

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 11, 2012**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Committee of the Whole**

*Stephen A. Renner, Chair*

*Beryl D. Anderson*

*Karen J. Angelou*

*Ryan P. Jolley*

*Brian D. Larick*

*David L. Samuel*

*Brandon Wright*

**Members Present:** Stephen Renner, Brandon Wright, Beryl D. Anderson, Karen J. Angelou, Ryan P. Jolley, Brian D. Larick and David L. Samuel

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**Additional Attendees:**

Mayor Stinchcomb, Brandi Braun, Dottie Franey, Karl Wetherholt, Sue Wadley, Mike Andrako, Gen. Williams, Deputy Chief Bell, Shane Ewald, Jennifer Teal, Joann Bury, Tony Collins, Troy Euton, Isobel Sherwood, Brian Hoyt, Tom Kneeland, Press.

**PENDING LEGISLATION:**

**ORD-0126-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF GROUND LEASES WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Renner called the meeting for Monday, June 11, 2012, to order; first items are the series of 8 ordinances that are pending legislation dealing with Creekside; open the floor to discussion on all 8; on each we have to come to agreement; I would like to propose one item to discuss is to move these to the consent agenda; just an idea; see how everyone feels; otherwise it will be kept on regular agenda. Anderson requested they stay on regular agenda. Renner asked for any additional questions or comments; there were none.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0127-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion under ORD-0126-2012.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0128-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion under ORD-0126-2012.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0129-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion under ORD-0126-2012.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0130-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO GROUND LESSOR (BUILDING

B) ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion under ORD-0126-2012.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0131-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO GROUND LESSOR (BUILDING C) ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion under ORD-0126-2012.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0132-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT ESTOPPEL WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion under ORD-0126-2012.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0133-2012**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH CREEKSIDE INVESTMENT PARTNERS LLC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

See discussion under ORD-0126-2012.

Recommendation; 2nd Reading , Regular Agenda for all 8 ordinances.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ISSUES - From Director of Parks & Recreation:**

**Soccer Update**

Renner said next is a soccer update. Collins said I do not have a lot of information to present on this tonight; we are meeting again Wednesday, June 13; I know that a couple of Council members have received emails and had questions about what is going on with the Soccer Association and the trials we are dealing with concerning the Gahanna New Albany Soccer Association (GNA) and the S & P Soccer Club; we did have a Parks Board meeting last Wednesday; we allowed for public comment and had 15 folks make comments; overall we had about 27 people in attendance from the soccer community; the Board heard all the comments and heard a presentation from me in terms of history and background; proceeded to ask questions to further understanding but the Parks Board felt they needed more information before they could make a decision and asked for a Special Meeting which will take place Wednesday at 6:00 P. M. ; they hope to make a decision on the policy at that time; the decision in front of them is whether or not to appeal our current policy of field reservation procedures or leave it in place; that is what they are being asked to do by GNA; I can give you more information after the meeting next week; any questions.

Angelou said I attended the meeting and it is a complicated situation; the issue is not so

much a non profit or private group coming in; it is the fact that the fields are not able to be played on and practiced on and keep their integrity; am I correct? Collins said that is one of the 3 major things; what has been presented to me a number of times, is by allowing these groups to be there, provides competition to our local non profit supported group; the 2nd issue is exactly as you said it, we allow these folks to run their academy on our fields and we do not allow our league to practice on our fields; that is a big concern for them; the 3rd item is there are folks there concerned about the integrity of the S & P Program; those are the 3 major issues that have been brought to us at this point. Wright said to get clarification since this is a complex issue that came out of nowhere; we don't allow our leagues to practice on the fields? Collins said we have 2 leagues; we have the Gahanna Soccer Association that is our recreational program; it has about 1800 kids in the program; we also have GNA which is the Gahanna New Albany program that is the select elite program that has around 250 kids playing in it; they all play their games throughout the Spring and Winter seasons at Headley, Hannah, and Shull Parks; they are not permitted to practice there because of the sheer volume of participants on our fields; our turf quality could not be maintained with that level of activity on our fields. Wright said so where do they practice. Collins said we have nets up at different parks around the community; one at Hunters Ridge Park, one at Friendship Park, one at Academy Park where they can arrange for practices; they also use school fields and Good Samaritan Church on McCutcheon Road. Wright said this is something we need to come to a compromise on; Gahanna is known for it's soccer program; from elementary school through high school, and in high school it is at a very competitive level; I really hope we can work out a compromise.

