

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 6, 2001

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, President of Council

Michael O'Brien, Vice President of Council

Karen J. Angelou, Council Member

L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member

Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member

Debra A. Payne, Council Member

Donald R. Shepherd, Council Member

Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AEE, Clerk of Council

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, August 6, 2001 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. Vice President of Council Michael O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Council Member Debra Payne gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scout Paul Emch, Troop 781, of Shepherd Church of the Nazarene.

Members Absent: Rebecca W. Stinchcomb and Karen J. Angelou

Members Present: Michael O'Brien, Debra A. Payne, L. Nicholas Hogan, Donald R. Shepherd and Thomas R. Kneeland

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION was made by Payne, seconded by Kneeland, to add ORD-0172-2001, ORD-0173-2001, ORD-0174-2001, ORD-0175-2001, ORD-0176-2001, and ORD-0177-2001. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Payne, Kneeland, Shepherd, Hogan, O'Brien. Motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

David Goodman, State Representative, stated he didn't have an agenda; here to say hello; am available to you; have been working hard to pass our biennial budget; with 45 new legislators and time we were able to do it; was a difficult process; had an \$800 million shortfall; we did add \$1.3 billion to education; did it all without raising your taxes; Gahanna has been concerned with annexation reform; there is a potential for a referendum; encourage you to work hard on that; did try to modify as best we could but was a lot of push in the opposite direction; bill itself could have been worse; feel it is the best possible compromise that we could come up with; that's all I have; I'm still out there; now know that Gahanna has parades rain or shine; were a lot of folks out there watching us; am glad to answer any questions any time you need me; always willing to help Gahanna; call me at any time.

O'Brien stated that most of us appreciate your position on annexation reform; you represent our community well; sincerely appreciate your stand and the stand you continue to take. Goodman stated there are a lot of different interests in the state; learned a lot in this process; is a different kind of growth down in the Cincinnati area; tried to explain to them how we work through our forms of government; growing townships is a type of acronym; don't think our constitution anticipated that; think we accomplished a lot; made it more difficult to annex but not in such a way that we won't have growth any more; feel you will continue to grow as long as we cross our t's and dot our i's; encourage you to follow through.

Joe Kolar, 1215 Rice Avenue, thanked Council for the opportunity to address them; we need your help; the pond on Rice Avenue is deteriorating beyond what we can take care of; need your resources to bring it back to standard; there is a lot of erosion which has made the banks very steep; don't think a child could get out of the pond if they fell in; algae is overgrown and it almost looked like you could walk across it, it was so thick; mosquito problem is terrible around the pond; when we look at the entry way and the job done at Creekside, all we ask you is for guidance and to help us make this pond something to be as proud of; the area needs chemical treatment or aeration; life is choking out of this pond; a sidewalk was put in 5 years ago which sits about 4" higher than the soil around it; could easily trip off of it and sprain your ankle; there are also

some hazards around the pond that need addressed; O'Brien was out and looked at the area today; fishing is almost impossible now; many people did fish the pond and enjoyed it; is now beyond enjoyment; people in the community have been helping out; we have tried to cut grass and worked on weeds; have gone house to house and have signatures from over 40 homes to say that this pond area needs repair.

O'Brien stated the petition will be a part of the record; this pond does not be to aerated or something done that could help us to stop erosion and bring safety to the children; is a hazard to walk. Kolar stated that we do need to continue our volunteer work but need your resources to make this happen; people have come out tonight to show you that the neighborhood is serious in wanting to clean up this area. (Clerk's Note: Approximately 15 people stood) Kolar continued that the mosquito population continues to grow; the area does have a bad smell in the evening; people don't play with their children or walk pets their any more; would like to see it become an asset again.

Payne asked if this was city owned or privately owned like Rose Run. Mitchell stated this is a city owned retention basin. McGregor stated this was different than Rose Run; we maintain this like we do others; some parks like Royal Plaza have extensive volunteer network of people who work on that park; they call and tell us they need top soil and we will bring it out; last summer they had concerns with our big mowers going in; this year we provided them with a grant to hire a student in the area to mow the area; we are very available to work with neighborhood civic associations to make it what you want it to be; some are not interested in storm water detention facilities and we just mow the areas; Rose Run is supported. Kolar stated there is a lot of potential; a little rock to stop erosion may be all that is needed to address that issue; we just don't have that type of expertise; need some resources.

