

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 19, 2012**

**Council May Meet in Caucus Beginning at 6:45 p.m.**

**7:00 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Brian D. Larick, President  
Stephen A. Renner, Vice President*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Karen J. Angelou*

*Ryan P. Jolley*

*David L. Samuel*

*Brandon Wright*

*Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Meeting on Monday, November 19, 2012, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President of Council Brian D. Larick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Invocation was given by Council Member Samuel followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Wright. Agenda for this meeting was published on November 16, 2012.

**Members Absent:** Stephen Renner

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

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

Motion by Samuel, seconded by Anderson, to move ORD-0211-2012 from the Consent Agenda to Item D, Introductions and Assignment to Committee. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Samuel, Anderson, Angelou, Jolley, Larick, Wright. Motion passed.

**C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

Dr. Hugh Clark, CJI Research, presented the results of the resident survey. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Council office. President Larick thanked Dr. Clark for his presentation and asked for questions

Anderson asked about methodology; number of people sampled. Clark stated the key demographic is all registered voters; tend to be older, slightly higher in income, more active in citizen participation; if general population had 15% over age of 60 then the registered voter list would be 20% over age 60. Anderson asked how were people selected. Clark stated random selection; done in two ways; first was systematic match of telephone numbers and second within that set random sampling; secondly that left us with people with no listed phone number; mailed to them through a random selection; good overall response; 400 completions each year. Anderson stated you referenced the American Community data. Clark stated this is done by Census Bureau; continuing survey; not a lot of respondents in community this size. Anderson stated referencing that to wards, graduate degrees, etc. wasn't sure where their data was. Clark stated he had not compared the two; remember there were a couple of changes; one is time in national change in issues; also change in methodology; was saying that would be useful exercise to compare it to other sources of data; could tell them a real demographic change took place; ACS runs behind because they have to aggregate.

Jolley stated he had one question not related specifically to Gahanna but in general experience, sharp disparity between cell phone exclusively and those partial use and rating of city; those who use exclusively are more likely to use Internet etc to get news; with data of this type, suggesting that people using those outlets are not consuming news stories but person to person opinion based versus a news article. Clark stated he is sure there will be several surveys coming out; we are in such flux and so dynamic as you saw in coverage of polling information; do have another client looking into it; finding similar kinds of things regarding isolation and communication.

Wright stated he liked how you explained methodology; with regard to what Jolley posed, how would you quantify; would be interesting; can you quantify. Clark said expect we can; becomes difficult to sample people; much more difficult now than 5 years ago and will be more difficult 5 years from now; nature of doing surveys is changing so fast we are struggling to keep up; Gallup Poll was way off in presidential

election by not treating cell phone sample properly; can it be quantified, sure it can but not right now.

Samuel asked if Clark had seen survey examining community involvement in PTA's, attending meetings, etc. Clark stated there is a lot of research in that; noticed decline and realize that we are not associating in same manner; we live in dense neighborhoods; go to different churches not necessarily in the neighborhood; we are more isolated; reference Robert Putnam and his book *Bowling Alone*; true that any kind of activity leads to other activities; how do you capture some of these folks that are on the fringes of the information world and are not constrained by local boundaries; spend as much time with cousin in Italy than they do their local community.

