

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 26, 2001

Immediately Following Previous Committees or

7:45 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Development Committee

Debra A. Payne, Chairman

Karen J. Angelou

Thomas R. Kneeland

Michael O'Brien, ex officio

Sadicka White, ex officio

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Karen J. Angelou and Thomas R. Kneeland

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Sadicka White; Isobel Sherwood; Press

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0230-2001

TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 5.4+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, LOCATED AT 4436 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; REQUESTED BY DOUGLAS E. SAGER, ET AL

White stated that they are going to go ahead and annex; met with them; at this time they are going to walk; looking at another property. Payne asked if this commits anything. Sherwood stated that we do not have the deed for the right of way. Payne stated that we should put this on the regular agenda so we can make sure we get the right of way deed. Sherwood stated that she will get in touch with Dugger.

Recommended for Adoption

ISSUES - From Director of Development:

Robert Weiler Contract

White stated that it came in not to exceed \$7500; it is a contract extension; we should know something on or before January 30, 2002; will correct the date.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; No need to come back; 2nd Reading; Consent

Land Acquisition & Land Sales

No Discussion.

Holiday Lights Parade

Payne commended the staff. White agreed; we have some great ideas for next year; gave special thanks to Gahanna Events, Inc.; they work year round on this. Angelou stated that this is a volunteer community; the TV ads were wonderful; we add more each year; would like to have a resolution potentially at last meeting that it will not rain next year; would also like a resolution for the Blue Ribbon Committee. O'Brien stated that we don't want to forget the 25,000 plus people that attended and the hundreds of people that put floats together; would be nice to give everybody a pat on back. Payne stated that everyone she talked to said it keeps getting better every year; people really like what they see; businesses did great; they really participated; even residents put their lights out early. Thom stated this was his first year to ride in a float; really exciting event. White stated there will be a wrap up meeting on Wednesday.

Upcoming Meetings

White stated they are listed in her report.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

White stated that over the last two years we have asked George Parker to do various

small jobs that are indicated in the memo; have asked Parker in the meantime to submit the invoice; he has done the work; more than what he ever bills; we are asking Council to supplementally appropriate the \$3855 for the outstanding purchase order; but we know that he will be coming back for more. Kneeland asked if we have one person tracking this work. White stated she was. Angelou asked when he went beyond the maximum why didn't he come back to let us know; we have this happen a lot. White stated that we are just trying to get this purchase order closed out. Angelou asked if the design team position was to be a paid. White stated that it was to be paid. O'Brien asked how far back the \$3855 goes. White stated it goes back to February 2000. Kneeland asked if there was a ceiling put on the amount. White stated that the purchase order was taken out for \$5,000; have asked him to send me another invoice then I will take it to Council; we don't have anything at this point; right now it is \$3855 over the \$5,000 pulled. Angelou stated that we need to keep a better hold of this; we want to make sure that these professional services don't get out of hand. Payne stated that if there is a new invoice it will need to be brought forward as a separate action. Kneeland agreed that professional services contracts need to be kept better track of. Payne stated that she could support this for now. White added that his hourly rate is reasonable. Angelou stated that we do not want open ended contracts.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; No need to come back to Committee; 2nd Reading; Consent

Stacey Bashore, Recording