Hogan suggested the City may want to take a look the development on Clark State just past Uxbridge; there are 2 detention basins where they have put these aerators that shoot water in the air; keeps all algae out of there; could assign this to Service Committee to allow for further discussion. McGregor stated he believed those basins were owned by the Civic Association and not the township.

O'Brien asked if McGregor and Mitchell could meet with Kolar; did spend some time out there; my observations concur with what was said; erosion on the east side about the center near the figure 8 is extremely bad; banks are steep where they have eroded; shallows are filling in as it erodes; lots of algae, probably 2 to 3 feet out into the pond; there is a dead animal in a stage of serious decay on the far south end; catch basin was filling up with debris; the weeds are probably helping to keep the soil back but is making it impossible to fish; understand we now have a naturalist on staff; maybe this could be looked at from that standpoint. Mitchell stated that could be done; the pond was built with steep banks; have tried in the past to seed some tall fescue to try to stabilize the banks; could probably do some stoning; am most concerned about and should have been aware of the sidewalk issue; will jump on that quickly. O'Brien stated it was very noticeable; rip rap was a question I had; also wanted to point out the catch basin issue; if we could aerate possibly a neighbor could provide power; not sure what it would take to add oxygen; was surprised by the nature; the songbirds are thriving; one bank was almost all Canadian thistle; bass and blue gill both are living in the pond; songbirds thriving to the east; thought I would see a ditch to hold run off; this is a pond that could be thriving; hopefully we can help; sounds like the administration will address; however, will go along with Hogan's suggestion; this issue will be placed in Service Committee as a monitor item to keep abreast of what is going on.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

Ordinances, introduced, by title, by Payne.

ORD-0143-2001

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1135, DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0144-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1136.04, CONDITIONAL USES, OF CHAPTER 226, ER-1 ESTATE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0145-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1137.04, CONDITIONAL USES, OF CHAPTER 1137, ER-2 ESTATE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0146-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1139.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1139, SF-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0147-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1141.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1141, SF-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0148-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1143.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1143, SF-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0149-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1145.02, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1145, R-4 RESIDENCE DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0150-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1147.04, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1147, MR-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0151-2001

TO AMEND SECTIONS 1150.03, DOWNTOWN SINGLE FAMILY 1150.04, DOWNTOWN MULTI-FAMILY OR DOWNTOWN SUBURBAN OFFICE; 1150/05, GENERAL DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL; 1150.06, DOWNTOWN CREEKSIDE OF CHAPTER 1150, OLDE GAHANNA DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0152-2001

TO AMEND SECTION 1151.03, CONDITIONAL USES OF CHAPTER 1151, PLANNED DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

- [ORD-0153-2001](#) TO AMEND SECTION 1153.01, SO SUBURBAN OFFICE AND INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT OF CHAPTER 1153, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA
Introduced, to Committee of the Whole
- [ORD-0154-2001](#) TO ENACT CHAPTER 1154, RESTRICTED INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA
Introduced, to Committee of the Whole
- [ORD-0155-2001](#) TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEEDS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 57-63 MILL STREET FROM FRANK A SUMMERFIELD SR AND RUTH I SUMMERFIELD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
Introduced
- [ORD-0156-2001](#) TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEEDS FOR 0.069 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ALONG MORSE ROAD FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES FROM RICHARD AND DARLENE STRAIT AND SHARON FRANKS
Introduced
- [ORD-0157-2001](#) TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEEDS FOR 0.274 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ALONG MORSE ROAD FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES FROM RICHARD N AND BARBARA UNDERWOOD
Introduced
- [ORD-0158-2001](#) TO ACCEPT GENERAL WARRANTY DEED FOR 0.349 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ALONG MORSE ROAD FOR RIGHT OF WAY PURPOSES FROM JACK L AND BONNIE L EVANS
Introduced
- [ORD-0159-2001](#) TO ACKNOWLEDGE A PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF EASEMENT GIVEN BY THE CITY OF GAHANNA TO THE NEW ALBANY COMPANY FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES FOR MONRO MUFFLER; TO RATIFY THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ON SAID PARTIAL ASSIGNMENT OF EASEMENT
Introduced
- [ORD-0160-2001](#) TO ACKNOWLEDGE A DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS BY JG GAHANNA HOTEL II, LTD., FOR THE FAIRFIELD SUITES AND SPRINGHILL SUITES PROPERTIES ON TAYLOR ROAD
Introduced
- [ORD-0161-2001](#) TO AMEND SECTION 1303.01, ADOPTION OF CABO ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLING CODE, OF CHAPTER 1303, RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA
Introduced
- [ORD-0162-2001](#) TO AMEND SECTION 1501.01, ADOPTION, OF CHAPTER 1501, BOCA FIRE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA
Introduced
- [ORD-0163-2001](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DOVE BUILDING SERVICES FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES.
Introduced
- [ORD-0164-2001](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Indigent Counsel