Larick said the Parks Board is working through the process; they are meeting again next week; do you expect them to come up with a resolution to this. Collins said I believe they are going to make a decision on the policy; whether or not that decision will be ok with one of the user groups or go farther we will have to see; if they decide to stay with the existing policy then some of our GNA folks are not going to be pleased with that; if they decide to change the policy and eliminate outside rentals then some of our residents who utilize the S & P Program or COE Program would not be pleased with that. Larick said so COE would be involved? Collins said yes; they are both private clubs. Larick said that is interesting because the information and dialogue we heard is using GSA, GNA, and COE all in the same breath; that is something we need to be clear about in the discussions with S & P. Collins said it is very complex.

Angelou said it is complicated; not complex; listening to all of it, the basic thing was GSA can't practice on the field; if that could be given, which means the integrity of those fields needs improved; if you could get me information on just doing those fields; baseball fields are not the issue; it is soccer fields that are the issue; so could you get me the amount of money it would take to upgrade those fields so that they could both play and practice on them; then I do not think there would be a problem. Collins said we are working on that number right now; with budget and current workload the next 2 to 3 weeks are a very difficult time for us; we do not have those numbers in front of us; I can tell you with the up front cost and then the continuing maintenance costs, we are looking at years before the fields would be in any condition to handle that; so it would be multiple years before we could handle the level of play that they are asking for and allow for practice anyway; the current situation would still be a challenge.

Angelou said we would like it to be exceptional. Collins said absolutely.

Wright said would there be a bigger cost factor for astroturf; I know it would be more up front but the maintenance on astroturf is a lot less than a natural field; is that something we can look at. Collins said astroturf is definitely less for maintenance; the upfront construction costs would be in the millions in terms of the number of fields that we would need; to accommodate the amount of play we have.

Anderson said my question is about the meeting this week; a determination will be made; is there an opportunity for a change to that; is there an appeal process; where will

they go from there. Collins said if the residents don't like what the Parks Board has decided, according to Code, Code can be changed and an appeal could be made to Council. Anderson said are they aware of this process. Collins said not at this time; it is in the eyes of the Parks Board and no action scheduled beyond that. Anderson said ok; just knowing from what you say that someone is not going to be happy and just wondering where we go from there. Collins said in my opinion, when they make their decision, it should be done; we move forward and we hope the soccer community could work together then; if you as Council would like to hear the case then that is your prerogative.

Angelou said I think people expected something last Wednesday as an answer; that Board said they needed more time to go over what they heard and understand what the policy is; they did not rush to judgement; believe they will come up with a quality decision. Anderson said I understand that; but I wanted to look ahead and, understanding that somebody won't be happy, what is the process.

Angelou said I really would like to have the information on the cost of improved turf. Jolley said do we have an abnormally large number of soccer participants in our community. Collins said no. Jolley said what do other communities do in terms of practice versus game play. Collins said varies among different communities; those brought up in the meeting Wednesday night compared us to New Albany and Dublin; those 2 communities have identified field operating standards and funded those standards; that is the major delta; we are not able to do that, with all the priorities we have in place as a community we are not able to fund to that level.

Mayor said sure an appeal could come to Council and we could choose to fund fields, but I would urge you to look at all our priorities which is what the administration has done; other cities have more funds; Dublin has a 2.5% income tax rate which gives them more money and they have a bigger business base; it is the reality; they have the resources that most other cities would love to have; New Albany is at a higher rate as well and the parents pay; it is a user fee program and that cost is substantially higher than what Gahanna parents pay; we have to take a look at available revenue and where these things fall; over the years in all the leagues that have had issues with the fields this problem continues to pop up and it is not an easy one as the number of users continue to grow; we have to put all this in perspective.

Samuel said we have other areas people might complain about; we could do in depth studies and they could ask for more money; things like our bike paths, our swimming pools; so it is as the Mayor says; we have to put things into perspective; we don't have the funds.

