

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 27, 1998**

**7:30 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Service Committee**

*Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman*

*Thomas R. Kneeland*

*Sherie James-Arnold*

*Karen J. Angelou, ex officio*

## PENDING LEGISLATION

**Members Present:** Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland and Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

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### 980103

TO VACATE A PORTION OF TECHNOLOGY DRIVE AND TO DEDICATE A NEW CUL DE SAC BULB FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DEDICATED TECHNOLOGY DRIVE.

2nd Reading, Consent Agenda

**This matter was Referred**

### 980107

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MILLER PAVING FOR THE 1998 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 645, FOR \$422,900; TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

2nd Reading, Consent Agenda

**This matter was Referred**

### 980108

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH EVANS, MECHWART, HAMBLETON & TILTON, INC., FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 1998 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROGRAM, IMPROVEMENT NO. 645; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

2nd Reading, Consent Agenda

**This matter was Referred**

## NEW MATTERS:

### **Taylor Road Petitions**

Miller noted receiving petitions regarding sidewalks on Taylor Road; 16 people opposed, 3 for. White noted discussion in Staff Meeting on this today, and said sidewalks are a matter of safety. Miller asked Administration for response. NEXT SERVICE COMMITTEE.

### **Foxboro and Saratoga Greenways Grant**

1st Reading, Consent Agenda

### **U.S.62 Intersection Project (Improvement No. 653)**

Wetherholt said bids opened on Friday; said the low bidder was deficient, so expected to go with second one; should be in tomorrow. 1st Reading, Consent Agenda. WAIVE SECOND.

Ron Trivisonno said they will be getting the tanks out of the ground and permanently closing the sites; can then determine the site scoring; contaminated soil will be disposed on and analytical scoring will be done; covered by insurance; will expire June 30; they will make a release report so we can get compensation. Noted some contamination was found in Phase 2. Wetherholt said they have to do road work when Academy is out of school.

Wetherholt reminded that the 62 work involves 4 intersections; said at one time Certified

has 6 tanks in the ground. Trivisonno said the inspection contract will have a bid summary sheet; said grant money available, but expenses can only be reimbursed after FY-99, which started July 1 of this year; said they will tell us what we have to do for the grant money.

### **Vehicle/Equipment Awards**

Franey reported vehicle bids were opened on 4/10/98; making recommendation on three of the contracts; said they are still working on the metal working machine. Would like, however, to proceed with the 3 that are ready to go. 1st Reading, Consent Agenda; 2nd Reading, Consent Agenda.

### **Animal Control Policy**

Franey recapped extensive work done by Jennifer of the Zoning Department on this policy; explained that it is for the pet's protection; we can now license cats. Franey reminded that she has been asked to build an animal building; felt there should be a policy first. Prepare legislation for 1st Reading, Consent Agenda. BACK TO COMMITTEE

### **Water Department Monitoring System**

Referencing Franey's report to Council, dated April 24, 1998, George Jackson said this was initially done in two phases; it was thought that Murphy had put in the appropriations; said they are recommending we move forward to the second phase at this time; said Mr. Warner of Westerman was present for this meeting; this company put in the first phase; we are recommending they do the second phase, and Mr. Warner is here to answer any questions. Franey said the water fund is in good shape; the sewer fund is the one where we are hurting; said we would be taking over 25% of the sewer budget. Jackson said these are the permanent lift stations, which are more critical than the pressure valves, because they would give us early warning of a problem. Franey said the telephone line to the police would still be in effect; we would know before the fact. Warner advised the software is the most expensive of the master site location; i.e., the master terminal; the modem card (read from letter) is a good radio to use; software would be millennium compliant; said they have had systems in since 1984. Kneeland asked about a demo in technology committee. Angelou asked for a memo from Isler, along with a breakdown in case they want to phase. Franey said the lift stations are the more critical, but are from the sanitary fund. Franey emphasized the desire to stay with the same vendor. Warner said in Cincinnati he worked under a professional services contract. SEND TO TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE. WEBER WRITE REGARDING NEED FOR BIDS OR IF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. ISLER WRITE REGARDING THE FINANCES.

### **Fuel Station Cost Overruns**

Franey called attention to page 5 of her report to Council of April 24, 1998, with explanation of work ordered that were not in the specifications, but things that they had to have. 1st Reading, Consent.

In addition, John Kring said for him to get on line so that the fuel usage comes into his computer a program is needed; said he was not aware of the cost until the system was up and running; said without the program, the information will not come back to the computer; said one problem is that they are now pumping; will be hard to tract accurately. Computer to technology committee.

Franey then noted one issue that had just come to her attention this morning in Staff

meeting was that the contract was going out for removal of tanks from the Certified station at Cherrybottom and 62. Called attention to fact that there are also tanks to be removed at the service garage. Questioned that it would be more economical to add these to the removal of the contractor of the Certified tanks. Committee requested Franey get opinion from Tom Weber.

