



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council

Monday, June 20, 2016

7:00 PM

City Hall

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, June 20, 2016, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Stephen Renner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Brian Larick delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on June 17, 2016.

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

Absent 1 - Nancy R. McGregor

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

1. Presentation by the VFW and American Legion Posts- Police Officer of the Year Award

The American Legion Post is here this evening for the annual presentation; this year we have participation from the VFW; this was a recommendation from Sergeant Sheila Murphy; Blair Thomas is the financial crimes detective; she works toward a successful end goal no matter the name that comes first; lead a case eventually adopted federally; she is working to open a Facebook account for the detective bureau; she has worked to educate citizens of Gahanna and ways to prevent future incidents; she has worked hard to make sure our hiring process for police officers is at its finest; she is always willing to

sacrifice for the good of others.

This year we have two candidates; the second person is Officer Jason Jones; he is an exceptional Gahanna Police Officer; he patrolled an area recently targeted for thefts from vehicles; he was able to assist in solving this crime; he also helped assist solve a robbery in Whitehall; he has translated his knowledge to benefit the department as a whole; was recently appointed to a tactical team; has shown efforts to form relationships with citizens of Gahanna; is a Crisis Intervention Team officer; continues to sacrifice his personal time.

2. To recognize the 2016 Charter Review Commission

President Renner said Council would like to recognize and commend the members of the 2016 Charter Review Commission; thanked them for their service; read each member by name and read the resolution into the record.

[RES-0015-2016](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND GEORGE W. MRUS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK AS A MEMBER OF THE 2016 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

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3. Jordan Fromm

Jordan Fromm; 919 Old Henderson Road; regards to the introduction of the Tree Code being introduced tonight; the development and planning department says this is a development-friendly proposal; possibly true for small, cleared lot that a Family Dollar or a car wash is considering; job retention, creation and development, this is not the case; developing Central Park, Buckles, Eastgate, and other large corridors is significantly stunted if this proposal is enacted; economic development and livelihood of residents will be handicapped by this; should be a reduction in requirements for land abutting conservation zones; instead there should be a consideration for donating lands to the City for conservation purposes in lieu of tree planting and replacement requirements; the tree replacement fund fee per caliper inch is detrimental to the City's intent to develop large-lot commercial/industrial sites in the City; cannot imagine the cost to develop one of our sites such as the 19-acre lot five on Tech Center; cost will be passed onto the prospect; suggestion is the City should create an incentive to waive the Tree Replacement Fund fee; tie it to job incentives; without reconsidering or right-sizing this criteria, this code requirement will only serve to continue to push development away from Gahanna; it is the City's responsibility to ensure that investment in Gahanna continues; to raise quality of life and progressively provide services to its residents with access to jobs; unclear how heavily treed lots, like on Tech Center, a minimally-treed lot with large potential development footprint on Cherry Bottom or a redevelopment on Stygler or future annexation opportunities on Clark State would develop under this code; Council should charge the City to take a look at various case studies for a variety of development types to ensure that the City is not pushing it away; smaller retail sites and single family homes will benefit from this code; but numerous types of development will not; particularly the type of desirable development we at VRGII are working hard to bring to the City; this code language runs counter to the interests of the City, is bad for business, residents, and Gahanna.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

Schnetzer introduced the items under Section D.

[ORD-0063-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PARTICIPATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR RESURFACING IMPROVEMENTS TO US-62; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[ORD-0064-2016](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Strategic Result 2.3, West Side Intersection Alternatives Analysis.

[ORD-0066-2016](#) TO ENACT CODE CHAPTER 914, TREE PRESERVATION, PLANTING AND REPLACEMENT, OF PART NINE, STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2016-0215](#) City Council Minutes - June 6, 2016.

