

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 28, 2008

Immediately Following Earlier Committees or

7:30 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Finance Committee

Thomas R. Kneeland, Temporary Chair

Beryl D. Anderson

Thomas C. Evers

Shane Ewald

John McAlister

Nancy R. McGregor

David L. Samuel

Members Present: Thomas R. Kneeland, Thomas C. Evers, Shane W. Ewald, John McAlister, Nancy R. McGregor, Beryl D. Anderson and David L. Samuel

Additional Attendees:

Angel Mumma, Tom Weber, Mayor Stinchcomb, Clerk Sherwood, Tony Collins, Sadicka White, Terry Emery, Karl Wetherholt, Dottie Franey, Lt. Jeff Spence, Deputy Chief Ken Bell, Jerry Isler, Mike Andrako, Robin Rupp-Mondak, Kevin Marchese, General Williams, Leslee Blake; Press.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT CHAIR

Kneeland called the meeting to order. Evers nominated Kneeland as permanent chair. Anderson seconded the nomination. All Council members approved the nomination.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0029-2008

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE GAHANNA-JEFFERSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NOW KNOWN AS THE GAHANNA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Evers and Clerk passed out a copy of the ordinance that included the changes to the lease amendment. Evers said the Chamber is co-located with the CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau) and we added term information to the lease; this will keep them whole and is the result of efforts of all of us working with their attorney to resolve the questions. Kneeland asked what changed. Evers said we tightened up the language in Section 2 on Use of Premises; if they vacate they can't come back on the City; we are held harmless and have no further responsibility; in Section 3 on the Guarantee of Office Space we again tightened up the language; Section 4, Future Rental Expenses, has the biggest changes; because a lease between the Chamber and the City currently exists, and now a sub-lease between the CIC (Community Improvement Corporation) and the Chamber exists for 181 Granville, this says that we will find them new rental space and explains the costs associated with the new rental space in a concise, detailed format; Section 5, Right to Termination, says a new lease with another party is cause for termination prior to the 25 year end. Kneeland said this would be a good time to introduce Leslee Blake from the Chamber to our new members. Blake said she has been President of the Chamber for 9 years and works with the 12-member Board of Directors; current address is the only home we have known; the Chamber Board did approve this lease and Weber has worked on it so we are hoping to move forward on it. Kneeland asked if there were any other questions. Weber said this covers highly improbable events that will never happen but it does protect both the City and the Chamber.

Referred to City Council - Special

ISSUES - From Acting Director of Human Resources:

Life Insurance Benefit

Rupp-Mondak said HR's first item is a request for the Mayor to sign an agreement for part-time employees to have life insurance; we have a great part-time staff and have recognized this as a need for these employees; we also need a supplemental to fund this; it will pay for the part-time employees' life insurance and an increase in premiums for full-time staff as well. Kneeland said we discussed this several months ago where we

were in support of it; there have been no changes between then and now. We need 1 piece of legislation for this and 1 for the supplemental. Clerk said she had all that she needs for this.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back, 2nd Reading, Consent

EAP Program

Rupp-Mondak said this legislation is for a supplemental to fund our part-time employees participation in the EAP (Employee Assistance Program); we would be able to do management referrals when we recognize a need; requires a supplemental of \$2,155. Kneeland asked the Clerk if she has what she needs. Clerk said she has everything, but needs Weber to look at it as a she has question on one of the components.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back, 2nd Reading, Consent

Part Time Ordinance

Rupp-Mondak said this Ordinance is for the part-time employees pay ranges; it will make us compliant with the new State minimum wage requirement; and make pay ranges consistent in the Parks Department since their restructuring.

Anderson asked how our part-time employee benefits compare to other communities. Rupp-Mondak said she did not have that information readily available; the changes here are based on what we saw as needs for us. Anderson said she did not want HR to do any additional research since this was not available.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, no need to come back, 2nd Reading, Consent

Issue-from Director of Emergency Operations

Williams said an email had been sent to all Council members inviting them to a County Emergency Management meeting; only the heads of government such as Mayors and City Managers are required to attend and Council members need not go. Anderson asked if members could go if they would like to. Williams said yes you can go as it is a public meeting but remember Gahanna has only one vote.

ISSUES - From Clerk of Council:

Request for Resolution in Support of MRDD Levy

Clerk said a request came to the City to see if we have any interest in passing a resolution in support of the MRDD Levy; a fact sheet and sample resolution were distributed to Council; it is on the March ballot for the time line and would be a single reading. Kneeland said we could pass it in February and be OK; I would like to look at it more.

Recommendation: Return to Committee of the Whole

Meeting adjourned.

MONITOR:

2007-0013

Monitor Items:

- 1) Whiteboard
- 2) Wireless Communication Legislation

Della Brandenberger, Reporting