## **PENDING MATTERS:**

### **Hunters Ridge Pool Groundwater**

Miller noted the pool board had been asked to look at their construction contract; hoped they have performance bond, insurance. Wetherholt noted he and Ron Trivisonno had taken a look at the area. Trivisonno said they would propose doing some records research and test borings; would cost \$3,800. Wetherholt said they would like to know the contractor has no liability. Trivisonno said they had looked at as much as they could from the surface; explained the soils in Gahanna are in Wisconsin strata and are pretty shallow to shale bedrock; said that clay causes a lot of problems across Gahanna at around 10-15 feet, which is where you dig for your foundations; said when you dig you interrupt that clay layer; they need to determine the capacity of the drainage system and look at the topo; said it is very likely the foundation caused the drainage area to focus; drains may have been to capacity; said assuming you can locate the pathway, you can: 1) divert, 2) provide outlet, or 3) pour energy into the system. Said there may be land use changes, may be a tile, may have been a wet spot, may have been a pond; said if you can find that saturated zone, you can then look at the relevancy to the gentleman's basement.

Weber said could depend upon negligence; questioned indemnification of the pool board. Miller recalled water being pumped into the street; caused debris; questioned possibility of street cleaner helping a little. Trivisonno said it could be a fracture in the shale.

Weber felt they should ask the contractor to come to a meeting with the pool board to get together with the City and himself to see if they want to accept any kind of responsibility. SEND LETTER TO CONTRACTOR FROM SERVICE COMMITTEE REQUESTING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING. Since we are backing the bonds, Weber said it gives us some standing.

Wetherholt presented a proposal from TriCar, Ltd. to do this research. 1st Reading, Consent Agenda.

### **Hunters Ridge Pool Amp. System**

John Hurd advised he is no longer the President of the pool board; said they had talked to the membership and it is not worth the hassle; will not play music over the PA system; will be only for announcements; also speakers are facing in more toward the pool.

### **Imperial Rise Street Lighting**

Kelley, James-Arnold and Franey had met with 60 residents; representatives of AEP also attended. Franey said it was an assumption that we were leasing aluminum poles, but we are not; said she found that when they went in they were handled like decorative poles paid for by the developer. Franey and committee concerned with setting a precedent. Decorative lights on Stygler Road questioned. Franey said that was a switch because the poles were needed elsewhere. Bob Thurman, resident, thought they could be paid for by grants because it is a safety issue; noted that with wooden poles there is more danger of lightening. Committee questioned information on where street lights are needed.

REVISIT IN TWO WEEKS.

### **Academy Woods Drainage**

Julia Wetherhington Rice was present to assist the discussion. Wetherholt referred to his report as well as the letter to Rob Gordon of September 2, 1993, and basically laid out for committee more detail as to the history of drainage at this location--particularly Lot No. 7. Wetherholt said under a different Engineer, the developer, Stratford, chose to design a swale that went along the west yards to intercept the 87 acres of drainage; the swale was not large enough when constructed prior to building on Lot 7; drainage went through Lot 7. Wetherholt noted indicating this history of the area, advising the builder this needed to be taken into account in his lot grading.

Rice explained that the original drainage swale is about 1-2 feet higher than the outlet coming out of the retention ponds; the new pond comes in and merges at a very flat grade, and it dropping out a lot of silt; emphasized it is bringing water from another source; said you have a very stable channel through there; said the lower position of the swale probably runs water much of the year; as you come down 3-4 lots you have a fairly stable channel, but those few back yards is an area collection point; felt apparently the outfall has settled 3" lower than it used to be; said if that level were up, that 3" the water would not run through the yard; explained that because of the settling, you are getting more water. Wetherholt said he has proposed a plate be put in there and then have the water drain out through the drain sewers. Committee will await City Engineer's recommendations.

### **Erosion of McKenna Creek**

Nicholas Kip was present. Wetherholt passed out letter from Soil and Water Conservation District. Kip has asked City to do work in the creek due to severe bank erosion, and questioned responsibility for the work. It was noted that two property owners have done their own bank protection work. Mayor had said we will provide rock; otherwise it is up to the property owners if they have a standard of level they want for the creek; is not the City's responsibility.

Rice explained that one of the reasons the bank is cutting is the meandering--is part of a natural process; another point is that across from the house are a couple of large granite boulders. Rice suggested they follow soil conservation recommendation and move those rocks to the banks that are being eroded and, in process, die out some of the gravel and sand. Kip felt the language of the easement made it the City's responsibility and is looking for support in correcting the problem, which is bank erosion. Wetherholt assured that the stream is functioning to the standards of the City. (The City expects to assist Mr. Kip in moving the two granite boulders.)

### **Allowable Hours for Construction Work in City (Sec. 559.02)**

Mr. and Mrs. Yoder were present to explain that last Tuesday, down 62, about 20 trucks were hauling from 4501 Johnstown Road; road was very muddy and dirt was coming off City property. Said this raised the possibility of contractors and the hours that they work. Said they were present to raise the visibility of the 10:00 p.m. requirements.

### **MONITOR**

#### **Aircraft**

**Note: Additional Attendees:**

Robert W. Kelley  
Debra A. Payne  
Karen J. Angelou  
Thomas L. Weber  
Karl Wetherholt  
Sadicka White  
Raleigh Mitchell  
Dottie Franey  
George Jackson  
Doug Tailford  
John Kring  
Visitors  
News Media