

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 2, 2012

A Reception Will Be Held Beginning at 5:45 p.m.

7:00 PM

City Hall

City Council

Beryl D. Anderson

Karen J. Angelou

Ryan P. Jolley

Brian D. Larick

Stephen A. Renner

David L. Samuel

Brandon Wright

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council

A. INTRODUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS:

REBECCA W. STINCHCOMB, Mayor: Oath administered by Thomas L. Weber, Esq.

SHANE W. EWALD, City Attorney: Oath administered by Thomas L. Weber, Esq.

KAREN J. ANGELOU, Council At Large: Oath administered by Richard Angelou.

RYAN P. JOLLEY, Council At Large: Oath administered by Mark Mallory, Mayor of Cincinnati.

DAVID L. SAMUEL, Council At-Large: Oath administered by Thomas L. Weber, Esq.

STEPHEN A. RENNER, Council Ward 1: Oath administered by Shane W. Ewald, Esq., City Attorney.

BRIAN D. LARICK, Council Ward 3: Oath administered by Thomas L. Weber, Esq.

BRANDON WRIGHT, Council Ward 2: Oath administered by Thomas L. Weber, Esq.

BERYL D. ANDERSON, Council Ward 4: Oath administered by Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee-Brown.

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

After the 7:00 p.m. swearing in of all elected officials the Honorable Mayor Rebecca W. Stinchcomb called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to Charter and delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Thomas L. Weber, Esq.

Members Present: Brian D. Larick, Stephen Renner, Karen J. Angelou, David L. Samuel, Beryl D. Anderson, Ryan P. Jolley and Brandon Wright

C. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Jolley, to appoint Brian D. Larick as President of Council for the year 2012. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

D. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to appoint Stephen A. Renner as Vice President of Council for the year 2012. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

E. APPOINTMENTS:

Board of Zoning & Building Appeals - 3 Year Term: Don Jensen:

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Anderson, to reappoint Donald W. Jensen to a 3 year term on the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

Civil Service Commission - 3 Year Term: Paul Bittner:

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, to reappoint Paul Bittner to a 3 year term on the Civil Service Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

Civil Service Commission - Unexpired Term ending 12/31/13: Mark Foster:

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Anderson, to appoint Mark Foster to the unexpired term on the Civil Service Commission ending December 31, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

Landscape Board - 3 Year Term: Ken Shepherd:

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, to reappoint Ken Shepherd to a 3 year term on the Landscape Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

Parks & Recreation Board - 3 Year Term: Eric Miller:

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Angelou, to reappoint Eric Miller to a 3 year term on the Parks & Recreation Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

Planning Commission - 3 Year Term: Kristin Rosan:

A motion was made by Jolley, seconded by Angelou, to reappoint Kristin Rosan to a 3 year term on the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

Planning Commission - 3 Year Term: David B. Thom:

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Anderson, to reappoint David B. Thom to a 3 year term on the Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Stinchcomb announced the following appointments:
Board of Zoning & Building Appeals, 3 year term: Debra Mecozzi
Civil Service Commission, 3 year term: Paul W. Leithart
Landscape Board, 3 year term: Jane Allinder
Parks & Recreation Board, 3 year term: Luke Messinger

Planning Commission, 3 year term: Thomas J. Wester, P.E.

F. ESTABLISH TIME AND DAY: Regular Council Meetings; Committee Meetings:

A motion was made by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, that Regular Council meetings be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, unless Monday falls on a holiday, then on the next Tuesday; Council Committees to be held on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month, unless Monday falls on a holiday then on the next Tuesday at the time established in the Rules of Council . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

G. ADOPTION OF RULES OF COUNCIL:

A motion was made by Jolley, seconded by Renner, to adopt Rules of Procedure of Council dated January 18, 2011 with President to assign review of the rules to Committee of the Whole for January 9. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

H. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

President Larick made the following assignments:

Community Improvement Corporation - Stephen A. Renner and President Larick.

Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission - Karen Angelou.

Convention & Visitors Bureau: Ryan Jolley.

Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education: Rotational as follows:

January 12	Larick
February 9	Anderson
March 8	Angelou
April 12	Jolley
May	Renner
June 14	Samuel
July 12	Wright
August 9	Larick
September 13	Anderson
October 11	Angelou
November 8	Jolley
December 13	Renner

Office & Industrial Incentive Advisory Committee: Stephen Renner & President Larick.

Parks & Recreation Foundation: Brandon Wright

Tax Incentive Review Council: Dave Samuel.

Community Urban Redevelopment Council: Beryl D. Anderson in a continuation of existing term.

Hamilton Road Corridor Study Committee: President Larick.**I. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:**

Committee of the Whole:	Stephen Renner, Chair, All Members of Council
Finance & Development:	Dave Samuel, Chair, Ryan Jolley, Karen Angelou
Parks, Service & Safety:	Beryl D. Anderson, Chair, Stephen Renner, Brandon Wright
Special Committees:	None at this time.

Committee of the Whole to meet at 7:00 p.m. as needed. Other committees to meet immediately following Committee of the Whole or 7:00 if Committee of the Whole does not meet.

J. ADJOURNMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: 7:20 p.m. - Motion by Angelou.**K. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER: 7:21 p.m.****L. HEARING OF VISITORS: None.****M. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:**

Ordinance introduced, by title, by Renner.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

ORD-0006-2012 TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 0.29+- ACRES INCLUDING ROADWAY RIGHT OF WAY FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, LOCATED AT 4427 EAST JOHNSTOWN; REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

N. CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes - To Approve:**

2012-0001 To approve the following set of Minutes:
1) December 19, 2011.

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:

ORD-0001-2012 TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012.