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0057-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TRANSYSTEMS FOR THE DESIGN SERVICES OF THE HEIL DRIVE AND PIZZURRO PARK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0058-2016](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Insurance Claims Proceeds.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0059-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO PURCHASE A UTILITY CAMERA AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE FROM STATE CONTRACT NO. 800323-ST670.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0060-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDED OPTICAL FIBER USE AGREEMENT WITH GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR INDEFEASIBLE RIGHT OF USE (IRU); AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0061-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH

COLUMBUS FIBERNET, LLC FOR THE EXPANSION OF GAHANNA'S FIBER OPTIC NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG MORSE ROAD FROM STELZER ROAD TO JOHNSTOWN ROAD.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading:

[RES-0005-2016](#) A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT TO COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS FOR ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE THROUGH THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF .72 ACRES OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF GAHANNA CORPORATE LIMITS.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0006-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE MAYOR.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0007-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE MAYOR.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0008-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0009-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO THE COUNCIL.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0010-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0011-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO ELECTED OFFICIALS.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0012-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO PLANNING COMMISSION.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0013-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO CIVIL SERVICE.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0014-2016](#) TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE GAHANNA CITY CHARTER PERTAINING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0015-2016](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND GEORGE W. MRUS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK AS A MEMBER OF THE 2016 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

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Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0030-2016](#) MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE NEW D5I LIQUOR PERMIT FOR CASA HACIENDA II INC DBA CASA HACIENDA GRILL, 1356 N HAMILTON ROAD, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0031-2016](#) MOTION RESOLUTION THAT THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE D1, TRANSFER EXEMPT PERMIT APPLICATION (TREX) FROM BRENTWOOD CARRYOUT INC TO PACELINE PARTNERS LLC, DBA MOD PIZZA, 333 S HAMILTON ROAD, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0032-2016](#) TO ACCEPT THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 2016 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION; FINAL REPORT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Absent: 1 - McGregor

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES:

[2016-0224](#) Committee Minutes - June 13, 2016

Committee of the Whole - Larick

No report.

Finance - Schnetzer

No report.

Service & Safety - Leeseberg

No report.

Development & Parks - McGregor

No report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None.

Council

None.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

[ORD-0055-2016](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PERCENTAGE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PEACEWAR, INC. DBA THE WINE GUY FOR THE USE OF THE PERGOLA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF AND ADJACENT TO THE WINE GUY RESTAURANT AT CREEKSIDE.

A motion was made by Metzbower, seconded by Schnetzer, that this Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Schnetzer, Larick and Metzbower

No: 1 - Renner

Absent: 1 - McGregor

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Introduce, Waive Second Reading, Adopt as Emergency:

[ORD-0067-2016](#) DECLARATION OF INTENT TO SELL EXCESS LAND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THOSE DOCUMENTS

REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Larick, that this Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McGregor

A motion was made by Angelou, seconded by Metzbower, that this Ordinance be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McGregor

K. MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS: None.

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Renner/Larick

Larick said meeting is tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou said report is from June 9; last MORPC meeting; welcomed summer interns; added that one of our interns was volunteering at our festival last weekend; had two community spotlight features; Tourism Ohio Director came to talk about tourism in Ohio; handed out Creekside Festival brochures; said it was a great event to attend; will point out some wonderful things about tourism; they have a new brand; tourism in Ohio brings visitor spending of \$42 billion dollars a year; there are 420,000 tourism supported jobs; this is big business; when we have something like our festival like we had this weekend, can see this is bringing business to Gahanna; was absolutely amazing; loves our Creekside; second spotlight was all about Rickenbacker; Colonel Mark Auer is the Air Refueling Wing Commander; came to speak to the history of Rickenbacker; what it means to the Franklin County area; they are now doing international flights; should be very proud of them; we now have several bike maps; going to try and get many for the City of Gahanna; information is for MORPC ride solutions; these will be around City Hall as soon as we get them in here; MORPC was recognized as bike friendly; also had a discussion and introduction of the 2017 dues for MORPC; have a 5 year span on estimated dues; will be a small increase for 2017; for us,

will be \$17,942; will be voted on next month; just a small increase; most will go toward the building committee; passed a resolution regarding central Ohio planting area; in conjunction with ODOT; excited this passed and looking forward to seeing how it works; being able to help rural areas; supported the City of Dublin for a US Department of Transportation Grant for the new 33 innovation corridor; all to do with smart cities and smart highways; have a number of things happening this summer; event tomorrow in New Albany; MORPC village members will have time on June 23; grant forum is June 28; August 16 is a picnic for alumni of MORPC; Renner confirmed smart cities is coming up; Angelou said the end of this month.

