



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

*Brian D. Larick, President of Council, Thomas R. Kneeland, Vice President of Council,
Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer*

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC, Clerk of Council

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

7:00 PM

City Hall

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 2, 2014, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Brian D. Larick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council Kneeland delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Angelou. Agenda for this meeting was published on August 29, 2014.

Present 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley, Thomas R. Kneeland, Brian D. Larick, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, and Michael Schnetzer

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS -

1. Rep. Gonzales - Commendation for City of Gahanna receiving Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Rep. Gonzales commended the City on achieving this award.

2. Michelle Gusmus, 1310 Havant Drive, New Albany, Ohio -

Gusmus said she wanted to tell Council why the community wants to switch to a Manager/Council form of government and highlight how this can be put into motion. She stated: Gahanna residents are scared; scared that over the past several years the city has continued to decline while other surrounding cities have thrived; scared that the status quo of electing a new mayor will just continue to lead us down a path beyond repair. We need a strong leader to take over the city in 2016 who has a strategic vision and specific plan for accomplishing it; an individual who can start that challenging task day one on the job. We do not have the luxury to elect a new mayor who has no prior experience running a city of our size. Instead, we need a professional who has a proven track record for success. With a large majority of

other surrounding cities already operating with this form of government (quite successfully), others are looking to join their ranks. In April, as Circleville contemplated changing their form of government, a former Circleville mayor stated that “there is a lot to running a city our size, and professional management would make a difference.” Additionally, the Council President stated that “changing the form of government in Circleville isn’t about fixing something that’s broken, but rather about taking something good and making it better.” Marysville is yet another recent city whose elected government recently championed this change on behalf of their residents. When voters approved the change, the current mayor was quoted as saying “isn’t that great? This guarantees that we will have a professional running the city in the long term. We’ve grown to where we need this form of government.” Thus, if most other cities use this form of government and two recent cities are moving to this form of government because they believe it is the best thing for their city and residents, why is Gahanna continuing to ignore their successes. Life is imitation. If we do not learn to incorporate others ideas and best practices, we are only limiting ourselves and our growth. I am asking the Mayor and City Council to be our stewards of change like Marysville and Circleville before us and pull together a Special Charter Review Commission to look at a Manager/Council form of government. We need recommendations from the Commission on how to change our form of government prior to the end of year, so residents can be educated and vote by holding a special election in February prior to the May primaries. If we wait until after a new Mayor is elected, it will be too late and the status quo will continue; our time to act is now. You have all been elected by the citizens of Gahanna to be our representatives and to bring our voices into the operations of the City. Listen to the 400 residents who signed the petition; listen to those before you now; listen to us and be our representatives. Give us our options and let us decide. Leave a strong legacy behind you in helping us change the City for the better.

Angelou asked that this be sent to Committee.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

[ORD-0119-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT NEGOTIATED LABOR AGREEMENT TITLED "AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF GAHANNA AND UNITED

STEEL, PAPER & FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL."

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0120-2014](#) TO AMEND CODE SECTION 563.18, FISHING, OF CHAPTER 563, PARK CONDUCT; OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0123-2014](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Sewer Rental

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0127-2014](#) TO REZONE 4.806+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS NC, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5495, 5505, 5511 AND 5515 MORSE ROAD, FRANKLIN COUNTY PARCEL NO. 025-011234, AND 4721 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; CURRENT ZONING ER-1, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; NEW ALBANY COMPANY, APPLICANT.

This Ordinance was introduced.

[ORD-0128-2014](#) TO REZONE 5.006+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5445 MORSE ROAD AND PARTS OF 5495 AND 5505 MORSE ROAD; CURRENT ZONING ER-1, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; SPECTRUM ACQUISITIONS GAHANNA, LLC, APPLICANT.

This Ordinance was introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2014-0125](#) Approval of the August 18, 2014 Special and Regular Council Meeting Minutes and August 25, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:

[ORD-0121-2014](#) TO VACATE AN EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DEFFENBAUGH COURT AND EASTGATE PARKWAY IN THE EASTGATE BUSINESS CENTER; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda as an emergency.

[ORD-0122-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE REGIONAL ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda as an emergency.

[ORD-0124-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH INTELLINETICS, INC., FOR DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda as an emergency.

[ORD-0125-2014](#) TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE GAHANNA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda as an emergency.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0114-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NICKOLAS SAVKO & SONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF WATERLINE ALONG HAMILTON ROAD ADJACENT TO THE SHOPS AT ROCKY FORK; IMPROVEMENT NO. ST 1023; TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS DUE TO SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$115,470; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda as an emergency.