Angelou stated it puts me in a quandary; we know about the demise of print media and that we are not reaching many of the people; even if they are using social media, it is not in the in depth way a newspaper article can; are there any clues that may get us down a better path; this Council did an evening going over budget; we are here tomorrow with appropriations; yet without that knowledge, even on website, wondering how we address the issue to bring in as many people as possible to give us an indication of their desires. Clark stated that public relations folks have a major challenge; am not an expert on how to handle; one of the things noticed in the data gives a little clue; look at the ages of the population voting and their use of different kinds of media, you will see that one of them is that the people between 35 and 45 are more likely than younger to be using LinkedIn; more people with graduate degrees are on LinkedIn; more in tune with economic development; may be a way to tie them together; like any organizational effort it takes an individual or two or three to connect; same with facebook; have to have some core folks; some advocates and have those advocates steer people to notifications. Angelou stated there is a lot done by hearsay that is not always accurate; get different views based on the accuracy of the information going out; puts a lot of onus on individual citizen. Clark stated that if you think back about 20 years there were only 3 networks and probably one daily newspaper, sometimes two; if you were a registered voter you would read the paper; was editorial governance of the messages; spoke common language; then that started to break down; was involved with OCLC and Warner Communications back then in communication; Warner Qube was out; they were experimenting with first on-line banking, cable was coming out with many channels, and a representative from AT&T had no idea what I was talking about; AT&T was not prepared to deal with advent of narrow tasking, increase in number of channels, etc.; didn't know what was going to hit them. this is the slope that has increased and you are in a difficult position to try and communicate.

Larick thanked Clark for coming; when will we receive the formal document. Clark stated it would be available shortly; is done but needs to be edited; should have it next week. Braun stated she will send the power point to Council and forward the final report when received.

Jill Schuler, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, stated she commends City for having survey done; without it you can think you are doing your job but to residents you aren't; on behalf of the citizens thank you for doing it; last week was the Ohio School Board Association statewide conference; sent principals along with administrators and School Board members; core curriculum changes in grade 3 was major topic; came away feeling good about what we are doing as a district; miles ahead of other areas in assessing our kids, testing, and this transition with 3rd grade reading guarantee; building on changes we have been making; we do have solar panels going on some buildings; high school is being worked on right now; continue to look at ways to reduce costs; not saving as much as we could be; continue to implement other cost savings measures; also

finally GJEF fundraiser has been set for February 23 at Villa Milano; raised \$112,000 last year; over \$1 million since inception; provides grants for our teachers to do special programs; did hear through our interview process with Scruci that there are Foundations that provide nothing; as a community we are so giving and supportive of our schools; will be looking for a new School Board member; can't do anything to formalize until resignation is submitted; upon that notice will put out a notice to fill the position; go through an interview process; we have 30 days and then goes to probate judge if we don't make a decision; by January 7 hope to have begun the process.

Angelou stated there was a wonderful article in today's Dispatch about the disabled group; taught with Cheryl for a number of years; were very innovative teachers who put that program together; wonderful asset for schools that being on the front page; hope that will be on your website. Schuler stated it is on my facebook page; will forward to people to let them know. Angelou stated it is a fact that schools are key indicator of quality of life; need to have a strong school system; want you to be successful.

Samuel stated that with all this information need to look again at government courses at high school; sure there needs to be more effort there with regard to townships and municipal government; need more effort. In response to question, Schuler stated that the person appointed to the Board will have to run for the seat at the next general election; next November would have 4 board seats up; not an enviable position; will be Yoder, Mounts, myself and new appointee. Samuel stated that on November 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Clark Hall, Scruci will be meeting with residents regarding solar panels.

Anderson asked about the status of gifted and talented program and how do cuts square with what other school districts are doing. Schuler stated we have not cut any programs. Anderson asked if it was still starting at 3rd grade. Schuler stated not every school has the program; for example Highpoint does have the program but Jefferson does not; if you would qualify for the program and attended Jefferson you would then go to Highpoint; other option we offer is a differentiated program; parents choose not to send to another school then we would have a particular differentiated instruction for those kids; as far as cuts, to my knowledge, haven't made any since last round of cuts way back.

Jolley stated that with reference to solar panels know there are those out there who are not enthused; however, commend you for your innovative ideas such as Clark Hall and solar panels; don't give in to those who are not open to this kind of innovative ideas; commend you for that.

Renner entered the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

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## D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Jolley.