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0165-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CONTRACT SWEEPERS & EQUIPMENT FOR STREET CLEANING SERVICES.

Introduced

ORD-0166-2001

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1403, INSPECTIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF GAHANNA, OHIO, IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE 2000 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Introduced

ORD-0167-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH GGC ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN SERVICES ON THE OGDEN ALLEY; TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO PAY SAID SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0169-2001

TO ACCEPT STREET, STORM SEWER, WATER LINE, IMPROVEMENT NO. 765; AND SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 766; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN BEECHER CROSSING NORTH; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Introduced

ORD-0170-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- Creekside Mural

Introduced, to Committee of the Whole

ORD-0171-2001

Supplemental Appropriation- Wireless Ethernet Pilot project

Introduced

ORD-0172-2001

TO ACCEPT THE FINAL PLAT FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS EASTGATE INDUSTRIAL CENTER; PIZZUTI PROPERTIES, APPLICANT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Development Committee

ORD-0173-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL - PLUMBING FEES

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0174-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - BUILDING STATE FEE ACCOUNT

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0175-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Service, Seminars & Meetings

Introduced, to Communications & Technology Committee

ORD-0176-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - CONTRACT PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0177-2001

SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Introduced, to Service Committee

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes - To Approve

2001-0006

To approve minutes of the following meetings:
1) December 3, 2001 Regular Meeting

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading

ORD-0138-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATED LABOR AGREEMENT TITLED "AGREEMENT BETWEEN OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION DISPATCHER UNIT AND CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001"; TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 980424; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0139-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE ROBERT WEILER COMPANY REALTORS TO SELL OR LEASE THE PROPERTY AT 133 MILL STREET KNOWN AS THE FORMER MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0140-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JOHN'S PAINTING, FOR INTERIOR PAINTING OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE SENIOR CENTER; TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM BUILDING MAINTENANCE TO LANDS & BUILDING CAPITAL

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances: Introduce, Waive 2nd Reading, Adopt as an Emergency

ORD-0168-2001

TO WAIVE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1317.01, COMPLETION OF STREET REQUIRED BEFORE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMIT, RELIEF, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA; FOR THE COURTYARD AT BEECHER CROSSING BY CANINI AND PELLECCCHIA, INC.; TO WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution

MR-0049-2001

Motion Resolution to approve purchase order #43368 to Petro Com Corporation, for \$1,224.64 for invoices covering 5-31-2001 through 6-29-2001, and purchase order #43323 to Berberich Automotive, for \$1,619.45 for work completed on 6-25-2001.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0050-2001

Motion Resolution to allow use of funding in the amount of \$8000 in Account No. 101.145.5541, Capital Projects, Streets, designated for Olde Gahanna Alleys to be used for the West Gateway Landscape Project, Phase II, Improvement No. 758

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Hogan, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	5	Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
Absent	2	President of Council Stinchcomb and Council Member Angelou

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

O'Brien stated Public Hearing Rules that would govern all public hearings this evening.