[ORD-0115-2014](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Fleet Program Auction Proceeds.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0116-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS AND CITY OF GAHANNA FOR SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR THE 2014-2015 SEASON.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0117-2014](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Various Expense Accounts

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution:

[MR-0036-2014](#) Motion Resolution that this Council has no objection to the transfer of the D5 and D6 liquor permits from MMAL Gahanna Inc., dba Rotellis; to Super Chefs Breakfast and More LLC; 1344 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna, OH 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Angelou, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Kneeland, Larick, Leeseberg, Renner and Schnetzer

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

[ORD-0127-2014](#) TO REZONE 4.806+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS NC, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5495, 5505, 5511 AND 5515 MORSE ROAD, FRANKLIN COUNTY PARCEL NO. 025-011234, AND 4721 EAST JOHNSTOWN ROAD; CURRENT ZONING ER-1, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; NEW ALBANY COMPANY, APPLICANT.

President Larick read the rules that would govern the public hearings tonight; said there were two, and asked administration if they had a presentation.

Michael Blackford, Planning & Development Department, presented first zoning change request for property located off of Morse Road; also has an additional parcel that has frontage on Johnstown Road; applicant is the New Albany Company. Mr. Blackford presented zoning map with subject parcels highlighted in orange; majority of property has frontage on Morse. The adjacent properties are zoned Neighborhood Commercial to the east and Estate Residential to the west. Aerial images demonstrate these properties would be classified as undeveloped or underdeveloped; there is some commercial located on the south side of the roundabout; some residential and multi-family development; the north side of Morse has recently been developed with multi-family uses. The property is 4.8 acres in size; current zoning of Estate Residential allows for single family uses, parks and agricultural uses; the proposed zoning is Neighborhood Commercial with

allowed uses of retail and offices. This zoning change is compatible with the City's comprehensive land use plan, environmental features, surrounding zoning uses, capacity of infrastructure and demand for the proposed uses. The property is within the north triangle plan and is designated as mixed use and office; that is the same designation as in the 2002 land use plan; if zoning is approved for taking a residential zoned property to commercial, it is in-line with various land use plans. In addition, the Economic Development Plan did recognize this area as being underutilized and appropriate for commercial and office uses. No environmental features will be impacted by this property. Less than 1% of property in the City is zoned Neighborhood Commercial. Other Neighborhood Commercial property is the adjacent property to the east, so it would be a compatible and use; property immediately to west is proposed to be rezoned to a similar designation. Current infrastructure supports these uses; Columbus is widening Morse by adding a 3rd lane soon; will increase traffic capacity by about 20%; there is water and sanitary sewer just to east of this site; appears to be demand for this type of use because of limited number of properties zoned Neighborhood Commercial. Planning Commission recommended approval on July 23rd; had hearing in June with a workshop or two; some issues discussed were related mainly to traffic on Morse Road and drainage; the uses allowed under Neighborhood Commercial would generate less traffic than some other zoning designations; Neighborhood Commercial does not allow for "big box" retailers which would really generate a high amount of traffic. Department of Planning and Development also recommends approval of this request; find it is consistent with the North Triangle Land Use Plan and Economic Development Plan. This concludes the staff's presentation. Glen Dugger is here representing the property owners.

President Larick read the title of the Ordinance, explained the Rules of Public Hearing and opened the floor for comments at 7:15 p.m.

Glen Dugger, Attorney, 37 W. Broad Street, representing Applicant New Albany Company. The staff report just given was about as good of a report in favor of an application that I have had here in a very long time so I hesitate to say anything at all. However, we did work with staff and a number of residents who had some concerns, primarily which were traffic; we had a couple of hearings that were workshops. I am also here with Dick Roggenkamp from the New Albany Company and Doug Bender; Doug is a Traffic Engineer with EMH&T. If you have any specific traffic questions I would be happy to have him come up here and try to stay under the allotted 7 minutes.

The issue really was that Morse Road obviously is carrying an awful lot of traffic. It is in the process of being done; would be helpful if it was already done; won't be done for about 8-12 months from now. But as a post-development condition Doug thinks it would be more than adequate to handle this project, as well as the existing traffic that is occurring on Morse Rd.