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

#### ORD-0211-2012

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AT&T TO RENEW OUR CENTREX SERVICE CONTRACT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced, to Parks, Service & Safety****ORD-0212-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ROCKWOOD CLEANERS FOR DRY CLEANING SERVICE FOR POLICE UNIFORMS FOR 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced****ORD-0213-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A 2 YEAR AGREEMENT WITH CAL'S TOWING TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR 2013 AND 2014; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced****ORD-0214-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH BROAD & JAMES TOWING TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR 2013 AND 2014; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced****ORD-0215-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PETITION THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING A CHANGE IN SPEED LIMIT FOR TAYLOR STATION ROAD FROM TAYLOR ROAD TO CROSS POINTE ROAD, AND TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY SPEED LIMIT WITHIN THE CORPORATION LIMIT OF 35 MPH.

**Introduced****ORD-0216-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF HAMILTON ROAD BETWEEN CLARK STATE ROAD AND JOHNSTOWN ROAD/U.S. ROUTE 62; SAID PROJECT IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

**Introduced****ORD-0217-2012**

TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1181 CLAYCRAFT ROAD FROM WOOD WERKS SUPPLY, LLC

**Introduced****ORD-0218-2012**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 194 ACADEMY WOODS DRIVE FOR STORM SEWER AND APPURTEANCES THERETO; FROM BROCK DIETRICH.

**Introduced****ORD-0219-2012**

TO ACCEPT DEED OF EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1035 EASTCHESTER DRIVE FOR STORM SEWER AND APPURTEANCES THERETO; FROM DANIEL DONOVAN.

**Introduced****ORD-0220-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Hotel/Motel Tax

**Introduced****ORD-0221-2012**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Stormwater Fund to Water Fund

**Introduced****ORD-0222-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Franklin County Plumbing Fees

**Introduced**

[ORD-0223-2012](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Electrical Inspector Contract

**Introduced**[ORD-0224-2012](#)

TO AMEND THE ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE AS REFERENCED IN CHAPTER 148, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT; TO INCLUDE REVISIONS TO THE BUILDING FEES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

**Introduced**[ORD-0225-2012](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU FOR THE 2013 CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**[ORD-0226-2012](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND ASEBROOK & CO. ARCHITECTS, LLC, FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES FOR 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**[ORD-0227-2012](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND MEACHAM & APEL ARCHITECTS, INC., FOR PLAN REVIEW SERVICES FOR 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**[ORD-0228-2012](#)

TO APPROVE A DEBT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF GAHANNA

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole**[ORD-0229-2012](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AFS WEB FOR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE.

**Introduced**[ORD-0231-2012](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO STEELWORKERS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT; AS PROVIDED FOR IN ORD-0034-2011, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE NEGOTIATED LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STEEL, PAPER & FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL; TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2013; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**[ORD-0232-2012](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, A DIVISION OF CIGNA INSURANCE COMPANY FOR LIFE INSURANCE/AD&D INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**[ORD-0233-2012](#)

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GRANICUS, TO UPGRADE THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (LEGISTAR); TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$25,200; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced****ORD-0234-2012**

TO REESTABLISH WARDS IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA; TO REDISTRICT SAID FOUR WARDS IN A MANNER EQUITABLE TO THE POPULATION THEREIN; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 248-2001; TO AMEND CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

**Introduced****ORD-0235-2012**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$11,300,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING BONDS ISSUED IN 2005 FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AUTHORIZING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT APPROPRIATE FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE BONDS.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole****ORD-0236-2012**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$8,850,000 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING BONDS ISSUED IN 2007 FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AUTHORIZING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT APPROPRIATE FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE BONDS.

**Introduced, to Committee of the Whole****Statutory Resolutions Requiring Two Readings:****SR-0003-2012**

A STATUTORY RESOLUTION MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS AS PERMITTED IN SECTIONS 3735.65 TO 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AREA #3 AND TO MODIFY THE TAX EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE WITHIN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #3.

