



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Kimberly Banning, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 16, 2018

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, April 16, 2018, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council, Brian D. Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council, Jamie Leeseberg, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on April 13, 2018.

Present 7 - Karen J. Angelou, Jamie Leeseberg, Stephen A. Renner, Michael Schnetzer, Brian D. Larick, Brian Metzbower, and Nancy R. McGregor

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS.

- Gahanna Kiwanis present \$10,000 for Ward 1 Park

The President of the Gahanna Kiwanis Club presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to the City to use toward funding Ward 1 Park; for playground equipment for handicapped children; also working with Kiwanis district to come up with a \$5K grant to put on top of this in the near future; hopes this goes to great use and knows it will.

- Proclamation from the Mayor: GLHS Girls Bowling

Mayor Tom Kneeland presented a Proclamation to the Gahanna Lincoln High School Girls Varsity Bowling Team.

[RES-0005-2018](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE GAHANNA LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING TEAM FOR THEIR DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Nancy McGregor presented a Resolution to the Girls Varsity Bowling Team.

- **Proclamation from the Mayor: Small Business Week**

Mayor Tom Kneeland read a Proclamation to recognize National Small Business Week.

[RES-0006-2018](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE 2018 NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN GAHANNA, OHIO, FROM APRIL 29 TO MAY 5.

President Larick noted that Council also has a Resolution to recognize National Small Business Week.

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Jennifer Chrysler and Superintendent Steve Barrett; appreciates opportunity to be here; we eliminated some liaison positions; we have one government liaison; would love opportunity to come have interaction discussion quarterly; would love to present their 5 year forecast; here to update on the levy tonight; Barrett said has been a great journey to have a partnership with the City; Chief Spence has been a wonderful support; had a school safety meeting with a number of parents in attendance; safety is extremely important; here to talk about \$5.5mil bond levy on the ballot May 8th; will maintain current academic programs; operating is \$4.28mills; have not had a levy since 2011; still collect same money but expenses continue to go up; levy will fund replacement of Lincoln Elementary; it was built in 1957; electrical and roofing are the same as when they were built; we have 212 units in the pipeline to be built; 100 houses means 60 students; we are going to have over 500 units; supports the gradual growth; we have put together a facilities plan; 5/7 of their facilities are at capacity or over crowded; phase 2 looks at the growth happening in Jefferson Township; bond issues is \$1.22mills; will continue community engagement; just did 35th coffee this past Saturday; here tonight to talk to Council; would like to continue the dialogue around a high school solution; would like to add auditoriums to their middle schools; would like to engage the Township, City, YMCA, entire community, around a high school solution; have talked about this property; hopes that would be part of the dialogue; excited about this project; does it mean renovating or renovation of high school; some folks are looking at building a second high school; this bond issue is not to cover phase 2; appreciates support; happy to answer any questions.

Sharon Montgomery, 572 Bonnington Way, found out the City has put things on the website regarding Distracted Driving Month; difference in putting information out for the public to find and putting information out to the public; April is National Distracted Driving Month; asked that the City be more proactive with distracted driving awareness and follow-through with initiatives started in the past couple of years; with 2015 data from the National Center for Health Statistics, the National Safety Council estimated that the odds of dying from a motor vehicle crash are 1 in 102; the odds of dying from opioid use are 1 in 109; we are rightfully outraged and frightened by the opioid crisis; we need to react as strongly to the distracted driving crisis; hopes City will resume efforts to raise City-wide awareness.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE:

Vice Chair Leeseberg introduced the item under Section D.

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee:

[ORD-0029-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DOUBLE Z CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE BIG WALNUT TRAIL SECTION 4, ST-1040 AND MCKENNA CREEK RESTORATION, ST-1058.

This Ordinance was Introduced.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes - To Approve:

[2018-0075](#) Council Minutes 4-2-18 and Committee Minutes 4-9-18

These Minutes were Approved and Filed on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading:

[ORD-0026-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LAW GENERAL CONTRACTING FOR THE LARRY LANE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, ST-1050 AND PIZZURRO PARK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, ST-1042.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[ORD-0027-2018](#) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Grant Awards

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Statutory Resolutions on Second Reading:

[SR-0001-2018](#) TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE FOR PRICE ROAD SANITARY SEWER PHASE II SANITARY SEWER ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

This Statutory Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolutions:

[MR-0015-2018](#) THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE STOCK D1, D2, D3, D3A, D6 LIQUOR PERMIT FOR SEVEN GUYS LIMITED DBA HIMALAYAN GRILLE, 1307 STONERIDGE DR, UNIT 3, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0016-2018](#) PERMISSION TO BID SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0017-2018](#) PERMISSION TO BID RECYCLING PROCESSING.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0018-2018](#) TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF TOM WESTER TO THE CENTRAL OHIO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA) BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING APRIL 2021.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

[MR-0019-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,394 TO 228.430.5596 FROM 228.122.5596 FOR THE MCKENNA CREEK RESTORATION.

This Motion Resolution was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions:

[RES-0005-2018](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE GAHANNA LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING TEAM FOR THEIR DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-0006-2018](#) TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE 2018 NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN GAHANNA, OHIO, FROM APRIL 29 TO MAY 5.

