



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Office of the Clerk of Council
200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Thomas R. Kneeland, President
Shane Ewald, Vice President
Beryl D. Anderson
Brian D. Larick
John R. McAlister
Nancy McGregor
David L. Samuel

Monday, October 18, 2010

7:30 PM

City Hall

Council May Meet in Caucus Prior to the Regular Meeting

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday October 18, 2010, at Gahanna City Hall, in Council Chambers, 200 South Hamilton Road. President Thomas R. Kneeland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Invocation was given by Council Member Shane Ewald followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on October 14, 2010.

Present 7 - Thomas R. Kneeland, Shane W. Ewald, Nancy R. McGregor, John McAlister, Beryl Anderson, David L. Samuel, and Brian D. Larick

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

Scott Mounts, Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education, stated next month we should see facade going on Clark Hall; project is on budget; have traded emails with McAlister which has prompted me to talk about school finances; presented graphs showing a school financing illustration and the nominal vs effective millage; discussed school finances in general showing how millage works and goes down over a period of time; is a stair step approach; the board doesn't control revenue, the voters do that; in this last fiscal year there was a 0% increase for teachers in base salary; reduced the slope of that curve from over 5% to slightly under 3%;. Kneeland stated the graph shows the expenses of a levy cycle; would it be true that the levy cycle also reflects millage rate at beginning of cycle; that is the spike at each cycle which reflects the millage increase but the valuation increase is also what shows. Mounts stated if we all are the only property owners and we paid \$1 million in taxes and values are adjusted, our tax rates may adjust; Anderson asked Mounts to speak further to the reserves; what percentage of the finances are reserves and what are reasons for dipping in. Mounts stated as you look at the curve as the levy where we are receiving income greater than expenses; not sure there is a set percentage or standard amount for reserve; what is budgeted and not spent is how we establish those reserves; as the two curves cross we start drawing from the reserves; it is not a set amount. Mounts stated the requirement is to balance the budget; can't deficit spend. Kneeland thanked Mounts for the presentation.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Ordinances introduced, by title, by Samuel.

[ORD-0166-2010](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH EAGLE ACADEMY OF COLUMBUS, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3.546 ACRES LOCATED AT 94 PRICE ROAD; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR

[ORD-0167-2010](#) TO ACCEPT QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR 0.386 ACRES ADJACENT TO I-270 NEAR HAMILTON ROAD; FROM THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

E. CONSENT AGENDA:**Minutes - To Approve:**

[2010-0057](#)

This Matter was Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0161-2010](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Emergency Management, Emergency Services

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0162-2010](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0163-2010](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERISCAPE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE & IRRIGATION FOR LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT OF THE GAHANNA GATEWAYS AND VARIOUS OTHER AREAS IN GAHANNA FOR 2011; TO WAIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

[ORD-0164-2010](#) TO ACCEPT QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM VIRGIE A. EVANGELISTA AND ROCCO EVANGELISTA FOR 0.147 ACRES FOR RIGHT OF WAY NEEDED FOR THE EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD PROJECT/BEECHER TO YMCA PLACE; IMPROVEMENT NO. 840.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance - To Postpone Indefinitely:

[ORD-0140-2010](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TO ESTABLISH A DEVELOPMENT FUND; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$375,000

This Matter was Postponed Indefinitely on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

[MR-0038-2010](#)

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

Yes: 7 - Kneeland, Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, McAlister, Samuel and Larick

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Development & Parks Committee - Anderson: No Report.

Public Service & Safety Committee - McAlister: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Ewald: No Report.

Finance - Samuel: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:: No Report.

Council: No Report.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**Ordinances Reported Out of Committee:**

[ORD-0165-2010](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATED LABOR AGREEMENT TITLED "CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF GAHANNA AND FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CAPITAL CITY LODGE NO. 9, JANUARY 1, 2010 - DECEMBER 31, 2012"; TO REPEAL PORTIONS OF ORD-0088-2007; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Kneeland requested clarification on vote needed for emergency. Clerk stated it would take 6 votes to pass as an emergency.

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Vice President of Council Ewald, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Kneeland, Ewald, McGregor, Anderson, McAlister, Samuel and Larick

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.**K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.****L. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Ewald/Kneeland:**

Kneeland stated the meeting will be October 26th.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - McGregor.

McGregor stated she was unable to attend meeting last week.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools:

McAlister stated he went to meeting last week; glad to have Mounts on the board; he listens to his constituents; presented our graph from Finance Department; think it was part of what prompted these graphs; also heard a new term for me - 21st Century Learning; Cisco and Dell are partnering with Board of Education; overall very informative meeting; 21st century learning is trying to embrace one of the tenets of Mark Twain - never let schooling interfere with your education; was very informative; glad I was there. Anderson asked what is in it for Cisco and Dell and any other partners. Mounts stated that's a tough question; not sure I understand completely; if you've seen the commercials with Cisco Systems visiting a doctor overseas, that's what they see as the future of education and technology; also want to have students that are invested enough or trained enough to be problem solvers; want students to

know that the computer is more than a game thing, it is a real tool used in business; students have to start using now; there is a world of information they don't know exists; that's what 21st century learning skills are about; people need not to just know how to get a job, but how to create a job; opened my eyes a little; this is trying to teach students to be critical thinkers and problem solvers.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Kneeland: No Report.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor:

Stinchcomb stated that Creepsides event was very successful; worked registration; huge crowd; estimate about 5,000 people attended; when we were closing down at 7:30 people were still coming; numbers were outstanding; lot of families enjoyed being there; kudos to Parks Department and all volunteers; large percentage of people working were volunteers.

City Attorney: No Report.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Anderson echoed sentiments of Mayor; had visitors from out of town with me and they were impressed; also citizens who said something to me as well; congratulations to Parks and also to volunteers; glad to see our events supported.

Larick same comments on Creepsides; took 10 minutes to track down my family after parking the car because of the crowd; also welcome folks from high school; glad to see you here even though it is under duress; come back at any point in time.

Samuel noted that part of the school financial woes have to do with unfunded mandates like free and reduced lunch, school transportation, special education and No Child Left Behind; lot of people don't realize that.

Ewald stated that Creepsides was an excellent event; operational aspect was great; good volunteer effort; marketing was great; lots of people from out of town; was widespread beyond the City of Gahanna; thank Hoyt for that; good job.

Kneeland also congratulated Mounts on the good job he is doing; makes things clear and concise which makes me understand an issue better; 21st century learning environment will be a very major undertaking; will be well worth the effort.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None held.

P. ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 p.m. - Motion by Samuel.