**Introduced****E. CONSENT AGENDA:****Minutes - To Approve:****2012-0041**

To approve the following set of minutes:

1) November 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:****ORD-0230-2012**

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 513.12, DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, AND TO ENACT CODE SECTION 513.121, MARIHUANA DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, OF CHAPTER 513, DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Ordinances on Second Reading:****ORD-0200-2012**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 929, WATER CONNECTIONS AND RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

**ORD-0201-2012**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 921, SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS AND RENTAL RATES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

**ORD-0202-2012**

TO AMEND CODE SECTION 927.17, CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND ERU ASSIGNMENT AND RATE, OF CHAPTER 927, STORM SEWERS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

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

**ORD-0203-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Refuse Program Escrow

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

**ORD-0205-2012**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Council Minor Capital

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

**ORD-0206-2012**

TO CREATE THE FULL TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF GIS TECHNICIAN IN THE TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT; TO ESTABLISH DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO SET COMPENSATION; AND TO TRANSFER FUNDS.

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

**ORD-0207-2012**

TO AMEND ORD-0002-2012, AS AMENDED BY ORD-0017-2012, WHICH PROVIDES RATES OF PAY AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012; IN ORDER TO ADD THE NEWLY CREATED POSITION OF GIS TECHNICIAN.

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

**ORD-0208-2012**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Hunters Ridge Pool

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

**ORD-0209-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO RENEW CONTRACT FOR AT&T ILEC LOCAL PRIVATE LINE SERVICE, T1 LINE, FOR THE SERVICE AND PARKS FACILITY, 152 OKLAHOMA AVENUE.

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

**ORD-0210-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A TRANSFER EXEMPT PERMIT APPLICATION TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR SMASHBURGER, 109 NORTH HAMILTON ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

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

**Ordinance - To Amend by Substitution and Adopt, As Emergency****ORD-0204-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AT 960 BRICKLAWN AVENUE TO REKLAMATION, LLC

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

**Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:****RES-0015-2012**

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE RENEWAL OF LIQUOR PERMITS TO BAR 62,

LLC, KNOWN AS "LOUNGE 62", 953 E. JOHNSTOWN ROAD & PATIOS,  
GAHANNA, OHIO 43230

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

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Samuel, 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**

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

**Finance & Development - Samuel:**

Samuel stated Finance Department is creating a debt policy and other interesting things. Angelou stated the Debt Policy will be in Committee of the Whole next week.

**Parks, Service & Safety - Anderson: No Report.**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk:**

Clerk stated Legistar will be down Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to Midnight for annual quality check and maintenance.

**Council: No Report.**

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

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

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

**L. REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Renner:**

Renner stated the meeting is at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow evening in committee rooms.

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

Angelou stated meeting was held on November 8; the bylaws update is a proposal of the Bylaws Committee; has been worked on for the last 5 years; will be looked at next month and then go through process of going to various communities for approval; reviewed several resolutions that were passed; received draft public policy agenda for 2013; honed down and moved some of the actions steps; designed and sent to all

communities; with regard to State operating budget, most recent information brought is that right now there is a 51% chance of no further cuts to local government fund; those that have voted for in the past are not willing to do any more; more that there were no more cuts not that they were coming back to restore some cuts; E911 was reauthorized; was a sunset of 12/31; very important that this be reauthorized; problem is the fee at 28 cents a month; want that dropped to 20 cents; Kasich would like it to be permanent; MORPC is sending letter in support; we were told that HB601 seeks to revise income taxes in cities; not about uniform collection; that is dead; indeed this ends up being a placeholder bill; gets it on the docket; will be changed dramatically as it goes along; little chance that it will be passed this year; is in its initial stages.

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

Renner stated it was a long meeting; each of the principals gave an update on things that are happening at their schools; 10 teachers were recognized by National Education Association; 6 students were recognized as National Merit Scholars; Chinese outreach program is moving along; learned a lot about the Community School; has 107 students currently; dedicated towards students that are at risk; could be health related or a whole list of other reasons; placement is by recommendation from teachers or counsellors.

