

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 24, 2000

7:00 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Safety Committee

L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman

Michael O'Brien

Sherie James-Arnold

Debra A. Payne, ex officio

Robert O. Keyes, ex officio

Members Absent: Sherie James-Arnold

Members Present: L. Nicholas Hogan and Michael O'Brien

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Chief Murphy, Col. Hall, Tom Weber, Debra Payne, Jerry Isler, Raleigh Mitchell; Press.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0171-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL SAFETY, INC., FOR PURCHASE OF ONE CRISIS/HOSTAGE NEGOTIATING TELEPHONE/VIDEO SYSTEM AT A TOTAL COST OF \$6,500; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$2,500; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

It was agreed to add emergency clause to ORD-0171-2000 and ORD-172-2000; amend by substitution; Consent.

Recommended for Substitution and Adoption

ORD-0172-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL SAFETY, INC., FOR UPGRADE OF THE CRISIS/HOSTAGE NEGOTIATING TELEPHONE/VIDEO SYSTEM; AND TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$4,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Recommended for Substitution and Adoption

NEW LEGISLATION:

Authorize Contract/Loadometer/Truck Scales

Chief Murphy said purchase of scales would be \$53,000; asking that the bidding procedure be waived, since this company is the sole source of scales. Murphy is to give RCA to office to prepare ordinance.

Recommendation: 1st Reading; Regular; back to committee.

Supplemental/Part Time Police Officers

Chief Murphy said he needs \$50,000 to pay part-time Police Officers thru the end of the year.

Recommendation: 1st Reading; Consent; back to committee.

After Murphy left Isler said that the \$50,000 figure was not right because benefits were not figured in. If information is received as to the total amount needed to appropriate; will continue with preparation of ordinance.

MONITOR ITEMS:

Mill St., Fire Station/Temporary Housing/Student Interns

Col. Hall said this is not going to work; would have to replace boiler and put a lot of money into the building; not fit for habitation. Hogan asked that the Mayor withdraw his request to use the building for housing.

Hamilton/Morrison/Rocky Fork South

Chief Murphy said we continue to enforce the laws.

I-270 Bridge

Skateboarding

Matt Berridge said he is now 21 years old and lives in Columbus, but lived in Gahanna his whole life and is a skateboarder. He is here to address the need for a skateboarding park or facility and what other communities are doing, such as Bexley and Middletown, where he traveled last week. Berridge showed a 5 minute video tape of the two facilities. Bexley has a temporary area in the back of the Police Station parking lot; opens at 5:00 p.m. and very quickly has as many as 40 kids there; is working well; know it is unsupervised; skate at your own risk. He traveled to Middletown last week to look at their new facility finished in 1999 and presented Committee with information on Baker Bowl Skatepark; the planning process, and activation of community resources. Berridge also spoke to a disclaimer that is displayed at the entrance of the park that states that there is no supervision, and pads are recommended; said there is an actual name for the law and the Parks & Recreation Director at Middletown could help us find that; something about assumption of dangerous activity. He continued that Middletown lists all of the park rules, and hours are from daylight to dusk. Mitchell is to contact the Parks & Recreation Director at Middletown.

There was discussion on felony charges for damages done by skateboarding. Berridge said that they just need a facility to skateboard in and these problems will basically be eliminated. O'Brien explained that the marble benches at the Veteran's Memorial were badly damaged by skateboarders; thousands of dollars to repair.

Committee asked that information submitted by Berridge be copied for Council, Mayor and Mitchell.

DONNA JERNIGAN, CMC/AE, Deputy Clerk of Council