Angelou said we have millions of dollars put into bike paths, most of them come through MORPC projects and we are putting more money into it; and we have always paid for it; and the bike paths are very well used and an asset to the community; the soccer fields are just as important to the soccer players; we also bring up the golf course; the golfers pay for that so it's not like we put money in the golf course; but it is our tax money so we pay for it; soccer has been around for a very long time along with other sports; they have been run by volunteers and parents who have given a great deal to the community in terms of getting the fields together; the history of this is an important part; it is about quality of life; I think our roads and Police protection are more important than anything we do recreationally; however we do have money; it's not like we are poor; we have money so why not look at this particular thing and say we can raise the turf level at the soccer fields; that is all we are asking; not asking for new equipment or more people; the fact that now you can have your computer program show who touches those fields each week, you will be able to prudently plan, it can be done for the fields to take practice as well as play; then I think the issues that have to do with the GSA will go away when they can play on the fields where they practice.

Wright said I know we have other important factors for the budget, but for children who go all the way through high school in an established program, Gahanna is unique; not

going to find this program anywhere else; not in Whitehall or Reynoldsburg; is an elite level and played at high caliber; if we don't invest in it, clubs will go to other cities, and their programs will develop and that is where the better players will be; this is something we have to pay attention to; my other question is, the other fields that are being used for practice, are they properly lined; are they within regulation for a normal soccer field or are they smaller? Collins said we do not line them; my understanding is they are not lined; they are just open green space with a soccer bowl if they have that. Wright said I see the issue they have here; I would complain too if I had a kid forced to play on a field not properly prepared to accommodate the game; I strongly hope we can come to a compromise. Angelou said it has worked well for many years; it's why Gahanna won a State Title; GSA uses the club type approach and it has worked even though they used fields with no lines; can we make it better; I think we should be looking to update and build up the turf.

Larick said I will be interested to see what the Parks Board decides.

Renner said I have a bias; I have been a GSA and U8 coach for a while and I am very proud of GSA and their organization; they have enriched soccer for Gahanna; I have a nephew and niece in Upper Arlington; their club is sponsored by the Kiwanis; their fields are little cones; don't even have nets when they play actual games, and that is in a town where everyone wants to live; Gahanna is where it's at.

## **ISSUES - From Chief of Police:**

### **Radio Consolette**

Deputy Chief Bell said I have a broken piece of equipment that I need to have replaced and it is an emergency; the division respectfully requests Council authorize expenditure of \$6,600 from the State Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the purpose of purchasing a Motorola Consolette Radio in accordance with the State Term Schedule and pricing; the current Motorola Console, which is one of 4, was purchased under a UASI Grant in 2009; this device is the primary control station for the division's radio communications platform; the current unit has reached end of life and one of it's main electronic components has failed; the unit needs immediate replacement with an updated version Model APX 7500; since this device is a key piece of the division's radio communications system, a waiver of 2nd reading and passage with emergency language is requested; our efficiency and operations are being somewhat affected by this broken piece of equipment so if we can get it replaced as quick as possible we would appreciate it.

Angelou asked what are you using now? Bell said we are using one of the other radios from our original 4 as a back up; it limits our range and abilities.

Anderson asked where does the money come from in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Bell said they are seizure funds; just like the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund; these are seizures that go through the State Court system. Sherwood said this is Federal. Bell said no it is State. Sherwood said my RCA says Federal. Bell said that is a mistake; it is State.

Recommendation; 1st Reading, waiver of 2nd Reading , Consent Agenda with Emergency Language.

## **ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:**

### **Award Contract - Gahanna Woods Detention Basin**

Wetherholt said we have discussed the Gahanna Woods Detention Basin earlier; we bid that out and got really good bids; Thompson Excavating, who also did McKenna Creek, was the low bidder; now we are asking to award the contract to them in the amount of \$238,000; that has a 10% contingency on it; the normal process for 30 days brings us to

August which is the ideal time of year to construct the basin. Larick said just want to say thanks; this neighborhood has been waiting on this for quite awhile to alleviate the Souder Ditch water issues. Wetherholt said this will reduce the flows by about 30% across the board which people should be able to notice; also coming up with some experimental pilot projects for some other types of things to go into the Farm Creek neighborhood which will further reduce the flows; we should also be getting a report on the erosion problems on the creek next month. Larick said is there some part of this that was funded externally; through a grant or something. Wetherholt said we have not heard back from the State; we had \$60,000 we applied for in EPA funding from the State but we haven't heard back from them; if we get it we can do the accounting necessary to incorporate that. Larick said and the build out is going to be recreational and have trails. Wetherholt said yes; trails are a portion of it; we worked closely with the Parks Department to make sure they go to the right locations; we will have interpretive signs; and connections on into the Gahanna Woods Nature Preserve. Larick said that is excellent; well rounded project. Wright asked what do you mean by interpretive signs. Wetherholt said because it is a unique wetland design for stormwater management, the EPA wants us to showcase items; signs will explain how water is held and let out a certain rate; show the wetland plants. Wright said so it is an educational component. Wetherholt said right and it is essential for our National Permit to Discharge that we have as part of the stormwater system to be doing educational outreach like this. Wright said it is an excellent idea; thank you.

