# **City of Gahanna**

200 South Hamilton Road Gahanna, Ohio 43230



# **Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, February 22, 2000

7:30 PM

**City Hall** 

# **City Council**

Debra A. Payne, President of Council
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Vice President of Council
Michael O'Brien, Council Member
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member
Sherie James-Arnold, Council Member

#### GAHANNA'S VISION is ...

... to be an innovative model community that values its rich heritage, pursues high standards, and where citizens respect one another.

Members Absent: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan, Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland, Karen J. Angelou

and Michael O'Brien

#### **GAHANNA'S MISSION is...**

... to ensure an exceptional quality of life by providing comprehensive services, financial stability, and well-planned development which preserves the natural environment, so that city government will continue to be responsive, accessible, and accountable to our diverse and growing community of citizens.

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

#### B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Motion by Angelou, seconded by Kneeland, to withdraw Ordinance 20083 from the Consent Agenda, and place it under item J. on the Regular Agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member Kneeland. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 President of Council Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

**Absent** 1 Vice President Stinchcomb

#### C. HEARING OF VISITORS

Service Director Jordan presented plaques to two members of the Water & Sewer Review Board and thanked them for their years of dedication in helping preserve government; Claire Plesser and Anthony DeLoss. Council also presented them with pins of Award of Merit.

David Bryan, 226 Gateside Ct., presented Council with photos of dead trees along the Block property at Cherrybottom and Morse. He said the trees which were about 8 years overdo were planted last year during the drought and then never watered, and obviously most have died. He has called Jeff Block to replace the trees and called Zoning and asked that they do something; wants dead trees removed and new trees planted; needs to be done now before summer.

There was discussion about the diameter of trees that were promised to be planted. White said her department will notify Jeff Block and make sure that he has a set time to have the trees in by. O'Brien asked that this item be put on committee agenda so we can monitor. Kneeland said that this is not the only area where trees have been promised. He would like a report from development about the procedure that is followed in making developers adhere to approved landscape plans.

# D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

**Ordinances - To Be Introduced** 

	James-Arnold introduced the ordinances by title.	
ORD-0024-2000	TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER AGREEMENT WITH THE RIGHTER CO., INC., FOR BIG WALNUT BRIDGE MODIFICATIONS, IMPROVEMENT NO. 728; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$80,117 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	
ORD-0025-2000	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Coalition for Equitable Annexation	
ORD-0026-2000	TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PETITION THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO ANNEX CERTAIN 28+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP KNOWN AS 6547 CLARK STATE ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY	
ORD-0027-2000	TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GAHANNA JUNIOR LEAGUE SPORTS; TO WAIVE CHARGES DUE THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	
ORD-0028-2000	TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER AGREEMENT WITH PINNACLE METAL PRODUCTS FOR FIBER OPTIC ILLUMINATION OF THE ARCH ENTRANCE WAY OVER BIG WALNUT CREEK IN OLDE GAHANNA; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$10,458 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	
ORD-0030-2000	TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STILLION BROTHERS EXCAVATING FOR THE 2000 JOHNSTOWN ROAD STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 730; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	
ORD-0031-2000	TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DODSON-STILSON, INC., FOR THE 2000 JOHNSTOWN ROAD STORM SEWER INSPECTIONS; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$6,600 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	
ORD-0033-2000	TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY	
ORD-0034-2000	TO ZONE 0.923+/- ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS L-SO, LIMITED OVERLAY SUBURBAN OFFICE; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 870 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; GEORGE E PARKER, JR., APPLICANT	
ORD-0035-2000	TO REDEFINE THE JOB RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT; TO SET COMPENSATION FOR DUTIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY	
ORD-0036-2000	TO REDEFINE THE JOB RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PART-TIME PLANNER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000; TO SET COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	
ORD-0037-2000	TO CREATE THE POSITION OF PART-TIME, CLERK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.	
ORD-0039-2000	TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, THE ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL, TO ADD THE NEWLY-CREATED POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, THE REDEFINED POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE	

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

#### E. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Council Member James-Arnold, to Pass the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 President of Council Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council

Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council

Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

Absent 1 Vice President Stinchcomb

#### Minutes - To Approve - February 7, 2000 Regular Meeting

A motion was made to Approve

#### **Ordinances on Second Reading**

ORD-0003-2000 TO ENACT CHAPTER 931, GAHANNA COMPREHENSIVE RIGHT OF WAY, OF

THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, TO PROVIDE FOR

COMPREHENSIVE RIGHT OF WAY POLICY IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA

A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Council Member James-Arnold, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 President of Council Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council

Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council

Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

Absent 1 Vice President Stinchcomb

ORD-0012-2000 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Holiday Lights Support

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0013-2000 TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR

UNUSED VACATION ACCRUAL TO W. JEROME ISLER

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0014-2000 TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR

UNUSED VACATION ACCRUAL TO SHARON WIGAL; AND TO

SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$1,447

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0015-2000 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH AVATAR

GROUP, ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR CERTAIN HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SERVICES TO COMPLETE POLICE TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION FOR THE GAHANNA POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0016-2000 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH R. D.

