

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2002**

**7:30 PM**

**City Hall**

## **City Council**

*Michael O'Brien, President of Council*

*Robert W. Kelley, Vice President of Council*

*Karen J. Angelou*

*L. Nicholas Hogan*

*John McAlister*

*Debra A. Payne*

*David B. Thom*

*Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AAE, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Michael O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. The invocation was given by Pastor Roger Wagner, Mifflin Presbyterian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Parks & Recreation Raleigh Mitchell. Agenda for this meeting was published on February 15, 2002.

**Members Present:** David B. Thom, Michael O'Brien, Karen J. Angelou, Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan, Robert W. Kelley and John McAlister

**B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.****C. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

David Goodman, State Senator, expressed thanks for allowing me to speak tonight; last time before you was as your State Representative; became a State Senator in October; is a lot of work if you are constituent oriented; during past few months have been to Westerville, Obetz, Canal Winchester, Reynoldsburg, New Albany; is quite a big district; is nice to be here in front of people I know and have worked with in the past; as available as I was to you as your State Representative, I am available to you now; good to work with you on issues like the post office and other development issues; excited about being here for Groundhog Day later this week; don't have a whole lot; legislature is moving along; been battling long and hard on state budget and dealing with revenue short falls; very responsible policy making decisions to make ends meet without raising taxes; primary and secondary education has been a focus; law suit pending is still pending; just read there will be a 30 day delay on negotiations; am very proud of the work we are doing; \$2 million a day is being spent on school reconstruction; proud of the work we are doing on education in this state; can still do this even with revenue short falls and do it with a brand new legislature; we have 45 new members in the house and a few new members in the senate; are a couple of legislative initiatives I've been working on; one is an animal cruelty bill which will require judges to have psychological counseling for offenders; has been found that when people are cruel to animals and abuses them, there is a high correlation to domestic violence; this type of reform has been tried on numerous occasions; believe this is a balanced bill that will make it through the process this time; rural districts were opposed prior but they can now see that it doesn't affect agriculture; believe this bill addresses how livestock is raised; really here to say hi; am always available; haven't forgotten Gahanna; love the work you are doing; if you have any questions or concerns will be glad to hear from you now or later.

Bob Keyes, 278 Caswell Drive, stated he wanted to thank Council for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you; don't stand here just as a citizen but as the Director of Public Safety; talk to you from that perspective; some of you may now that this year marks my 5th anniversary as Director; in 1997 when I took the position I had no idea the level of responsibility that position ensued; then as well as now the Gahanna Police Department is one of the most remarkable group of individuals I have had the pleasure of working with and around; the Gahanna Police Department has a long standing history of professionalism, dedication and commitment to the community and to public safety; that has not changed; the most distinct difference is the leadership of the Police Department and that is primarily due to new Chief; Dennis Murphy has done a remarkable job as Chief of Police; have had the pleasure of not only selecting him for that position but managing to supervise him from time to time; wanted to say to this group that in spite of some of the things that have been said in the media that there is no way that I would diminish the reputation of the Gahanna Police Department or attempt

to mar that reputation; because it goes without question that the police officers in our community are the best, in my opinion, in the State of Ohio; talked to our Mayor after we had our banquet on the 8th of this month and expressed to her how proud I was of where we have come from over the decades and when you think about it, after several decades of building on a reputation of distinction it is almost an epiphany that we have a commitment to diversity that again has superseded the Chief and I; but the epiphany is that the Officer of the Year is who he is; Ernest Choung who is, I believe, the first Asian American police officer in the City but also a rookie who finally became a police officer after doing a tremendous job as a Network Administrator; but look at what he has done for us; thank that typifies the dedication and responsibility to duty that has been long the reputation of our City's Police Department; long before Dennis Murphy and myself; even back to the years of now Councilman Bob Kelley; thought it was important to take this opportunity; again appreciate the opportunity to work for you and thank you for this time.

Kelley thanked Keyes for his kind remarks and appreciate what you said about police department; couldn't agree with you more; thank you for being with us.

**C1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.**

**D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:**

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

Ordinances, introduced, by title, by Kelley.