Angelou asked about ordinances that were on last weeks agenda for first reading; would they go on regular agenda. Sherwood said the committee recommendation was no need to come back to committee and consent agenda. Angelou asked Wright did he have the one he wanted pulled off.

Wright said he would take care of it.

Renner concluded with the recommendation for this ordinance.

Recommendation; 1st Reading, no need to come back; 2nd Reading , Consent Agenda.

## **ISSUES - From Director of Finance:**

### **2013 Budget**

Renner said the final item is the Tax Budget; this is the first of several steps of our public process; this is the first time that Council will see the presentations from the Departments; tonight's goal is for Council to understand the content of the budget for each Department; there will be time later to work through changes; the presentations will be done in 2 parts; we will hear 4 Departments, take a pause for questions, and a health break; then hear the rest of the Departments and then end with questions on the 2nd half. A video of the Department Presentations will be available on the Gahanna Website and a copy of the Tax Budget is available in the Council Office as well as on the website.

Budget Comments and Questions;

Samuel said this is directed to the Deputy Chief; you mentioned specific needed repairs to the Police facilities; can you elaborate on what those needs are. Bell said we have been fighting the weather for one issue; the doors at the entrance to the Police Department are a very old style so it takes a tremendous amount of heat to keep the lobby warm; upstairs we have some window sills that in some way, shape, and form are full of moisture and are falling apart; they need to be replaced along with some of the upstairs windows; there was some funding for the reorganization in the Detective Bureau; knocking down a couple of walls and making some more open space for them. Samuel said thank you.

Jolley said I have a question for the Director of Finance; one number shown is the retainer for RITA at approximately \$412,000; I know when we first signed on we did see a significant windfall of past due taxes that we collected; do we know what the ongoing additional revenue is that is being generated from RITA so we can assess whether the retainer to them is cost effective? Teal said it would be a lot easier to answer that question if the economy hadn't tanked; I hate to be flip about it, but it is really hard to know what normal would have been when we brought RITA on; it is very challenging to make that comparison; we can see we are collecting significantly more now; it is hard to know how much of that is due to RITA and how much is due to more people working and making more money; I can tell you RITA has brought to us more than 2,500 accounts that had not previously been listed; we have had very effective subpoena programs for non filers; we have brought in a lot of money each of the times we have done that where at least we have gotten people on the radar so if and when they do pay they will owe us a heck of a lot of penalty and interest; I would very much suppose, based on that information, that it is worth it; remind folks that what we did before was not free; we were paying a significant amount of money for staff at the Income Tax Department; it is not a dollar for dollar easy thing. Jolley said as a follow up how many staff did we replace with the RITA program. Mayor said we had a Tax Administrator at a Director level salary. Teal said we had 3 full time and 2 to 3 part time; the full time staff aside from the Director were members of the Steelworkers Union so we had those escalations. Jolley said so we had 4 to 5 altogether. Teal said 4 full time; 2 to 3 part time. Larick said along with that we had the overhead of mailings, support and office space. Mayor said we can get you those numbers if you want to see what our costs were for the actual last year and plug in some escalations if you want to take a look at that. Jolley said I was just trying to get a ballpark.

Wright said I have a few questions; one for the office of the Mayor; since your office is in control of the printing for the City, does each department receive separate billing for their print costs. Mayor said no; it has been this way for decades; all printing, even for the Police, goes through the Mayor's office. Wright said in the area of Public Information, are we really ok with staffing. Braun said our intern started last week; she is finishing college; even though she has only been here a few days she has been a huge help to Hoyt to assist; we are able to do more work than we could with one person; that will continue to be a help as she works more hours.