This Resolution was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

G. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Schnetzer said Infrastructure Capital Review Committee met last Monday; focused on assessment of City's street and bridge program; will convene next Monday at 6PM to focus on water, sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure; Land Use Steering Committee met on 4/3; discussed resident surveys; over 72% of respondents feel the City is on the right track; residents cited infrastructure as the biggest challenge; redeveloping existing property was cited as something the City should focus on; next meeting is 5/1 at 7:30 AM.

Leeseberg said Code Review Committee has met; Fence Code has been sent to Planning Commission; Mobile Food Vendor code will come to Committee next week; Columbus has beefed up their enforcement and they will handle majority of it; will review that process.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk

None.

Council

None.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

[ORD-0028-2018](#) TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM CONTRACT

WITH THE GAHANNA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (CVB) FOR THE OHIO HERB EDUCATION CENTER MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Renner, that the Ordinance be Adopted.

Discussion: Larick said happy to see this move forward.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

K. RESOLUTIONS/MOTION RESOLUTIONS:

L. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

Leeseberg said meeting tomorrow morning.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou said met last Thursday; provided an update (packet available in Council office); have three new people serving on executive committee; first time having a village person serving on executive committee; want to represent the region more; had electric road show; took a ride in a BMW; fun thing to ride around in; can get these into our community as well; believes we will be 100% selling electric vehicles by 2025; gas vehicles will not be sold anymore is the expectation; State of the Region is Thursday; have many registered; have a keynote speaker from Canada; have a place making lunch forum on 6/22; social media best practices on 7/18; also salary and fringe benefit survey being brought together; have grant finder available at grandfinder.com; have around \$3 million be found; designing for pedestrian safety; Hyperloop project begin 1 year ago last week; going to California to LA to see the Hyperloop; then going to Las Vegas to see it in action; pretty exciting stuff; we are in phase 2 of that; have put out RFPs; likely going to become a reality; received a membership report update; on May 14th from 2:30-4:30, can learn more about application process for attributable funds; MORPC redesigning road closures mapping; March 1st was ozone monitoring time; we are in compliance; our Mayor Tom Kneeland, went over mission statement and 5 goals that have been brought forward; capital budget was passed at state house; is 2.6 million dollars; William Murdock testified on behalf of

the region; looking forward to State of the Region Thursday.

Renner said if you want to drive an electric car - has been driving one for 2 years; can show her; big advocate of electric car movement; a lot of technologies with cars are going hand in hand to avoid accidents and collisions; Angelou said would be wonderful; thinking of doing that for the next car; Renner said worked with AEP and his home is now solar powered; Angelou said Jefferson Township will become a part of MORPC in May; very pleased; takes us to 62 entities.

Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education - Metzbower

Metzbower said had great reports earlier; from Thursday's meeting: there is one Wed. 4/25 at Middle School West, community meeting to highlight aspects of the levy; 5 year forecast will be discussion point in upcoming meetings; moving forward with settlement with Creekside; coming forward with financial information in regards to health insurance; also brought on a sign language teacher and recognizes that as a second language; Kindergarten roundup is coming up soon; House Bill HB512, is based on an ad hoc committee recommendation, seeks to consolidate many things that the state school board currently does and would transition it to a superintendent; a cabinet level type position; our current school board expressed opposition.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Renner

Renner said Herbal Cocktail 2.0 official launched; features 9 partner restaurants and breweries; hosted first CTA class; on Tuesday 4/10, staff attended workshop learning about digital marketing; today marks 59 more days until the largest event of the year, the 20th anniversary of the Creekside Blues & Jazz Festival; tickets available online.

M. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

Mayor Kneeland said at MORPC last week, proud to see one of our Gahanna folks move up on the executive committee; moved to Vice Chair; will recognize Distracted Driving Week; on 4/27, a lunch on the lawn will have folks on the football field with cars; will see a distracted driving simulator; one resident, Catherine Cunningham, is a big advocate for wind and solar powered; pushed out new job portal on website; can view private sector Gahanna jobs; many jobs available; also a point for people to look for jobs in the City of Gahanna; working closely with people like GRIN to get under employed folks employed and to take

advantage of this type of technology; the workforce initiative, partnering to create an inclusive workforce development to help Gahanna people find Gahanna jobs; regional land use plan coming to close with review coming soon; interested to see how that plays out from a regional perspective.

City Attorney

Ewald said have summer intern starting from Capital this summer; hopes to get caught up on projects; hopes to reactive quicker to residents.

N. COUNCIL COMMENT

Metzbower congratulated Angelou on her MORPC Vice Chair seat; Renner said ditto; Angelou said everything we mention has a relation to data; said Mayor Kneeland is involved and appreciates it; McGregor congratulated Angelou; Schnetzer said Angelou is a strong and effective representative of the community for MORPC; Leeseberg congratulated Angelou; said Go Blue Jackets and sick of this weather; Larick congratulated Angelou as well.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

President Larick requested Joann Bury attend the Executive Session. Executive Session will be held in the Council Conference Room.

Council rose to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

Council rose to report from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. with no action taken.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, to go into Executive Session under authority of Section 5.40(a) of the Council Rules of Procedure to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Angelou, Leeseberg, Renner, Schnetzer, Larick, Metzbower and McGregor

P. ADJOURNMENT

8:10 p.m.