ZANDE & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION ON HAMILTON ROAD, CLARK AVENUE, AND OKLAHOMA AVENUE; AND TO

DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

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ORD-0017-2000 TO ACCEPT 2.27+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF

GAHANNA, OHIO, KNOWN AS JOHNSTOWN ROAD RIGHT OF WAY,

REQUESTED BY CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0018-2000 TO ACCEPT 12.4+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF

GAHANNA, OHIO, KNOWN AS 4433 JOHNSTOWN ROAD, REQUESTED BY

CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0019-2000 TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF DEPUTY

DIRECTOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION; TO PROVIDE

COMPENSATION THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0023-2000 TO CREATE THE FULL-TIME UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF CLERK TO THE

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION THEREFOR;

AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted as an Emergency on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: To Introduce, Waiver of Second, Adopt, As Emergency

ORD-0038-2000 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 980440, THE ORDINANCE FOR SALARIES AND

BENEFITS FOR UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL, TO ADD THE NEWLY-CREATED POSITIONS OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THE CLERK TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE; TO

WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency on the

Consent Agenda.

**Motion Resolution** 

MR-0013-2000 MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$800)

FOR ADDITIONAL STREET SWEEPING COSTS FROM ACCOUNT NO.

220.330.5441, SERVICE, STREET SWEEPING.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

**End of the Consent Agenda** 

# F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD-0034-2000 TO ZONE 0.923+/- ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS L-SO, LIMITED OVERLAY

SUBURBAN OFFICE; FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 870 EAST JOHNSTOWN

ROAD; GEORGE E PARKER, JR., APPLICANT

President Payne opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m., and read the public hearing

rules.

George Parker, 4207 Clotts Road, showed the site plan on the monitor and said he purchased the house and wants to preserve the character and wooded area; sits in front of his house but faces Johnstown. Sussex Mortgage would like to purchase the building for their mortgage office. They do commercial mortgages and did not want a typical office building. They propose to use the house; property would not change in appearance. They rarely have clients, but would widen driveway and put in 4 additional

parking spaces. There is one dead tree that would have to come out, but no others, and they would fill the existing pool with gravel and make a 24 to 30 inch deep pond. The Fire Department has checked the gates and there will be a special handle that they can reach in case of emergency; have their approval. Parker feels this is the best possible use for the property; keep the existing house but not change structurally, keep all trees except the dead one; will do landscaping and clean up of the lot which is greatly needed. They would have the name of the company etched in the stone on one side of the gate. Parker showed more pictures. They would put windows in the porch area for a conference room and remove existing garage door and install french doors and windows in the garage. Parker feels this is a perfect use for the property for all involved.

Ed Kloffer and Don Sharp, Sussex Mortgage, spoke and said they had been watching the house and when they found out it was for sale felt it would be perfect; want out of downtown Columbus. They will have very little drive in traffic; exciting opportunity, property off the beat and path; will not disturb the area; will even plant more trees; savvy to protect area.

President Payne asked for opponents; there were none. Payne closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Payne asked about leaving the existing gate. Parker said he has spoken with Dave Brizius and everything has been measured and it is wide enough; they are adding a pull handle for opening in case of emergency. They are proposing signage of a brass plate set into the stone, scrolling on gate which will be painted. They will landscape in front of the walls and will put in screening between the next single family lot; 20 trees randomly planted.

James-Arnold asked about ingress and egress; should it be right out only; will not align with the traffic light. White said she is supportive of the proposal; mostly just the owner and one assistant there; does not feel ingress and egress will be a problem. Parker said Planning Commission felt this was a safe location, probably, optimal around corner; light is coming up so slow down. James-Arnold said normally with Limited Overlay elevations are given along with what building will look like; she would like to see some architectural sketch of the sun room and garage elevation; should be part of package. Parker said he felt that since the existing structure would not change did not need to do elevations. James-Arnold said we want to be able to limit any future occupants. Angelou also had concerns that documents were not complete for Limited Overlay; need elevations; information should not be hand written. There was also discussion about deed restrictions.