One challenge was that years and years ago Morse and Rt. 62 was probably one of the worst intersections in northeast part of Central Ohio; it really did

back up. The County took the initiative and put in the roundabout and it really fixed the problem quite well. There is a concern that it's now working well and we want to keep it that way. So one of the challenges with this application and with the next public hearing were brought forth in tandem through Planning Commission, so that we could deal with the traffic and access management issues that were part of that; the challenge was to break a lot of that traffic up so as part of the approvals that we received from the Planning Commission we did divide the traffic up and it's accesses to Morse Road as well as Rt. 62 so we that don't have this wonderful, well-functioning roundabout and then 500 feet west have the necessity for a traffic light. If you want to delve into that further we would be happy to do that. We are really just trying to get the right land uses in this zoning on this site; the Roger's Corners has been successful, small neighborhood shopping center that provides a lot of services to that part of the City of Gahanna. If you have any other questions, we can answer those now or after you hear the public presentation on the next zoning, which really worked "hand in glove" with this one.

President Larick asked for opponents.

My name is Monica Morgan Whitehead, 6945 Walnut Street, New Albany, and I own 14 acres on Morse Road; property has woods and trees; know they are trying to widen Morse Road because they have contacted me regarding an easement; have a vision for my property that I would like to make it a park; want to know how this zoning change will affect my vision; just came today because received notification of meeting in mail; probably too late because hearings have already been held, but want to get in this mix and know what I need to do when I start my vision of an "adaptive park for children"; just want to know what will happen if I go with my vision; how will commercial affect my property?

President Larick said most of those questions and processes could be answered by the City Administration, the Economic Development Team and/or the Parks Director. I am not sure what the answer is to your questions since I don't know specifically what you have planned for your property.

Ms. Morgan asked because Mr. Dugger said they are going to develop this as Neighborhood Commercial; does this mean strip malls? Has anything been presented to Council, yet?

President Larick responded that it depends on what design is presented, etc. and be answered by Staff.

President Larick asked for any other opponents, rebuttal or comments or questions from Council; seeing none, closed the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

[ORD-0128-2014](#)

TO REZONE 5.006+/- ACRES OF PROPERTY AS SO, SUBURBAN OFFICE; SAID PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5445 MORSE ROAD AND PARTS OF 5495 AND 5505 MORSE ROAD; CURRENT ZONING ER-1, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL; SPECTRUM ACQUISITIONS

GAHANNA, LLC, APPLICANT.

President Larick read the rules that would govern the public hearings tonight; said there were two, and asked administration if they had a presentation. Administration gave their presentation under ORD-0127-2014. See discussion above. President Larick opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Glen Dugger, 37 W. Broad Street, representing applicant Spectrum Acquisitions. With me from Spectrum is Drew Royster. Drew came from Denver a couple of times to talk about Senior Assisted Living the way Spectrum does it, and we can talk about that in greater detail. I also still have Doug Bender with me who did quite a lot of work with the Planning Commission on this application; the application is for approximately 5 acres located on the south side of Morse Road and would be zoned as Suburban Office (SO). The property to the west was zoned as Suburban Office years ago when the Syntaxis organization owned the property; it was the group home for boys that were transitioning between different parts of their lives; this property would be the 5 acres just east of that. We have applied for and received a conditional use variance from Planning Commission to use that property for a Spectrum Residential Care Facility that would be located on that particular property in the event that this zoning is approved; so we are a little further along with what we can actually say will be the final form of the development for this particular property; Spectrum has currently been approved and is developing a project in Powell; a second one in Powell, and there was also one approved earlier this summer in Hilliard; this would be the 4th Spectrum facility in Central Ohio. As Mr. Blackford already indicated, the property to the west is already zoned Suburban Office, this is immediately to the east of that. We have coordinated our access and our plan with the zoning you just heard previous to this; that is the site plan for the Senior Living Community; it will contain independent living, assisted living and some memory care, as well; this is a type of use that I think is in the process of fairly significant growth and demand in higher-end suburbs in Central Ohio; property respects Morse Rd. setbacks; provides more than adequate parking; property on southeast corner will be used for stormwater retention; there is a very small stream that bifurcates the property; it will be relocated and then our stormwater management will be dealt with in the southeast corner of the site; the challenge on this was traffic; the good news is that this particular use is an extremely low traffic generator; about 20% of residents have cars although few of them drive; they provide the type of concierge driving service you would hope they would have rather than driving down Morse Road; the primary people coming and going are their employees; peak traffic hour is 2:00 p.m. when the morning and afternoon shifts change; traffic generated by this type of use is significantly less than just about any other use you can think of that would be appropriate for this particular location, also much lower than anything else called for within the City's plan for the area; we are more than happy to talk about this in greater detail; working on final development plan and hope this will be something we can get built within the 2015 building season for the residents of Gahanna and northeast Franklin County; would be really terrific to have this project in this part of the City which tends to be slightly under-represented. If there are any questions I am more than happy to answer them; any questions to Spectrum specifically, I will get Drew to answer them; about traffic I would be more

than happy to bring Doug Bender; all this was pretty thoroughly vetted through Planning Commission, but we'd be happy to get into further detail.