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

Jolley stated they met last week for last scheduled meeting; as you know Executive Director Karen Eylon moved to Washington DC; are actively seeking her replacement; committee established to review; probably a special meeting at some point; quite a few resumes submitted from all across the country; narrowing that list down; CVB has been busy gearing up for Holiday Lights Parade; grant that CVB applied for to AEP is offsetting some more lighting; CVB has been talking about setting up a reserve policy for operating funds; in discussions whether or not to have a reserve fund and determining how much and what uses it can be used for. on a good note there is continued increase in bed tax revenue.

**Central Ohio Transit Authority - Samuel:**

Samuel stated next meeting is Wednesday.

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

Stinchcomb stated that Council has invited the public to attend a public forum to discuss the 2013 appropriations; tomorrow beginning at 7:00 p.m.; thank City Council for continued commitment to the budget process; congratulate the CVB and Parks & Recreation for a great Holiday Tree Lighting; estimate about 2,000 people attended; more than 150,000 lights in Creekside Park's Winter Wonderland are beautiful; this Friday is the Holiday Lights Parade which steps off at 6:00 p.m.; for a list of events during the holidays visit [www.VisitGahanna.com](http://www.VisitGahanna.com); the Winter/Spring 2013 Gateway will be delivered in The Bag on Sunday, December 2; will also be on our website; lost a special member of our community over the weekend - Ron Piehler passed away unexpectedly; moved here as a child and was a 1947 graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School; was very involved in our community from Boy Scouts, to committees, serving on the Board of the Olde Gahanna Community Partnership and was one of our first Grand Marshals of our Holiday Lights parade; thoughts and prayers go out to his family. he will be missed; wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

**City Attorney:**

Ewald asked for donations for the care package for Marine Corps; box is in the front lobby; encourage you to donate; GRIN does a great job in our community and donate for that also.

## N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Jolley wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Samuel stated we need to be more proactive regarding local government and promote those local government funds; need to work with our new representatives to help us out; thank 3 students and teacher who are here tonight; contact us any time you have questions; wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Renner thanked everyone for their patience at his tardiness this evening; youngest son had a holiday musical at school this evening; wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Anderson thanked students who came this evening; is good to see local government in action; get surprises now and then; also thank teacher for being here; know that is the catalyst for students being here; this is the month in which we recognize veterans; picture display this month are relatives of employees who served in military; please take note of that; for tomorrow evening may not be here; Wednesday is most highly traveled day of the year and we need to travel; generally leave on Tuesday; nevertheless will be reading the transcript; look forward to getting lots of input; have been out in Ward 4 telling people about it; we value the input of the community; it is your money; please tell your friends to come out; Happy Thanksgiving.

Wright stated with regard to HB601, Municipal Income Tax, understand it is a placeholder bill; changes will be made; any time you have a larger government saying we can run it better, you have to look at the details; we have to stay on top of this; need to talk to our State Senator and Representative; we as a city can't fall behind on that; know I will be making my effort; very important; Happy Thanksgiving.

Angelou stated she would respond that these are priorities of MORPC and legislative effort; information was given to let you know that bill would be changing more in line with what we want; something that has been ongoing; veterans tribute was truly delightful recognizing women in the military; Jeff Hogan was a great emcee; Becky Kneeland wrote a tribute he read which brought everyone to tears; wonderful tribute to our veterans; was worthwhile going to; Happy Thanksgiving.

Larick stated he would just like to give another reminder about the public forum tomorrow night on City finances; have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

## O. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Samuel, 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 Larick, Renner, Samuel, Angelou, Jolley, Anderson and Wright

Council rose to Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. President stated no action would be taken after the Executive Session. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. with all members returning to the dais.

**P. ADJOURNMENT: 9:06 p.m. - Motion by Samuel.**

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**Donna L. Jernigan, MMC**  
**Senior Deputy Clerk of Council**

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

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**Chair Signature**