Bd. of Education, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools - Larick/Renner

Renner attended June 9 meeting; they had the new person on school board; Joe Gottron was sworn in; Jason Phillips is now Vice President; interesting presentation on a new math tool; it is coming soon; if you have kids in the Gahanna system you will be intrigued; will get to see online the worksheets and how your child is doing; even a text to speech feature; will be a powerful tool; other items on the agenda, encourage you to check out.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

Leeseberg said the 2016 Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival was a good time; was there most all three days; got to see a lot of all three days; more and more impressed each year; met someone from Oregon on Sunday; he is moving to Gahanna; he was feeling homesick but was impressed and excited about the festival; looking forward to other events; met another couple who were in town visiting their daughter; they loved the venue and the atmosphere; thanked CVB staff and City staff and all volunteers; is a ton of work; when final report comes out, will report that as it is available.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Kneeland thanked everyone who helped with the Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival; looking forward to the success story coming out; business visits continue; they have all said they loved Gahanna; identified many projects to help them grow; communicating is helping them understand the next steps; thanked all that participated on the Charter Review Commission; such an important part of our local government; very important part; thanked those here this evening; was a lot of hard work; said Niel Jurist participated at MORPC presentation

last week; is a subject matter expert; huge contingency with out-of-state visitors and more international; some outreaches were incredible; more to come on that; business visits will be the main focus.

City Attorney

Ewald thanked Council passing the ordinance tonight; will tie up the Junkermann tract that has been worked on for many years; hats off to some of our departments who have been a part of this development; thanked the Charter members for their hard work; is an unpaid position; they did an excellent job; brought a record number of recommendations; hope that all will pass; and to echo Mr. Leeseberg; a lot of our residents volunteered many hours over the weekend; without the volunteers, it is not possible to put on that kind of event; another successful year.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Metzbower congratulated Officer Thomas and Officer Jones; thanked the Charter Review Commission on their hard work and their due-diligence; echoed that the Blues & Jazz Festival was an awesome event this year; Laurie Jadwin and her team put on a phenomenal event.

Angelou added from MORPC that there is a COTA AirConnect now; comes from the airport to the convention center; huge thing to happen for people coming into the City; as we grow we will need more and more of this; \$2.75 per trip; beats the cab; COTA is reaching out to do these sort of things; also congratulated our two officers for being Officer of the Year; also thanked the Charter Review Commission members for their time; great that they have taken so much of their time; echoed the Blues & Jazz Festival comments; this was the best one ever; remember the first one well; thanked our staff in our Council office and Shane Ewald on all the work they have done on Charter Review; and Kim, who we hope will be back soon.

Leeseberg thanked the Charter Review Commission and the officers; wished everyone a Happy Father's Day; great weekend.

Schnetzer echoed the thoughts; special thanks to Ms. Redman and Ms. Zehner for still being here tonight.

Larick echoed the comments; kudos to all of the Gahanna group and the work they have put on; and the police department for a birthday they put on last week for a young man.

Renner echoed comments.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(d) of the Council Rules of Procedure to prepare for, conduct or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of employment

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Leeseberg, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(d) of the Council Rules of Procedure to prepare for, conduct or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning compensation or other terms and conditions of employment.

President Renner requested Mayor Kneeland, Jennifer Teal, Abby Cochran, Shane Ewald attend the Executive Session. Executive Session will be held in the Law Library.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. with no action taken.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - McGregor

P. ADJOURNMENT

8:20 p.m.