Payne asked that this be put in Committee of the Whole for February 28th and that Council members call Parker with any specific concerns.

#### G. STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland

**Development Committee - James-Arnold** 

**Service Committee - Stinchcomb** 

Safety Committee - Hogan

**Committee of the Whole - Stinchcomb** 

#### Finance - Angelou

#### H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

# Clerk - Legal

Hogan said there was discussion in Finance Committee that any supplementals over a certain amount (not set) would have to go to Finance so that all 7 members can review. Payne said each committee should track and request that the item be sent to Finance if over a certain amount; Council will need to discuss the amount; dollar figure.

Payne said she received letters from 4 residents of Taylor Road; asked that they be copied for Council.

Kneeland said all were in receipt of a copy of a letter concerning litter; are a Keep America Beautiful City; everyone needs to do their part; put that message out there.

Payne recognized the recommendation of Council for Fees in Lieu of Park Land, Autumn Rush Subdivision.

There was discussion about water pressure and volume in Harrison Pond. Jordan is working on a remedy for this. Payne asked that it be put on Service Committee as a monitor item.

2000-0002

To Set a public hearing to hear a zoning change application; to rezone 9.0+/- acres as L-SO, Limited Overlay Suburban Office; first available Public Hearing date is April 3, 2000.

Payne set the public hearing for April 3, 2000.

#### Recommendation on Fees in Lieu of Park Land - Autumn Rush

#### Council

# I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

#### **Ordinances Reported Out of Committee**

ORD-0022-2000

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 970357, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO TWO MODIFICATIONS OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF COLUMBUS FOR A JOINT WATER LINE PROJECT ON MORSE ROAD FROM S.R. 62 TO REYNOLDSBURG-NEW ALBANY ROAD, IMPROVEMENT NO. 699; TO PROVIDE \$138,429 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES THERETO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Council Member Kneeland, seconded by Council Member James-Arnold, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 6 President of Council Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

Absent 1 Vice President Stinchcomb

# J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

ORD-0032-2000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION, City Hall Renovation

A motion was made by Council Member James-Arnold, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes

6 President of Council Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

Absent

1 Vice President Stinchcomb

A motion was made by Council Member O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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President of Council Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member James-Arnold, Council Member Kneeland, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

Absent

Vice President Stinchcomb

#### K. REPRESENTATIVES

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - James-Arnold

#### L. OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor said the Rocky Fork South, Morrison/Hamilton Road intersection is the most dangerous intersection in the City. To make safer he has a proposal which he passed out to Council showing areas to be limited. This will be on a trial basis; will give Council more information at committees. Payne asked that it be put into Safety Committee.

**City Attorney** 

Weber addressed the newsletter from the Ohio Municipal League, and asked that it be made available to all Council members.

### M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou said from the correspondence thinks the OML is more on the side of townships than cities; feels they are not doing their job. She also had a call from a gentleman who would like an American Flag put up on the arch. White said as part of the bridge expansion there will be a new flag pole by Summerfields, along with those at the Veteran's Memorial.

Angelou said she had spoken with Dave Thom and he has asked that Council look into

funding the remainder of the cost of the placque for Harry Bauer Island; they have raised approximately \$1,000 to date; need \$670. This should be added to the next Finance Committee agenda.

O'Brien said he is sorry Stinchcomb is ill tonight and in the hospital; wants to commend her on her e-mail to Dan Trapp about skateboarding; thank her for the time and care she put into it.

Kneeland said he is carrying much less paper tonight.

Hogan said he will be at a candidates night next Monday in Powell.

Payne said she, Stinchcomb and White met with the Port Authority, and in the near future they would like to come to a council meeting and present their Master plan and expansion; new equipment; can now pin down where loud noises came from; what plane, then respond to airline that they are not meeting requirement to keep the noise down; that tool is in place; plan to meet on a quarterly basis. Payne submitted information to the clerk to be on file in office if anyone wants see it. Discussion. Payne said the equipment is relatively new; if airlines are not complying we have a right to know; problems can be from smaller privately owned carriers.

David Bryan questioned commercial trash being picked up at 3:00 a.m. in the morning; are there laws on the books about this. Mayor said there are definitely times specified when trash can be picked up. White is to respond to this.

#### N. ADJOURNMENT

8:43 p.m.

Adjourn

**End of Agenda** 

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC, AAE, Deputy Clerk of Council

	Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC Clerk of Council
APPROVED by the City Council, this	
day of 2012.	
Chair Signature	