



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Brian Metzbower, President
Stephen A. Renner, Vice President
Karen J. Angelou
Brian D. Larick
Jamie Leeseberg
Nancy R. McGregor
Michael Schnetzer

April Beggerow, CMC, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 1, 2019

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, July 1 2019, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. Vice President of Council, Stephen Renner, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilwoman, Karen Angelou, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on June 28, 2019.

*Brian Larick arrived after roll call at 7:02 p.m.

Present 6 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, and Nancy R. McGregor

Absent 1 - Brian Metzbower

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

C. HEARING OF VISITORS: None

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Schnetzer introduced the item in Section D.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

[ORD-0065-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- USW Health Plan Expenses.

This item was introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2019-0083](#) Council Meeting Minutes For Approval.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:

[ORD-0064-2019](#) TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE HEIL DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (ST-1047).

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

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

[ORD-0066-2019](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) CONTRACT WITH GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (GJPS) FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

Present 6 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, and Nancy R. McGregor

Absent 1 - Brian Metzbower

[ORD-0058-2019](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PIPETEK INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES FOR THE 2019 CCTV & SANITARY SEWER CLEANING PROJECT.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0059-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- ODNR Wildlife Education Grant.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0067-2019](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Legal Professional Services.

This ordinance was adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0019-2019](#) MOTION RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS.

This Motion Resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Pass the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Leeseberg, to Pass the Consent Agenda.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer and McGregor

Absent: 2 - Larick and Metzbower

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

G. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Mr. Leeseberg: Finance Committee meeting may have an issue next week, but as of now none.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - None

Council

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

[ORD-0060-2019](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, OR NOTES, NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,100,000); IN ANTICIPATION OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A FINAL JUDGMENT, INCLUDING DEFENSE COSTS AND EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Larick, seconded by Leeseberg, that the Ordinance be Adopted.. The motion carried by the following vote:

[ORD-0063-2019](#) TO AMEND PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 1193- STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

Motion made by Schnetzer, Second by Angelou.

Mr. Leeseberg asked about new language that was discussed the previous week. Item C6 still reads the same and the request was that green infrastructure and best management practices shall be

incorporated into the plan of the development by the Engineer or their designee, but then also to also put the onus on the Developer tell them why we couldn't do it so it's not on us to be the one doing that.

Mr. Ewald asked for a postment of 2 weeks.

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt:

[ORD-0068-2019](#) TO REESTABLISH AND DETERMINE THE POSITION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2020; TO PROVIDE COMMENSURATE COMPENSATION THEREFOR; TO AMEND CHAPTER 143, DEPARTMENT OF LAW.

Mr. Ewald stated he did not get any feedback from the Mayor's office regarding a change in salary and that Council didn't express interest in changing their salary figures. He stated that he has data to support the requested number and feels comfortable with the ask. His examples were that Whitehall just passed legislation raising the salary to \$90,000.00. So the \$75,000.00 is still way below average City Attorney pay for central Ohio.

Mr. Larick responded that he has looked at other municipalities and saw that it is competitive.

Mr. Ewald stated that the salary is just below the median, with bumps each year over the four year period.

Mrs. McGregor asked if Mr. Ewald thinks it should be raised.

He replied he did not and that by leaving this, he's going to take away the designation for full time. It will entice people and it creates flexibility. He will bring the change to the code section at a later date.

Mrs. Angelou said she spoke to Mr. Webber who held the position for many years and he said he felt that we were low what it should be and thought this was a good idea.

Mr. Larick said that the information or the notation full time and part time the adjustment was simply for clarity and not impactful to whether the position is able to practice their own private practice externally. Its just for informational purposes.

Mr. Leeseberg asked about a benefit implication.

Mr. Ewald responded that full time technically could apply for benefits and that he wanted it pulled out so it wasn't an issue.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Leeseberg, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick and McGregor

Absent: 1 - Metzbower

K. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS: None

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Larick

No report this week.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

No meeting in July

Government Liaison - Metzbower

Not present.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Schnetzer

Mr. Schnetzer stated that the CVB has begun distribution of the 2019-2020. Herb Center recently held classes and workshops in recognition of pollinator week for kids and families June 17-21 and recently on Thursday, June 27th the Herb Center introduced a new summer event called Old Fashioned Summer at the Ohio Herb Center. This was the first of four events held which featured herbal iced tea, crafts, music, yard games, old time cartoons and more. Upcoming dates are July 11th, July 25th, and August 8th, from 6-8 pm at the Ohio Herb Center. Thank you.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Not Present.

City Attorney

Mr. Ewald said it he was looking forward to a great 4th of July and enjoy the day.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Mrs. Angelou said that this is such a great weekend and it's always hot and the parade is wonderful and that Mrs. McGregor would be riding together in a golf cart. She welcomed Mr. Renner back from his vacation.

Mr. Leeseberg encouraged everyone to enjoy the 4th of July festivities. He said he enjoyed spending time with his son fishing up at Lake Erie and that it was nice to slow things down and took him back to working with his own dad and that it took a lot of patience to slow things down. He said to enjoy the holiday and be safe.

Mr. Larick said to be safe and enjoy the holiday.

Mr. Schnetzer said he came across some interesting data. The current economic expansion has been going on for 121 months, longer than the expansion that occurred from March 1991 through March 2001. That makes the current expansion the longest, yet shallowest in US History. He brings this up because this was one of the rationales behind the City's request to voters to increase income tax rate, not only is there a reduction from a number of sources including state aid, but the revenue growth rate has been lower than in past expansions. He said today also marks day one of the 2.5% income tax rate collection. He just wanted to point that information out.

Mr. Renner said the only thing he wanted to add was Happy Birthday to our country and that it's a time to reflect on this. He said his family brings out the Constitution and they read it as a family and he encourages everyone to do that as well. He said he would like to remember the pets in the world on fireworks night. Please take necessary measures to protect them.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

P. ADJOURNMENT

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2019.*

Brian D. Larick