**ORD-0039-2002**

TO AMEND SECTION 161.12, ASSESSMENT, OF CHAPTER 161, INCOME TAX, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

**Introduced**

**ORD-0040-2002**

TO AMEND SECTION 1303.01, ADOPTION OF CABO ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING CODE, OF CHAPTER 1303, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

**Introduced**

**ORD-0041-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CANINI AND PELLECCCHIA, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL STORM SEWER WORK ON RIVERS EDGE SUBDIVISION TO COLLECT OFF SITE DRAINAGE, IMPROVEMENT NO. 811; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$32,380 THEREFOR

**Introduced**

**ORD-0042-2002**

TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 9.0+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, PROPERTY LOCATED AT MORSE AND HAMILTON ROADS; REQUESTED BY HARRISON W. SMITH, JR., AGENT FOR PETITIONERS PARK NATIONAL BANK, TRUSTEE.

**Introduced, to Development Committee**

**ORD-0043-2002**

TO ACCEPT THE ANNEXATION OF 2.7+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4479 JOHNSTOWN ROAD; REQUESTED BY FRANKLIN E. ECK, JR., AGENT FOR PETITIONERS GARY E. AND JEANNE M. GREEN.

**Introduced, to Development Committee**

**ORD-0045-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MID OHIO GOLF CAR FOR GOLF CAR RENTAL FOR THE 2002 SEASON; GAHANNA

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0046-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DIRECT INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INC., FOR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE JULY 4TH FREEDOM FESTIVAL; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0047-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH J.D. EQUIPMENT, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARKS, GOLF COURSE, STREETS AND WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0048-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY EQUIPMENT FOR PURCHASE OF A TORO GREENSMaster FOR THE GOLF COURSE.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0049-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH W.W. GRAINGER FOR PURCHASE OF A STEEL LOCKER AND BASE.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0050-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CENTER CITY INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF A 2 1/2 TON DUMP TRUCK FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

**Introduced**

**ORD-0051-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR QUARTERLY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WATER SAMPLINGS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

**Introduced**

## **E. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Minutes - To Approve**

**2002-0002**

To approve minutes of the following meetings:

- 1) December 2, 2002 Regular Meeting.

**This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.**

### **Ordinances on Second Reading**

**ORD-0029-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TRICAR LTD., TO PERFORM SOIL AND GROUND WATER SAMPLING, AND DEVELOP BUSTR TIER 1 REPORT FOR THE CLOSING OF THE OKLAHOMA AVENUE FUEL TANK SITE; TO WAIVE THE BID PROCESS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0030-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR A PORTION OF THE DESIGN OF THE TECH CENTER DRIVE EXTENSION FOR ROADWAY ACROSS THE BUCKLES PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENT NOS. 762, 770 AND 771;

AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0031-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, LIMITED, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COLLEGE PARK/HERITAGE SUBDIVISIONS REMEDIATION PROGRAM; IMPROVEMENT NO. 781; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0032-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NOVINITY, INC. MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF MARKETING BROCHURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0033-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO ANNEX CERTAIN 2.623+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS 4491 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0034-2002**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET FORTH A STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 3.01+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA; REQUESTED BY RONALD E. ALBRIGHT, AGENT FOR PETITIONERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0035-2002**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO LPA PROCESS AND PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FRA-US62-26.34, PID NUMBER 22374, ALSO KNOWN AS THE MORSE ROAD US 62 INTERSECTION, IMPROVEMENT NO. 753; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

**ORD-0036-2002**

TO REZONE 13+/- ACRES AS ROD/SF-3; CURRENTLY ZONED SF-3; FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF OLDE RIDENOUR ROAD; CANINI & PELLECCIA, INC., BY LARRY CANINI

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

**Motion Resolution**

**MR-0008-2002**

Motion Resolution that the City has no objections to the Transfer of C1 and C2 Liquor Permit for Drug Emporium, Inc., dba Drug Emporium #7032.

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

**MR-0009-2002**

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the new Liquor Permit for Revco Discount Drug Centers, Inc., dba CVS/Pharmacy #3410, 60 North Stygler Road.

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

**Passed The Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Council Member Payne,**

including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda.  
The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	7	Council Member Thom, President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Angelou, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Vice President of Council Kelley and McAlister
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#### End of the Consent Agenda

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**G. STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Communications & Technology Committee - McAlister: No Report.**

**Development Committee - Thom: No Report.**

**Service Committee - Hogan: No Report.**

**Safety Committee - Angelou: No Report.**

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

**Finance - Payne: No Report.**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:**

**Clerk - Legal**

**Z-0002-2002**

To consider a zoning application on 0.849 acres of newly annexed property located at 4300 N. Hamilton Road; requested zoning of CC; Tom Donley, by Smith & Hale, Glen A. Dugger, applicant. (Public Hearing. Advertised in RFE on 02/07/02).