2001-0035

To Enact Chapter 1154, Restricted Institutional District, of the Codified Ordinances; to Amend Chapter 1135, to add Restricted Institutional District; to Amend Thirteen Other Sections of Code Regarding Conditional Uses Due to the Enactment of a Restricted Institutional District

Chair opened Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

Sadicka White, Director of Development, stated there are several amendments being proposed; procedurally has been through Planning Commission with a recommendation for approval; wish to add a new Restricted Institutional District; in the history of our City, schools and churches are zoned residential; we started from town centers and walked or took public transportation; some institutions have taken other items on; some are what I call mega churches and they are huge in terms of impact to a neighborhood; they also provide many ancillary kinds of services; the parking demands for these kinds of institutions are phenomenal; some are as large as shopping centers; some operate on a day to day basis with that kind of traffic; have much more impact on our neighborhoods; where churches usually located in residential areas they were permitted and conditional uses; looking at this new classification and for that to change; there are different standards that are necessary in terms of setbacks, extent of lot coverage, and development standards; particularly under the final development plan so we can look at in total; has taken us quite a long time to do this; Gard and Sherwood and other staff members worked hard on this in an attempt to make as easy a transition as possible; will benefit the residents and parishioners.

President asked for opponents. There were none.

President closed Public Hearing at 8:01 p.m.

In response to question, Sherwood stated that if you read the legislation on the Restricted Institutional District and get your questions answer on that, the necessity for the other changes will fall into place. Payne requested the Clerk to remind Council to review all ordinances dealing with code changes in Friday comments.

Heard in Public Hearing

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland: No Report.

Development Committee - Payne: No Report.

Service Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Safety Committee - Shepherd: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - O'Brien: No Report.

Finance - Angelou: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk - Legal:

2001-0034 Request from Zoning Administrator for Park Land recommendation for ZC-0004-2001, 4443-4469 E. Johnstown Road, proposed development to be known as Hickory Grove; recommendation to be made to Planning Commission by 8/20/01.

Received and Filed

2001-0036 Notice to Legislative Authority of new C1 and C2 Liquor Permits for Tamarkin Co., DBA Giant Eagle 6501, 1250 N. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio; response requested by August 27, 2001. (Assign to Safety Committee)

Assigned to Safety Committee

2001-0040 Notice of letter of resignation from the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals of John R. Hurd, Jr. effective August 6, 2001.

O'Brien read letter of resignation from John Hurd; requested the clerk pull out resumes received last December for Board and Commission appointments and resend them to Council; possibly discuss at end of Committee of the Whole next week.

Received and Filed

2001-0041 Receipt of Report from Auditor of State for audit period 1/1/00 through 12/31/00; audit completed by independent auditor Trimble, Julian & Grube, Inc., and accepted by JimPetro, Auditor of State; letter dated July 10, 2001.

Received and Filed

Council:

Payne noted receipt of memo from Sharon Montgomery regarding Electronic Records with Clerk's note requesting discussion in a Committee; asked that this be placed in Committee of the Whole. Sherwood requested this be put in September Committee of the Whole; would like to have Weber present for this discussion and he will not be back next week.

Hogan stated he had received several pieces of correspondence; is a lot of interest in public hearings; did receive letter from Marjorie Milless with concerns regarding ice skating; Tom Liskay wrote letter about public meetings; also one from Kevin Truman and Bob Mauldin; one was sent to Debra by Larry Koebel and copied to several members; one from Gen. Abraham; last one from Raymond Dwolati; these 7 came in after the 16th and will give to Clerk for the record. Payne stated she did not remember seeing the letter from Koebel and requested a copy.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

ORD-0141-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AHC, INC., FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL IN PREPARATION FOR DEMOLITION AT 121 MILL STREET.

Hogan stated he wished an inspection had been done before we purchased; know that we do have to remove the asbestos but don't think we should be paying for it; feel the previous owner should be; also, we don't know what kind of exposure there was to the

workers who were in there prior to our knowledge of the asbestos; you can work in a building that has asbestos without having to do anything; however, if they remodel or mess with anything structure wise, the asbestos has to be removed; one of the concerns I have is that we don't know if we knew we had asbestos or if workers were protected; will support this.