President Larick asked for any opponents to ORD-0128-2014.

Linda Foster, 4671 E. Johnstown Road, Gahanna, Ohio. I attended a previous meeting; identified ourselves not as proponents, but just with some concerns; one lady was talking about animals and the woods and what would happen to them; we have seen a lot of skunks coming out of the woods so there has been a little impact on that; reason I wanted to speak about that is when I was here at last meeting the New Albany Company said they would have their engineer look at a concern we had along my street where 5 houses were getting lots of storm water. I showed pictures of what it looked like; don't know if any follow up was done. I (and a neighbor) followed up by going to the Gahanna Engineer; he came out and looked at my property; since condos were built next to us stormwater drains significantly on our property; City engineer said he was going to talk to the New Albany Company engineer and I don't know if they have or not; it is a concern for me specifically because I put my house up for sale 3 weeks ago and everything was going well; in 5 days I sold my house; day #9 they came out with their inspector and it had rained the day before (showed several pictures of her back yard); they cancelled the deal; week later had another showing; rained bad on Saturday and they came on Monday; liked her house but water was too bad; wanted to know if New Albany Company had looked at situation; looking at the pictures I am sure you can see why they changed their mind; the Gahanna Engineer said maybe there could be some way they could plan to do some things with cooperation of the New Albany Company; that's my story.

Kathy Croson, 4659 E. Johnstown Road, Gahanna, Ohio. I am Linda's neighbor; Linda said it very well; Sunday we had a 35' lake in our backyard; mosquitos; it's just a muddy mess; I've been there for 30 years and since they put condos it has gotten terrible; summertime is not usually bad, but springtime is a muddy mess because we have a lot of rain and snow melting; would like to see this addressed since they talk about stormwater drainage and taking care of that problem; I'm worried that if they raise the property to the north of us we will have an even more drainage collecting in our yards.

Gary Goldsmith, 4651 E. Johnstown, Gahanna, Ohio. I am a member of the group that gets their backyard flooded by the Gahanna development to the south of us which has a drainage problem; original drainage plan has failed to a certain extent so we are getting water off of that development; obviously concerned about new development; met with Gahanna Engineer; he has a proposal that tries to solve the original problem but does involve the New Albany Company; don't think they have had discussions with the New Albany Company; don't know how that impacts this motion, but there are a lot of things going on in the background; don't know how that affects timing of being able to vote on this tonight; my back yard is under water and I can't access it right now.

President Larick said not voting on this tonight.

Mr. Goldsmith said this involves a zoning change and I am not opposed to progress, I'm just concerned about additional water coming our way given the fact that previous development caused the problem that needs to be addressed. As far as this particular one, traffic issues, safety as it relates to traffic in a residential area, I would like to see a turning lane for that first entry drive; Morse Road is only going to get busier; with no turning lane at the Polo Club just after the light at Hamilton, there is no turn lane there; if somebody goes to turn and doesn't use their turn signal and tries to turn, that creates a problem. My concern is that could happen at this facility as well as we see more residential areas turning into commercial developments.

President Larick asked for any addition opponents or rebuttal.

Mr. Dugger showed slide of property, how property slopes and identified what they have planned for stormwater drainage; my understanding of problem these residents are facing is with the outlets and there might be a solution to that; I'm not an engineer and I don't know what the solution may be; we are more than happy to engage in, and have been, a solution; short answer is it is probably not our fault; have history of working with the city on these types of issues developmentally; have good track record with City Engineer; if there is an issue that needs to be addressed, we will be bringing the Spectrum property through the process so plan implementations or revisions will be dealt with on that plan; obviously we don't have the right to go into their back yards and fix their problem, but we don't want to make it worse; we are more than happy to hear whatever the City Engineer has to implement any kind of fix that makes sense.

President Larick asked for any comments from Council.

Renner thanked residents who came forward; although some of the data seems to suggest there are 2 different issues going on, this is exactly why we have public hearings so that we understand may or may not be in competition with each other; only question that I have is how long has flooding issue been going on and has anyone notified the City when it started; rhetorical and you don't have to stand up and answer, but I implore that you contact the City and let them know when something is happening that doesn't look or feel right.

President Larick asked for any additional comments and seeing none, closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

[2014-0124](#) 8-25-2014 Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole - Kneeland

No report.

Finance - Schnetzer

Schnetzer said further congratulations to administration and in particular the Finance Department led by Finance Director Jennifer Teal for Distinguished Budget Presentation Award; true beneficiary of that award is actually the residents; the award draws attention to transparency; winning that award is about as transparent as you can possibly get. Again, congratulations.

