a pedestrian at the crosswalk of Gary Lee Drive and Hamilton Road was stopped and advised that they did not have the right of way because there was a flashing light at the crosswalk, which gave vehicles the right of way. Hogan questioned if the light could be set so as to be activated by a pedestrian wishing to cross in the crosswalk. Wetherholt will check and advise committee.