

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 1999

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Debra A. Payne

L. Nicholas Hogan

Robert W. Kelley, ex officio

Additional Attendees:

Director of Finance Jerry Isler
Director of Public Service Terry Jordan
Director of Network Operations Ernest Choung
Clerk of Council Peg Cunningham
Visitors and News Media

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Present: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Debra A. Payne and L. Nicholas Hogan

990031

TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, STREET AND STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 706, AND SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 707; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; IN HARRISON POND, THE VILLAGES AT ROCKY FORK, SECTION 9.

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

990034

TO AMEND CHAPTER 135, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE, TO AMEND SECTION 135.04, BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, AND SECTION 135.05, BID OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

990035

AN ORDINANCE TO SET FORTH A STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 1.1+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA; REQUESTED BY WILLIAM M. STEWART, ET AL.; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

990036

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH R. D. ZANDE FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FOR THE JOHNSTOWN ROAD/BEECHER INTERSECTION, IMPROVEMENT NO. 709; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wetherholt said we will also annex what we obtain; we will own; important that the county feel comfortable with what we are doing.

Recommended for Adoption, Consent to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

NEW LEGISLATION (Proposed)**Amend Section 1303.02, Amendments to Code (Building)**

2nd Approved, Consent, 3/1/99.

Recommended for Introduction

Resolution of Necessity - Johnstown Road/Beecher Road Intersection

2nd Approved, Consent, 3/1/99.

Recommended for Introduction

Foxboro/Saratoga Basins Conservation Easement

Wetherholt said we received tree grant for \$2,983; showed committee maps; said proposal is to put conversation easement over the whole property; our match is that we are using City crews on it.

Hogan said on the basins, wanted to make sure we had ownership; said there is also the problem of mosquitoes, tall grass, etc. Questioned some of the stipulations of the agreement whereby we cannot cut the grass. Wetherholt responded that in this plan it is permitted. Hogan continued with the document: no herbicides; no power line transmission lines; cannot cut the grass. Pointed out this is why the upper basin owners turned this down. Felt committee needed clarification. Wetherholt agreed to either narrow the stipulations down or get clarification. Wetherholt, noting two different basins, said the Foxboro basin area needed to be mowed.

Separate basins in two pieces of legislation.

Recommend for Introduction

980523

TAYLOR ROAD STREET TREES (645-A)

Wetherholt said the bids were opened and the bid was \$43,630; said trees will be on the north and south; lilacs on the north and berries on the south; maples and ash among to give the tunnel effect; said it is important to do a good job to show we can do a good job when we get to Morse and Hamilton Roads. Committee Chairman requested a copy of the plan for these trees.

2nd Approved, 3/1/99

Recommended for Introduction

Street Name for Connector at Silver Lane and Beecher

Wetherholt said the developer has requested this legislation and has submitted the name Beecher Crossing; said it is needed for bank statement and for tenants. Hogan questioned a Beecher and a Beecher Crossing in such close proximity, calling to attention generated by Rocky Fork North and Rocky Fork South. Stinchcomb agreed that the name will be confusing; felt the report should reflect that all members of the committee expressed concern at the similar naming.

2nd Approved, 3/1/99.

Recommend for Introduction

Brick in Alley behind Wendy's

Wetherholt advised that the alley pavement by Kohler is gone; said last year we approved the Zuber contract which extended to the alley parallel with Granville Street; the end of the alley is going to be pedestrian walkway; said we have a gap in an area where the pavement is breaking up, and thought about continuing the brick down there; would be an additional \$4,000; the same contractor. Payne inquired as to whether this was a part where there would be wheelchair assessable. Wetherholt responded that the pavement there is rougher than brick. Hogan said he has seen instances where brick was better, adding we are not putting in cobblestone. Wetherholt continued that there are no funding mechanisms; felt since all the rest of the brick paving was drawn from the street account; questioned Isler if this could also be from that account; said just so we know we have diminished that account for this amount, or we could just do a supplemental. Authorize from street account. Motion resolution.

Recommend for Introduction

Triangle North Sewer District Fees

Wetherholt advised finally getting costs from this project; said the ordinance did not set up the exact fee; we can add one line for that fee so it is in the Code; said at the time it is developed, the fee will be paid; will not affect people there now; excludes single family; when these owners sell their property and turn it over to the developer, then that developer has to pay the fee on the ground; said people can hook up; then when turned over the developer will pay the fee.

2nd Approved, 3/1/99.

Recommend for Introduction

2-1/2 ton Truck - Service Department (snow removal)

Stinchcomb questioned how many large trucks we have. Jordan responded "3." Payne questioned whether we knew about this at the time of appropriations. Jordan noted that at the initial appropriations, the City did not have a service director. Stinchcomb noted extraordinary weather in January; questioned how often this will occur; questioned if we really needed. Jordan responded "Yes," adding that he had just had a chance to look at our trucks; said in winter time we are more susceptible to water breaks; reminded we are talking about the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Gahanna; we have to keep passageways open; said we need that other truck. Jordan further explained that it takes 9 months to commit. Hogan asked if it could be put in next year's appropriations. Jordan said, "No," adding that they have one truck with a steel bed, which water needs; this one will be with aluminum bed, and will stay with streets; would be used in the summer for creek beds; said we put every vehicle we had to push things out during the snow; said he needs big trucks for our main thoroughfares. Payne said she hopes in the future we will look at what the needs are at appropriation time. Jordan said he had just had a chance to see what we had in our fleet to protect citizens; noted adding 3 salt spreaders; said we have been running a 10-year replacement policy.

Recommend for Introduction

Accept Sanitary Sewer Improvement No. 696, Triangle North

Wetherholt said we agreed with Larry Canini to build; so technically, we are getting from the developer.

2nd Approved, 3/1/99.

Recommend for Introduction

Accept and Dedicate portion of Silver Lane

Wetherholt said this is just to clean things up. It in Triangle South Plan.

2nd Approved, 3/1/99

Recommend for Introduction

Hogan asked if there would be a left-hand turn from Silver. Wetherholt said if someone wanted to turn left, they could go to Beecher.

Sanitary Sewer Extension

Wetherholt said the City had agreed to extend the sewer to where the new fire station was going to go; said he got a quote from the contractor; was too late to get into appropriations.

Manholes

Add as a monitor item to this committee.

Wetherholt said the manholes will be a part of the asphalt overlay program in 1999 for McCutcheon and Agler; explained the process, pointing out it is not practical to do as a separate item.

Said you cut out the asphalt all around the manhole cover; you then put in spacers to bring the covers up to the asphalt level; we would not be overlaying where the Granville Street manholes are; noted also it is a State problem. Said we will not do anything until the weather is good. Said most manholes that are low are the phone company's; said they adjusted to the right elevation according to the plan, but the sub contractor went higher--giving us more pavement.

Committee asked Wetherholt to call Kneeland and discuss with him.

Water Pressure

Payne noted concerns with people in Castle Pines having low water pressure.

Wetherholt said he has been working with Jackson and with the fire department and they have been taking pressure readings. Payne noted that at one point it was below what the fire department felt they needed to fight a fire with. Wetherholt thought they had a broken part in their reducing valve.

Hammond family - U. S. 62

Hogan asked about lines to this property. Wetherholt said the design was finished late in the summer; said the Mayor wanted to make sure we have agreement with people along there; was afraid we would pay for the sewers and then developer should come along and tap into the sewer.

ISSUES (Monitor)

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TELEPHONE ACCOUNT ANALYSIS - AMERITECH.