Anderson said I have a couple of questions; first for the Police; under items not funded, you addressed the first 2 issues, I wanted to know the rationale for the 3rd one which is the elimination of the Animal Control Officer. Bell said I addressed that earlier in my presentation; he retired when his contract was up last September; we decided to try to handle this function via Police Officers rather than have an individual as an Animal Control Officer; we are not funding that salary for now. Anderson said so this is a short term wait and see how it works. Bell said yes.

Anderson said my next question is for Finance; has the audit always been done by the same company. Teal said no; we have a firm that works on compiling our annual financial statements; that currently is Julian & Grube; that makes up \$13,000; an additional \$30,000 is what the Auditor of State charges to audit our books; this is our 2nd year with the Auditor of State; a different arm of Julian & Grube had been our Independent Auditor for 6 years. Anderson said and we are finding this to be helpful or at least under a trial basis. Teal said we are not given a choice. Mayor said we do not get to pick. Anderson said you mentioned 3 different entities. Teal said as far as who audits our books, the Auditor of State has chosen to be our Auditor; they have not given us the opportunity to go to an Independent Auditor. Anderson said so that is a fixed cost of \$43,000. Teal said yes.



Samuel said a question for Collins; I did not notice any funding for swimming pool repairs and improvements; will there be something listed. Collins said one of the things that is unfunded for Parks is bringing in a planning firm to look at a new design on the pool and the reconstruction of the pool; it is an item we plan on addressing this fall and bringing back to Council.

Angelou said to Teal, for the Independent Financial Advisory Service, the \$48,000 is unfunded; is that going to be brought up at appropriations time because our goal was to get a group that is working in our best interest rather than their own interests. Teal said it is definitely something I want to consider and we all need to consider from a decision making standpoint; because we were looking at a baseline of only funding our current level of service, it was not included here, but the conversation will continue this year with a determination being made at appropriations.

Renner said I have a question for the Deputy Chief of Police; in your budget which is 39% of the General Fund, have you been able to compare that to cities of similar size and what the cost per capita is; where are we on that spectrum. Bell said generally speaking, they run between 35 to 40%. Renner said of the General Funds of the different cities. Bell said yes; and that is comparing Police Departments only; not Police and Fire.

Samuel said this question is for Franey; for Detroit style streets, there is \$683,000 unfunded; these costs keep increasing year to year; where are they located, mostly on the West Side? Wetherholt said most of them we have left to do are on the West Side. Franey said in general we like to maintain our streets at a 75 rating, out of 100; when we do the calculations and look at the conditions, we did the math and figured out how much money was needed to rebuild the Detroit Streets to arrive at this.

Anderson said I have 2 questions; the first is for Sherwood; you mention a new employee for succession planning purposes; I would like to know what the position is and is it full or part time. Sherwood said it is mine; I am planning on retiring at the end of next year; by hiring a full time employee in September, that gives me 4 months to work with that employee for training. Anderson said you qualified that with "at this time" so it might be subject to change. Sherwood said it could be earlier. Anderson said my next question is for Jones; you mentioned that this year you visited 550 businesses; next year your goal is 1000, to gather business intelligence and keep up with them from various perspectives, what budget does that come out of; or is it a budget item; I was looking at marketing services perhaps. Jones said as part of our annual dues; we have a contract and therefore access to a Business Tracking Software System; every visit we have, we put the information into it; the accounts for marketing allow us to do events; so this is done from a combination of 2 accounts, one for the services and information we provide and the other one for the software system to track and analyze information. Anderson said so is that just Gahanna businesses. Jones said yes. Mayor said isn't that the work being done by the Economic Development Manager; I think that may be what you were asking. Anderson said yes, but I also know that there is an effort to bring businesses here from other cities; did not know if this was about trying to woo other business into Gahanna or if this is only Gahanna business; the 550 that will be increased to almost double at 1,000 for next year. Jones said this is to retain our current businesses; for attracting business we partner with regional entities and have an outreach to various types of industries; that way we have far greater resources. Anderson said so this number of 550 is Gahanna. Jones said yes; just Gahanna. Anderson said so the goal is to go to 1000 for Gahanna. Jones said yes.

Jolley said I have 4 questions; why are we eliminating the Code Enforcement Assistant? Jones said we are not; we have a part time Code Enforcement Assistant that we are

sharing as a Zoning Clerk; took over responsibility for a staff member who had left; has dual responsibilities; one person doing 2 jobs as time requires. Mayor said you wanted to fund more hours. Jolley said it is not a net decrease. Jones said that is correct.