McGregor stated that the volunteers who took things out were not exposes; items taken were windows, doors, etc.; things that are self contained; asbestos is mostly in the heating system; if you take out duct work and the like you might have exposure; copper plumbing was salvaged; there is no asbestos associated with that; not aware of any problems with the salvage operation.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Council Member Kneeland, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	5	Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
Absent	2	President of Council Stinchcomb and Council Member Angelou

ORD-0142-2001

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLVIN GRAVEL COMPANY, INC., FOR DEMOLITION OF 121 MILL STREET

Hogan stated he did have real problems with this ordinance; City paid \$475,000 for this property; we are nowhere near the stage where this building had to come down; should have been rented or leased so the City could have gotten some money back; any good developer would have done that; other concern is that this building was gutted without the approval of Council and no authorization; Mayor did state at a meeting that Council passed a plan and Council gave him directive to fast track Creekside; we didn't vote on anything to fast track Creekside; bottom line is that this points out why we need these public meetings to hear what the public has to say; we don't know if Phase 2 can be completed; we don't have Stilson report yet; we don't need more parking; we may need to demolish this building at some point but think we could have rented this building for 9 months 1 year, 2 years or 3 years and gotten a return on our investment.

McGregor stated he have placed effective parking on the south end of downtown and at Memorial Park; there is pretty good parking in central downtown area; the old village wasn't developed with parking in mind; some businesses have 0 parking; at north end we were able to work out combination agreement with EMH&T and the small church but we have no public parking up there; this will be the only public parking available; in terms of fast tracking, Council decided on recommendation of the administration to do the low water crossing this year; it was a 2002 project; getting across to the west side was important we put this on the front burner; and Council voted on that and on adopting the plan; apologize if I misunderstood the intent; fell it is a very good investment to build that parking now; feel it will be put to good use.

O'Brien stated the only thing he heard on fast tracking was the low water crossing. McGregor agreed that was what was talked about; to get as much done as possible this year on that; on a side note on the Summerfield property, Development has received 22 requests expressing interest in an RFP for that site. O'Brien stated that was the only thing on to be fast tracked; no desire to fast track anything else; that's why we need the Stilson report; that changes a lot of things; may be a new and different concept; was our collective wisdom to wait; many things requested in our E-mails like the one from Gen. Abraham that brought up some great questions; can't answer them until next phase of report is back; moving slowly with this so we make good decisions based on what many

public hearings have brought out; we need to know the direction people want us to go but we can't go any further until we get more engineering studies back; is still plenty of time for Public Hearings at both the Council and Planning Commission levels; won't see any bulldozers building a skating rink; was never the intention to build a skating rink; we talked about a canal that will aid in the continued development of Creekside; suggestion was brought up to use the canal more than just the summer; that idea came from the residents by way of providing some means of draining and freezing; where it got out we were in competition with Chiller, I don't know; that was not the intention of Council; probably have said too much; those are things that are of concern; nothing was fast tracked; to those who think it has been we are proceeding very cautiously and judiciously.

A motion was made by Council Member Payne, seconded by Council Member Hogan, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent	2	President of Council Stinchcomb and Council Member Angelou
Yes	4	Vice President of Council O'Brien, Council Member Payne, Council Member Shepherd and Council Member Kneeland
No	1	Council Member Hogan

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES: None.

K. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Kneeland stated a joint meeting of CIC and Council will be held on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. here in Committee rooms.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne: No Report.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Shepherd: No Report.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien

O'Brien stated the Committee met last Monday; was reported well in Enterprise; covered areas such as Emergency Response 911 with a great presentation by Mazeau; Gen. Williams gave a report on emergency preparedness planning and bringing different parts together; had a good report on joint fueling station; good dialogue from both townships, Board of Education and city; every one went away communicating; that is our primary purpose; next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 29th at the Police Station.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor - No Report.

City Attorney - No Report.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT:

Hogan gave a big thank you to the public; things are changing; hearing things such as we have to look at rather than we have to find a way to implement; hearing talk about public meetings; keep your E-mails coming; we are reasonable people and we will listen to you; need open communication both ways and hope it will continue; one person can't do this

but 22 or 23 people writing letters make a big difference.

Shepherd reminded everyone that it is their responsibility to give accurate information to people; when they are given the information factually they understand what we are trying to do; we don't require extra public meetings; they do understand; we are talking about a water feature not an ice skating rink; it can be verified; it is the responsibility of everyone who sits here to give accurate information.

O'Brien stated he was glad to see residents here on the pond issue; hope we can get it back to where it should be.

O. ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m. Motion by Payne.

End of Agenda

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.*

Chair Signature