Service & Safety - Angelou

No report.

Development & Parks - Renner

No report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

No report.

Council

No report.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES - None.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency -

[ORD-0126-2014](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH BONITA25 REAL ESTATE INVESTORS LLC.; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

President Larick read the title.

A motion was made by Jolley, seconded by Angelou to amend the ordinance to change the current Section 2 to Section 3 and to add a new Section 2 to read "Said easements will be granted in exchange for consideration in the amount of \$21,270.50.

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Jolley, Kneeland, Larick, Leeseberg, Renner and Schnetzer

Discussion:

President Larick stated that he was concerned we are short-cutting the due process available to our residents, that often times the residents don't dispute or take steps against any particular action we take over something that from my perspective does not affect the health, safety and welfare of the community; it represents something that would inappropriately be sped up or accelerated in the normal process; I don't think I could support a waiver of second reading.

Jolley stated that just for clarification it seems like you are arguing against the emergency language and not the waiver of second reading because that is what actually affects the citizen's ability to challenge the Ordinance.

President Larick stated heavily to the emergency, but also to the ability for additional discussion should there be any.

Jolley stated at no point would he want to short change the residents' ability to discuss the issue but at the same time we are all aware of how long we have discussed the issue and feel moving it forward with haste is the appropriate direction to take at this point.

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Renner, that the Ordinance be Waived for Second Reading. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Angelou, Jolley, Kneeland, Leeseberg and Renner

No: 2 - Larick and Schnetzer

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS - None.**L. REPRESENTATIVES:****Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick/Kneeland**

Kneeland said next CIC meeting will be on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou said MORPC will be meeting on 3rd Thursday (September 25) instead of the 2nd Thursday because of the holiday in the first week.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Jolley

Jolley said our next meeting will be September 10th.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Jolley

Jolley said our next meeting will be September 11th.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:**Mayor**

Mayor Stinchcomb said I wanted to report on an excellent event that we were able to have here in Gahanna. I mentioned it at our last regular meeting and I believe Mrs. Angelou was there. It was the Great American Duck Race at Creekside. It was a fundraiser for the Nationwide Children's Hospital; very successful; had a very nice day; number of ducks was double what they sold in the previous year; people came from all over central Ohio to attend this event; I heard many positive comments about Creekside and Gahanna and how wonderful the event was here in our City; we very much hope they come back next year; doubled the money raised last year when the event was held in Columbus; hopefully we can continue to bring these kinds of events to our downtown.

City Attorney

No report.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Renner wanted to thank Ms. Gusmus for coming down and stating her position and stance and look forward to discussing more next week in the Committee of the Whole.

Jolley wanted to thank everyone who spoke this evening and also our State Representative, Anne Gonzales, for coming and acknowledging our Finance Department; we have about as open and transparent a government as you can possibly have, thanks in large part to our fantastic Finance Director and the budget document that she and her team, the administration and this council have worked on for quite a while; it's a huge benefit to our residents that they can find pretty much any piece of information about the city that you want on our website or in our hard copy files that we can share with you; it's incredibly important, as Ms. Gusmus alluded, that we figure out how to move the City forward; all of the data is there to see and I just want to congratulate Jennifer and the Mayor and all of the administration in doing such a great job.

Schnetzer thanked everyone who came and voiced their opinion.

Leeseberg thanked everyone and congratulated the Finance Department and administration on their hard work; do want to add that this Saturday the Household Hazardous Waste Collection is being held in Westerville; your paints, bug spray and things that shouldn't be put in regular trash can are being collected by the Westerville Service Department; good time to clean out the garage.

Angelou congratulated the Finance Department and Joann Bury as well; know you are a wonderful asset to have in the department and Jennifer always gives due credit to you, but it is important that everyone also knows your name; you are a very, very important point in the department and congratulations to you both.

Kneeland just wanted to let everyone know that the Gahanna Parks Foundation is having their Creekside Hops & Vines Fest on September 20th; this is one of those events where a volunteer organization hosts an event to solicit revenue to add different components to the City in the parks area; they are responsible for the mural on the side of Signatures; I am going to make my call to make a reservation and I encourage everyone to do the same; it's a great organization and event and they do a great job.

Larick said he would also like to congratulate the Finance Department and thank Representative Gonzales for the presentation this evening; thank everyone for coming this evening and expressing their interest and concerns and being present this evening for City Council.

O. ADJOURNMENT - by Larick at 7:53 p.m.

Kimberly McWilliams, CMC
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2014.*

Brian D. Larick