



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Jamie Leeseberg, President
Nancy R. McGregor, Vice President
Karen J. Angelou
Merisa Bowers
Brian D. Larick
Stephen A. Renner
Michael Schnetzer

April Beggerow, MPA, CMC, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.

Monday, December 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Call-in Details:

513-306-4583,

Conference ID: 586 446 147#

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 21, 2020, virtually via Microsoft TEAMS. President of Council, Jamie Leeseberg, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Nancy McGregor, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on December 18, 2020.

Present 7 - Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Nancy R. McGregor, Karen J. Angelou, and Merisa Bowers

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Addition of item F1. a Motion to confirm the appointment of fire safety inspectors.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

None

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes - To Approve:

[2020-200](#) Meeting Minutes for Approval

The meeting minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

2. Ordinances for Second Reading:

a. [ORD-119-2020](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUILDING AND ZONING FEE SCHEDULE.

Adopted on consent agenda.

End consent agenda

Pass consent agenda.

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Renner, to Pass the Consent Agenda.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

E. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING:

Mr. Larick introduced the legislation in Section E.

a. [ORD-120-2020](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO: Amending Section 1133.02 - POSTING OF PROPERTY; PUBLICATION OF NOTICE of Chapter 1133 - Zoning or Rezoning.

b. [ORD-123-2020](#) ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RIGHT OF WAY DEED FOR 0.123 +/- ACRES ALONG THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 957 TAYLOR STATION ROAD.

c. [ORD-124-2020](#) ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEED OF EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER AT 957 TAYLOR STATION ROAD.

d. [ORD-125-2020](#) ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEED OF EASEMENT FOR STORM SEWER AT 925 TAYLOR STATION ROAD.

e. [ORD-126-2020](#) ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RIGHT OF WAY DEED FOR 0.219 +/- ACRES ALONG THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 925 TAYLOR STATION ROAD.

- f. [ORD-127-2020](#) ORDINANCE ACCEPTING RIGHT OF WAY DEED FOR 0.820 +/- ACRES ALONG THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 870 TAYLOR STATION ROAD.
- g. [ORD-128-2020](#) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ADDENDUM AGREEMENT WITH OFFICIAL PAYMENTS ONLINE BILL PAY.

F1. MOTIONS

[MT-022-2020](#) MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF FIRE SAFETY INSPECTORS, LISTED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAHANNA CITY CODE §1501.04.

Chief Spence presented that there have been some changes in ORC in which they've listed out the inspectors and certificate credentials for the respective township fire departments. This is for one year and they will come back each year hereafter.

No questions from Council.

A motion was made by Renner, Second by Schnetzer that the Motion be Approved.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

F. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & ADOPTION:

- a. [ORD-122-2020](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION; WAIVING SECOND READING - CARES Act.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Renner, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

G. ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

- a. [ORD-098-2020](#) AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021.

Discussion:

Mr. Schnetzer thanked the Mayor, Staff and Councilmembers for their hard work. He thinks the budget presents balance. The Capital Maintenance Program is fully funded and additional funding for a sidewalk maintenance program. He called out an NLC survey that showed that many communities were cutting back on capital

expenditures and infrastructure projects. Gahanna does not find itself in a similar position which is remarkable. He supports this ordinance.

Ms. Bowers thanked Mr. Schnetzer for facilitating productive and organized budget discussions over the last several weeks. She is thankful that the capital improvements are funded and hopes to keep focus on ensuring that appropriations support the city and citizens that live here. She passed along a request for the projections from RITA by the administration.

Mrs. Angelou thanked the administration and Mr. Schnetzer for leading the charge and hopefully there will be a better year next year.

Mr. Larick thanked the Administration, Mayor and Mr. Schnetzer for working through the budget and making the necessary adjustments. The discussions would have been difficult had there not been CARES funds.

Motion to amend by substitution by Larick, Second by Renner

Motion Carried by the following vote:

- McGregor: Yes
- Renner: Yes
- Schnetzer: Yes
- Angelou: Yes
- Bowers: Yes
- Larick: Yes
- Leeseberg: Yes

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Ordinance be Adopted as Amended.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, McGregor, Angelou and Bowers

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

[2020-204](#)

2021 BOARD & COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Council

None

I. REPRESENTATIVES:**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick**

Mr. Larick said that CIC has been working on Bylaws and one member Sid Canter has opted not to continue with CIC. He wanted to thank her for her service.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Mrs. Angelou presented her MORPC report which is attached to the minutes.

[2020-201](#) MORPC Report December 21, 2020

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Mr. Leeseberg presented the CVB report which is attached to the minutes.

[2020-202](#) Convention & Visitor's Bureau Report December 21, 2020

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

No report.

J. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

Mayor Jadwin presented her Mayor's report which is attached to the minutes.

[2020-203](#) Mayor's Report, December 21, 2020

City Attorney

Mr. Mularski thanked Council for his first year. He thanked staff at City Hall and how professional they are. He thanked the Mayor for helping him get through the rough year.

K. COUNCIL COMMENT

Mrs. Angelou issued sympathies for the Long family. She congratulated Krystal Gonchar for finishing her Master's Degree. She wished best wishes to everybody during the holidays.

Ms. Bowers touched on priorities for the next year. She said the Mayor's office and Council for increasing constituent communication. She encourages and feels that a task force or ad hoc committee should be established for studying CRA's specifically for housing. Lastly, leveraging technology to improve communication with constituents. She recognized city staff and said they are the ones that make the city function. She thanked Deb Mecozzi for her service to city and hopes she enjoys her retirement.

Mr. Larick thanked everyone for their care of the community thorough 2020 and into 2021.

Mr. Renner said Happy Solstice and what a year it has been with floods, pandemics and everything that tests a civil servant. He congratulated everyone for getting through the year and wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Mr. Schnetzer said that he is grateful to work with everyone and is happy to put 2020 in the rear view and hopes for some normalcy in 2021.

Mrs. McGregor thanked everyone for supporting her as she Chaired Committee of the Whole and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Leeseberg said he wanted to thank Sid Canter for her service to the city. He thanked the staff.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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.

Motion to enter into executive session by Renner, Second by Schnetzer.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Renner: Yes

Schnetzer: Yes

Angelou: Yes
Bowers: Yes
Larick: Yes
Leeseberg: Yes
McGregor: Yes

M. ADJOURNMENT

**April Beggerow, MPA, CMC
Clerk of Council**

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2020.*

Jamie Leeseberg