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To: Residents of Gahanna;
Members of Council;
Mayor Jadwin;
City Attorney Ray Mularski
CC: Chief of Police Jeffrey Spence;
Council Clerk April Beggerow
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - November Report**
Date: 12/07/2020

General Update:

The first half of November was dominated by the presidential election, while by mid-month, we saw a significant spike in COVID-19 infections in Ohio, leading to a Stay at Home Advisory going into effect.

Constituent Hours

Constituent Hours were held on Monday, November 2 and Monday, November 30 via Zoom. The Nov. 2 session was focused on two proposed development projects (multifamily residential projects). The Nov. 30 session, held jointly with Councilmember Renner, was focused on the proposed Budget presented by the Administration and pending before Council. You may sign up for email updates here (typically 1-2 per month): <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1: Compensation Agreement between City and G-J City School District
Constituent was unaware of requirement that City make whole the School District due to lost revenue from property tax abatements.

Action:

Obtained copy of the 1999 Ordinance; forwarded it to constituent.

Response:

Will summarize the Compensation Agreement for benefit of those interested.

#2: COVID-19 Vaccinations

Constituents expressed concerns about vaccine mandate and use of vaccination records in light of new COVID-19 vaccine.

Action:

Listened to constituent, reviewed vaccination goals/Operation Warp Speed; acknowledged receipt of emails.

Response:

Will continue to monitor.

#3 Proposed Multifamily Residential Project on Johnstown Road

Received various comments from residents regarding the proposed apartment project on Johnstown Road.

Action:

Listened to comments, sought to obtain further information to answer questions.

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Response:

Johnstown rezoning set for Public Hearing and vote tonight, December 7.

#4 Pavement condition of Newton Court

On-going concern regarding condition of Newton Court.

Action:

Emailed Dir. of Public Service, received confirmation that court was included on street ratings map.

Response:

Followed up with constituent regarding confirmation of rating; will check on rating next year.

#5 Gahanna participation/representation in Health District Governance

Received follow up email regarding public health department contract.

Action:

Responded to constituent.

Response:

Will consider the concerns when the next public health contract is presented to Council for review.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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