Jolley said how do you estimate future tax incentives; looking at page 27 of the Tax Budget; we have an increase in tax incentives; are these agreements that have already been signed. Jones said yes; future returns based on past performance.

Jolley said my next question is for the City Attorney; if we were to hire a paralegal, would that potentially cut down on our costs for outside Counsel. Ewald said yes. Jolley said do you know how much it would cost; would it pay for itself. Ewald said I believe it would but I would have to justify it by going back through the numbers; given the fact that we are only 6 months into this year, I can't give you an answer now but I believe I could at appropriations time.

Jolley said and my last question is the fund 101 359 for Creekside is lined out. Teal said that is a fund that was used a number of years ago when the Creekside project was being newly developed to centralize all the Creekside costs; now that it is rolled out the applicable departments pull in those costs. Jolley said the costs are still associated; just not in this account. Teal said right.

Wright said one question about the paralegal was answered; seems like we have a lot of legal stuff; not sure how versed the Council Clerk is on legal documents; my next question would be for Anthony; when was the last time we actually had a Certified Planner in that department; was William Murdock the last one. Jones said Matt Huffman in 2010 was it. Wright said I know the Development Department has a lot of Master Plans, is there any indication of putting that into the budget. Jones said we do have some currently available; hopefully by appropriations we can ask for some additional funding for some improvements; we have 5 area plans; 3 are out of date and we need to update those; our goal is to do that. Wright said my last question is for Kneeland; on GIS projects, the different departments that come in for information, is that billed out to them. Kneeland said we are there as a support organization and because we support all departments we don't cost bill; there is one caveat to that; some funding that comes from the proprietary funds, so because of the nature of what we support in service like water and sewer; there is some that gets cross charged that way; for the most part not. Wright said so the Minerva Park project, is that a township. Sherwood said it is a Village. Wright said that is near Westerville or in that area. Kneeland said at 161 and Cleveland. Wright said that is innovative; something that all departments should look at and Service has taken the lead.

Larick said my question is for Wadley; for the standards, 1 to 55 versus 1 to 75, who is your source or what group do we use; where are those standards from. Wadley said I can send it to you; I don't have it with me; I researched it; happy to email it out to you. Larick said providing the source would be great.

Angelou said to Kneeland, in the Life Cycle Refresh Program, will you be going to an iPad format. Kneeland said that is not part of what we calculated into that; that program is to replace business level machines here in City Hall. Angelou said do we have any plans to go to something that is easier to take along as we go different places. Kneeland said iPad and tablet technology is something we are looking at; one of our initiatives for next year which is part of my plan is the BYOD (Bring your own Device) to work; there are a lot of people who want to bring these into work; we are being thrown into it pretty quickly; we have a small deployment of tablet technology; the problem we run into is there aren't that many business applications written for that platform that make it cost effective for us to move into it real quickly; as time and technology progress and the applications develop we will move forward; there probably is going to be a few unique cases where they are a good fit; unless it is a specific special use case, it is not something

we will deploy yet.

Angelou said to Franey, you had a slide for your unfunded items that said something about a new operations complex; I don't see that in here. Franey said we have purchased property adjacent to the fleet maintenance facility; that would include streets, utilities, and Parks would also use it. Angelou said that is not in this document. Mayor said no; it will probably be in the 5 year plans; it is not funded right now. Angelou said that was a good slide; will it be on the webpage. Mayor said yes.

Samuel said my question is open to anyone; who funds traffic light control systems that control the flow of traffic; what department. Franey said that comes out of the General Fund to Engineering. Samuel said with the increase in traffic and congestion are there some upgrades you are proposing. Andrako said we are always tweaking the system; as far as technology is concerned we are on the forefront; we are farther ahead than a lot of cities; the City of Columbus and Franklin County all have checked our system; they are very impressed; they look forward to updating their systems; one thing that will help is having the City of Columbus get on board with the same type of system; it will allow the systems to talk and co ordinate better; it will be multi jurisdictional; right now I can't talk to their signals; they are working on it now and it should be a reality this time next year.

Renner said Thank You to all; no meeting tomorrow. Angelou said the format was informative and the information was well put together; thank you to all departments.

Meeting Adjourned.

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