

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 28, 2000

7:30 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Michael O'Brien

L. Nicholas Hogan

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Karl Wetherholt, ex officio

Members Present: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Michael O'Brien and L. Nicholas Hogan

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Debra Payne, Mayor McGregor, Raleigh Mitchell, Jerry Isler, Karl Wetherholt, Tom Komlanc, John Humphries, George Jackson; Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION

ORD-0202-2000

TO ACCEPT THE STREET PORTION OF IMPROVEMENT NO. 743; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, KNOWN AS CROSSROADS COMMERCE CENTER; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Council requested the inspection report in the Friday packet. John LaFauve, Excel, said pavement and subgrade is in and everything is complete but the striping; will do that in a couple of days.

Recommended for Adoption

ITEMS FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE:

Hammons Sewer

Hogan asked about the progress of the Hammons sewer. Wetherholt said that work should be convening tomorrow.

Purchase of Backhoe & Loader

Hall said the cost for the loader with a broom, auger and forks, off the state bid list, with trade-in is \$54,243; funds were appropriated in the 2000 appropriations.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committees.

Hall said that the cost of the backhoe, tamper and hammer off the state bid list, with trade-in, is \$56,125; \$13,126 needs to be supplementally appropriated.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committees.

City Insurance Renewal

Motion Resolution to renew insurance coverage with the Ohio Municipal League for \$68,805.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

City of Dublin - Request for Financial Support

Col. Hall presented Council with amounts given by other cities to assist the City of Dublin in their case against Franklin County regarding right of way provisions in House Bill 238, and suggested \$5,000.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee if we find that the funds will be going directly to the City of Dublin.

Clerks Note: Funding for this will be taken out of Tax Increment Equivalent Fund, Special Counsel, 224.181.5233.

ITEMS FROM CITY ENGINEER:

South Gahanna Entry Paving

Wetherholt said this is standard legislation for an ODOT cooperative agreement; do not need supplemental at this time; just saying we want to proceed with this project.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee.

Gahanna Heights Basement Report

Wetherholt said this originally came out of requests from Gahanna Heights residents approaching the Engineering Department do something about their basement water and foundation problems. To compromise, Wetherholt suggested we do this study and have something to give the residents to help them make educated decisions about their basement problems; practical solutions. Mayor said this would help protect them from charlatans and give them some legitimate knowledge.

Wetherholt said we need legislation to authorize entering into contract with Ron Trivisonno for the work to develop a primer relating to the identification of practical solutions to wet basements and foundation soil settlement; will be a reproducible booklet that can benefit all citizens of Gahanna; total cost is \$4,760; will need supplemental.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee.

Triangle West Sanitary Sewer

Wetherholt requested this be continued to the next committees.

Morse Road Culvert

Wetherholt said we need legislation to award contract and to supplementally appropriate \$40,000; \$60,000 has already been appropriated. The City of Columbus has funding and authorization to reimburse Gahanna for our portion.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee.

Creekside Development

Wetherholt said that Al Groves requested borings at 8 locations which would cost approximately \$5,000 and survey requirements which would cost approximately \$20,000. When Wetherholt contacted Carl Turner to do the survey work he found that we would need to convert to state plane coordinates which would be very expensive.

Mayor said this is necessary to see if the land can accommodate a hotel and parking garage. O'Brien said to go forward with a hotel we must test the soils between Mill Street and High Street to see if they can support large structures. Wetherholt said that of the 8 borings, 2 were in the area of the proposed parking garage, and 5 or 6 would be all the way down the west side of Mill. The survey work is very comprehensive including right-of-way on Mill Street properties, and where EMH&T is located. He has also requested aerial photography. O'Brien said this is information that we must have to move forward.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back to committee.

There was discussion about the lighting problems at Creekside. Mayor said we have found the problem which resulted from the flooding of the ballasts; are looking at several ways to remedy it, and will come back to Council with definite information after we try two different methods to fix.

Thoroughfare Plan - Preliminary Results

Wetherholt reported that Dean Ringle, Franklin County Engineer, has asked for a Resolution of Intent before he hires a consultant to work on the widening of Hamilton Road between 62 and Clark State Road; we do have a resolution on file stating our commitment to keeping the residential character of the area. Wetherholt will work on a resolution combining the two for the Friday packet, so we can proceed with design work.

Recommendation: Resolution of Intent, Consent.

Komlanc reported on TechCenter Drive extension study results. Without the extension Morrison would have to handle 23,000 to 26,000 cars a day; with the extension of TechCenter it would carry approximately 20,000 to 27,000, and Morrison would drop down to 10,000 to 13,000; would be looking at a 5 lane parkway. EMH&T is already doing the design work. There was discussion about working with the developer of the Buckles tract; roadway will be coordinated so it will not harm their development; we get the bridge lined up and developer will build the road.

Sanitary Sewer Clean Up

Col. Hall related problem with sanitary sewers and what contractors are leaving behind that can only cause problems and back ups. He is going to have to have a crew of two people to look at sewers; found rocks as big as 7" in diameter in sewer at Crossing Creek. There was discussion about the developers being required to clean and camera sewers before the City will sign off on. Wetherholt explained that this should not be a problem with current development going in because now developers have to come thru pipes with mandrill and that takes up the full size of the pipe. Discussion will continue on this.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL MEETING:

Leaf Pick Up

After lengthy discussion it was agreed to take the price of leaf pick up back down to \$50 for up to 8 pick ups a year. Any resident who is elderly or handicapped and cannot afford the \$50 can have the fee waived.

MONITOR ITEMS:

Oklahoma Property Acquisition

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council