



# City of Gahanna

## Meeting Minutes

### Development & Parks

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

*Stephen A. Renner, Chair, Ryan P. Jolley, Michael Schnetzer*

*Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council*

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Monday, November 24, 2014

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#### Immediately Following Finance

#### Members:

**Present** 2 - Stephen A. Renner, and Michael Schnetzer

**Absent** 1 - Ryan P. Jolley

#### Additional Attendees:

Brian D. Larick, Tony Collins, Anthony Jones, Clerk McWilliams.

**Renner called the Development and Parks Committee to order at 8:44 p.m.**

#### ITEMS - From the Department of Development

[2014-0182](#) Development Department Supporting Docs

#### 1. Community Improvement Corporation Contract

2015 contract between City and the Community Improvement Corporation; few changes in this year's contract; modifications to the optical fiber use agreement, which includes waiving the fee until 2016; extending the term of the urban development tax increment equivalent fund agreement, which expires at the end of 2015; changed references according to network service agreement with Bluemile, now Wide Open West, as well as minor housekeeping including opportunities for the Community Improvement Corporation to receive funds from the Gahanna Land Bank Program; Larick noted for Council's reference the contribution incurred from the Community Improvement Corporation has significantly improved over time and continues to become a strong asset to the City; Renner inquired request; Jones replied to have Council approve in preparation for next

year.

## 2. Convention & Visitor's Bureau Contract

2015 annual contract with the Gahanna Convention & Visitor's Bureau; same contract as last year with the dates updated.

**RECOMMENDATION: First reading; no need to come back; consent agenda**

## 3. Park Fee Modification

Jones reminded committee the Park Fee changes brought forth to committee a month ago; made some restructuring since then; Park Fee changes are to accommodate market variation as it relates to residential development; Park Fees are designed to create revenue per residential unit and apply to park equipment to support the activities that the residents would have in our City parks; more multi-family than single-family, which was what it was originally designed to be for; modifying to incorporate residences that would otherwise not be included in the Park Fee; Schnetzer concurred the update is needed, we have addressed single-family, multi-family, as senior living exists at many levels; is it appropriate to also address senior living as well; Jones replied the Park Fee modifications include language to address a variety of senior living of all levels and omit senior living not applicable to Park Fees; Renner inquired how these changes compare to other suburbs in Ohio; Collins replied the levying of the fee is standard throughout; surveyed 13 communities and Gahanna's fees were the least at \$150 and at the top was Dublin at \$1,000; decided to take the middle ground and choose a \$500 amount; Jones noted previous language was too broad and clarification was needed; Schnetzer inquired what the fee schedule is for the fee amount; Collins replied there's currently no fee schedule, but research will be done on park impact code: land piece and dollar piece to obtain more information and develop the schedule; Schnetzer suggested a review of Park Fees in one year instead to evaluate the effectiveness of the changes; noted increasing to the median over time; Jones recommended analysis and change in the first quarter of 2015, which would include that assessment; Renner inquired if any park expense could be used by the obtained funds; Collins replied no; but could be used to provide access to or improve access to parks and park development, but could not be used for park maintenance. Larick inquired if the language for residential and non-residential is all encompassing and captures all residences that should be affected; Jones confirmed; Larick inquired if there's a way to capture intent without specification; Jones replied he is confident in the languages effectiveness, but there may be issues with temporary commercial housing; Renner inquired what the request and timetable is for this

matter; Jones replied to request that Council codify these changes into the Park Fee code; Clerk's clarity, codification takes 30 days to become effective, would be beneficial to take this matter to Committee of the Whole; Renner concurred; Renner noted two options: bring matter to Committee of the Whole or bring matter to Council as first reading and back to Committee of the Whole.

**RECOMMENDATION: First Reading; Committee of the Whole**

**Renner adjourned Parks & Development at 8:55 p.m.**