President set Public Hearing for April 1, 2002.

**Scheduled for Public Hearing**

**2002-0005**

Notice to Legislative Authority of New C1 and C2 Liquor Permits for Revco Discount Drug Centers, Inc., DBA CVS Pharmacy #3410, 60 N. Stygler Road, Gahanna Ohio. Last day for objection is 3/11/2002.

**Received and Filed**

**Council:**

**MR-0010-2002**

Motion Resolution to concur with the Parks and Recreation Board for the 2002 Golf Course fees which raise the fee for golf cars from \$4.25 to \$5.00 for 9 holes and \$6.25 to \$10.00 for 18 holes; Gahanna Municipal Golf Course.

O'Brien stated he had requested this issue be put on the regular agenda; in talking with Mitchell he would be glad to have that go back to Committee for further discussion.

**Referred to Safety Committee**

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

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

**K. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kelley:**

Kelley stated it was a short meeting this morning; White brought up engineering issues coming forward; Angelou gave CVB report.; next meeting will be March 26th at Heartland at 8:00 a.m.

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

Payne stated that Columbus made a presentation on 311; will be contacting cities for support of 311; believe we will have a whole lot of different 3 digit number systems going; wanted to bring that to light so Mayor and Communications Department knows that it will be coming.

**Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - O'Brien:**

O'Brien stated he had privilege of attending last week in place of Angelou; was held at Goshen Lane Elementary; Art Teacher Chad Reynolds brought all classes forward with their art work; many different forms; in my art uneducated mind, these children were doing fantastic pieces of art; was a nice presentation; also had American Legion Post 107 present to Bob Mehl a recognition award for support of American Legion baseball over the years; was brought up by board about positive feedback from Civil Service Commission; have been very pleased with communications from them; seems we just needed to make our wishes known; very pleased about that.

Angelou stated that as an agenda item on Safety Committee she has added a report from Civil Service.

O'Brien also stated that we will not see Windy McKenna for a few meetings she is visiting daughter in London, England.

**Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - Hogan/Thom: No Report.****L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:****Mayor:**

Stinchcomb stated that last year when Tom Kneeland planned to sell his home and knew he wouldn't run again for Council, he approached me and Mayor McGregor stating his interest in continuing to serve as a volunteer; have talked a number of times; announce tonight that he is volunteering as our Technology Integration and Implementation Advisor; will work with Council and Mayor regarding technology projects; welcome his volunteer efforts.

**City Attorney: No Report.****M. COUNCIL COMMENT:**

Hogan stated that the education of our children is one of the most important things we can do; in reading what Goodman has to say have some concerns; in the past 10 years State Legislators have increased levels of funding; but they haven't focused on the education of children; budget went from \$4 billion to \$8 billion in last 10 years which means we have doubled the funds but test scores haven't doubled; results haven't been measured; need to focus on improving education and not spending more money; when we talk about education we need to talk cost versus benefits; look at home schoolers

where cost is nil and scores are out of sight; dollars do not equate to improved education; in Minnesota where funding was drastically cut in one school district test scores skyrocketed; interviewed Superintendent; who stated he had no idea why that happen; had no money so had to concentrate on education and the basics; Payne is concerned about education; would like to see State Senate quit focusing on financing; it doesn't work; start concentrating on education and discipline and opportunity to learn.

Payne stated she did announce her candidacy today for the State Senate against David Goodman; State Senate is responsible for taking away money from higher education; tuition is going up and we are blaming college's for that; money was taken away from them however; some things need fixed and want to address some of those issues.

O'Brien stated he had privilege of attending the police recognition dinner on February 8; saw Choung get his well deserved award; is wonderful to see someone come up like he has as a rookie police officer; good to see these people rightfully recognized; let Council and community know that the event was hosted by Best Courier who bore most of the cost; put on a wonderful night for these police officers with New York Strip steaks cooked to order; Greg Chapin, formerly of Gatsby's, came up from Florida to do chef work that night; was a wonderful community event paid for with private funds. O'Brien continued that we would like to congratulate Debra Payne for making her announcement today; all wish her well regardless of the outcome; is an honest woman, good wife and mother; is a wonderful colleague either here on Council or in the Senate; remind everyone of the Groundhog Day breakfast on Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 p.m. - Motion by Kelley.**

**End of Agenda**

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

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

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**Chair Signature**