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

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

ORD-0002-2012 TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012; TO REPEAL ORD-0002-2011; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0003-2012

TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR COMMAND STAFF PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012; TO REPEAL ORD-0003-2011; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0004-2012

TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012; TO REPEAL ORD-0004-2011; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0005-2012

TO ESTABLISH THE RATES OF PAY FOR PART-TIME PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012; TO REPEAL ORD-0005-2011; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

ORD-0007-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION TO REPRESENT INDIGENT PERSONS BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS UNDER GAHANNA ORDINANCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

Passed The Consent Agenda

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

Yes 7 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

End of the Consent Agenda

O. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

P. STANDING COMMITTEES: No Reports.

Q. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal: No Report.

Council: No Report.

R. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

S. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**T. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS:****Motion****MR-0001-2012**

Motion Resolution that in accordance with ORC 5705.41D this Council imposes a limit of \$5,000 on a blanket purchase order against any line-item account over a period not to extend beyond the end of the current fiscal year; also this Council authorizes the use of super blanket purchase orders in an amount not to exceed an appropriation from a specific line item account over a period not to extend beyond the current year.

Angelou stated she won't be voting yes; my hope was that there would have been some policy written on this that we would be able to more actively engage and to be able to find out if this is working well; that won't be happening; do believe it is the fiduciary responsibility of this Council and due diligence that I respectfully be voting no on this.

Samuel stated that going back to 12/12/11 we discussed this issue with our Director of Finance; at that time it was told to us that we currently use blanket purchase orders as an administrative tool on a regular basis; is nothing new for us; also the reason we are doing it is that the State Auditor suggested that we impose limitations in accordance with ORC; these are used for materials and supplies for quantities and a source that are unknown; administration, through the Finance Department, has recommended we pass this; also at that time our Finance Director made the statement that they are always open for our review; any Council member or anyone can review purchases under this blanket purchase program we are proposing; also other cities, other entities, school boards, use this process and have been doing it for many years; expedites purchases which can save money; if we want to know all we have to do is ask and they give us information; will be voting yes.

Jolley stated he would echo comments by Samuel; also say that the ability to use blanket purchase orders provides the efficiency in every day actions without having to do paperwork every time we need to purchase nails or screws, electricity or fuel; transparency is there; all these records are publicly available; Council still has oversight as we will be provided with a report quarterly; can at any point check on this at any other period of time.

Angelou stated she is formally requesting for myself to have a weekly written report; I have that formal request today to give to Teal who has been more than adequately wonderful in explaining things to me and making sure that this is not going to be an issue for her to give to me; formally requesting it this evening; copy for Mayor, Teal, Council office and any press in attendance.

Wright said this motion resolution doesn't indicate we will be getting quarterly updates. Larick stated it was outside of the motion resolution; there is a quarterly update by the Finance Department; that information will be provided in that quarterly review.

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Samuel, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 President Larick, Renner, Samuel, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

No 1 Angelou

U. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC): No Report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC): No Report.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools: No Report.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB): No Report.

V. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor: No Report.

City Attorney: No Report.

W. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Angelou offered congratulations to Council members, Stinchcomb and Ewald this evening and to Larick and Renner as being elected President and Vice President; looking forward to a year that is very productive, very transparent and full of lots of communication.

Jolley stated he wished to thank residents for giving him this opportunity to serve; thank Mayor Mark Mallory of Cincinnati for swearing me in; thank my fellow Council members for their willingness to serve the community as well as the Mayor and City Attorney; look forward to a great year working with all of you on behalf of the residents of Gahanna.

Wright stated he would like to thank everyone who supported him through the election bid and the drama after election; thank you to Jolley and Larick for entertaining me when I was in the audience as a curious citizen; thank you as well to the Mayor for being very open; do appreciate that; anybody in the audience interested in the workings of Council, this is a good start; there is lots to come.

Samuel thanked everyone and congratulated everyone sworn in tonight; also mention that on the screen is Gahanna's vision and mission statement; point out to all new members; we will have a few tough years in the future where we need to remember the mission of providing comprehensive services, financial stability, and well-planned development; at the same time we need to continue to be responsible, accessible and accountable; keep that mission in front of us.

Anderson stated she would like to thank residents for this opportunity to serve for a third term; thank my family who makes sacrifices so I can do what I do for the greater good; thank Justice Yvette McGee Brown for swearing me in; congratulations to my colleagues; to those in the audience thank you for supporting us and this is just the tip of the iceberg; lot of our work gets done in committees which are all open to the public; please come and for any students or those who know students who have to come for government class credit, tell them to come even when it's not for credit; we need each and every one of you in helping to make a difference; everybody has their own unique gift and talent and we need more people interested in what is going on; we are in the midst of hard times and we need to hear your voice and your views; what kind of Gahanna you want to live in; welcome that input and dialogue; thank you for coming; Happy New Year.

Renner stated he wished to thank his family; my wife who stood behind me; ran at large in 2007 and stood with me through this last time around; thank voters of ward 1 for entrusting me with this position; will faithfully and impartially carry out the duties of this position; want everyone to take a good look and if you have not had the opportunity to meet everybody up here, this year you have a whole set, at least 6, of highly intelligent and gifted colleagues; please take the time to meet them; congratulate Mayor and City Attorney; thank Ewald for swearing me in.

Larick stated he wished to thank his family for support, not only in this but in supporting me in day to day life; in this activity that I have become very engaged in; very much enjoy working for the city and trying to do the best for this city that I do feel passionate about; congratulate all those elected and sworn in this evening; everyone; thank staff and employees of the city; you do a very good job and a lot of hard work; thank you; now the work begins; we will continue to move forward and accomplish all we can this year and continue to make Gahanna the best city we possibly can.

X. ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 p.m. - Motion by Anderson.

Clerk's Signature

APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of **2012.**

Chair Signature