



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

City Council

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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

Krystal Gonchar, MPA, Clerk of Council
Council may caucus at 6:45 p.m.

Monday, October 18, 2021

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, October 18, 2021, in Council Chambers. President of Council Brian Larick, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice President of Council Nancy McGregor, delivered an Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Agenda for this meeting was published on October 15, 2021.

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: none.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS: none.

D. PRESENTATIONS

Update from Gahanna Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)

[2021-0225](#)

CVB Update to Council, October 18, 2021.

Lori Kappes, Executive Director of Visit Gahanna (Convention & Visitors Bureau), provided an update on the CVB (see attached presentation). Larick stated that Ms. Kappes came to the city during one of the most challenging times; thanked her for her efforts and supporting travel to the city. Bowers asked if there will be a financial report from the festival that will be presented to Council. Kappes stated that once all invoices are processed, will make those numbers available.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes - To Approve:

[2021-0221](#) Council Meeting Minutes for Approval.

These Minutes were Approved on the Consent Agenda.

2. Ordinances for Second Reading:

[ORD-0057-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MEACHAM & APEL ARCHITECTS, INC., FEINKNOPF MACIOCE SCHAPPA ARCHITECTS, INC., TOOLE & ASSOCIATES, EIGHT ONE CONSULTING, AND WILLIAM E. CONROY II, FOR PLAN REVIEW, BACK-UP PERSONNEL, AND INSPECTION SERVICES.

This Ordinance was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

3. Motions:

[MT-0015-2021](#) MOTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION PERMISSION TO BID WOODSIDE GREEN PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT.

This Motion was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

End of/Pass Consent Agenda

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

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

F. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION / FIRST READING:

Bowers Introduced the Items under Section F.

[ORD-0058-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT, AND FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR HEALTH SERVICES.

This Item was Introduced.

[ORD-0060-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A MORATORIUM ON APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE GRANTING OF BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, USE OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD ENABLE THE

CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION OR SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

This Item was Introduced.

[ORD-0064-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH VONAGE BUSINESS INC. TO PROVIDE UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS AS A SERVICE.

This Item was Introduced.

[ORD-0065-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION- Donations for Memorial Trees and Recreational Programs.

This Item was Introduced.

G. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & ADOPTION:

[ORD-0059-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY THE ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 3737 HINES ROAD, FOR SANITARY SERVICES.

Bowers stated that the there was some discussion at Committee of the Whole in terms of waiving the second reading; is a 20 year assessment for a low amount at the request of a resident; the annual amount owed to the City is approximately \$600; concerned with waiving second reading; does this really meet the criteria for health, safety and welfare; has the homeowner been notified and does he consent; spoke with Roth and Mularski and the homeowner understands the assessment being levied.

Jadwin stated that the Administration had reached out to the property owner; he was in favor and surprised that the process was still going on; has been in environmental court; resident being required to tie in due to failing septic, as a matter of public safety.

Moorehead stated that the resident had not tapped in yet; he could afford to fund the actual connection, but not the fees associated with connecting; he has a contractor ready to move forward within 10-14 days; has permitting in place; the connection will resolve the case in environmental court.

McGregor stated that when there is a failing septic system, the sewage must run somewhere; it's going downstream or running downhill; despite taking a while to do this, is glad we are moving forward with it.

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Leeseberg, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted. The motion carried by the

following vote:

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

No: 1 - Bowers

Bowers reiterated her objections and concerns; clarified that the vote is not on whether or not the homeowner ties in, but rather the timing of the assessment.

A motion was made by McGregor, seconded by Leeseberg, to reconsider the item and that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, with the amendment that the Ordinance be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Bowers

H. ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, WAIVER & EMERGENCY ADOPTION:

[ORD-0061-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) AGREEMENT WITH SCIENCE ONE, LLC, FOR TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON SCIENCE BLVD.; PARCEL ID NO. 027-000113-00; FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN YEARS, FOR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT TAX ABATEMENT ON THE INCREASED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY; PART OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #3; WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Schnetzer, seconded by Angelou, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ORD-0062-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SCIENCE ONE, LLC; WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Renner, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ORD-0063-2021](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF GAHANNA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT SCIENCE BOULEVARD; PARCEL ID 027-000113-00; WAIVE SECOND READING; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Leeseberg, seconded by Schnetzer, that the Ordinance be Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted as an Emergency. The

motion carried by the following vote:

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

I. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS:

Clerk- none.

Council- none.

J. REPRESENTATIVES:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Leeseberg

No report.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Angelou

Angelou stated that they met last Thursday; celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month which takes place between 9/15-10/15; It began as a heritage week under President Johnson and President Reagan later extended it to one month; MORPC is now using a consent agenda; the Summit on Sustainability was held the day after; thanked everyone for joining; the Build Back Better region challenge was reviewed to accelerate economic recovery from the pandemic; discussed passenger rail project; passed a resolution for a regional economic strategy plan; wants to bolster bicycle community; working with Franklin County on lead testing; highlighted an aggregation workshop on the benefits of a regional approach to bundle electricity and leverage buying power; the Census data and MORPC data were within one percent of each other; the next meeting is moved due to Veterans' Day.

Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) - Leeseberg

No report.

School Board (SB) - Schnetzer

No report.

K. OFFICIAL REPORTS:

Mayor

[2021-0220](#)

Mayoral Proclamation.

Jadwin thanked Council for the invitation to the table for the MORPC Summit on Sustainability; Director Crawford presented there on cart tagging, partnered with Ohio State University and SWACO; welcomed a new Finance Manager; Franklin County Sheriff's Office will hold a prescription drug drop off this Saturday; Gahanna Goblin Trail is sold out for Friday but there are tickets still available for Thursday; First Responders' Day proclamation is attached; welcomed back City Attorney Mularski.

City Attorney

No report.

L. COUNCIL COMMENT

Angelou welcomed Mularski back; condolences to the family of Colin Powell who passed away; had the opportunity to see him present at a National League of Cities event; congratulated Director Crawford on his excellent presentation at the MORPC Summit on Sustainability. Bowers welcomed Mularski back; shared about West Side Community Pride Day coming up on Saturday; will meet at COTA park and ride for litter cleanup; will have donuts for volunteers, provided by Gahanna Foundation; looking forward to Goblin Trail; the Summit was fabulous and inspirational; thanked Angelou for her years of service with MORPC; thanked Mayor for recognizing first responders; noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Leeseberg welcomed Mularski back. Renner welcomed Mularski back; have received multiple emails and phone calls about bringing back the Community Pride Day. Schnetzer welcomed Mularski back; thanked Kappes for the CVB presentation; thought the breakout sessions from the Summit were informative; welcomed the new Finance Manager aboard.

McGregor explained the process of what happened with the assessment ordinance; it was a sewer project due to a failing septic system; it is expensive to tap into the city sewer; sometimes in those instances, the city will front the money and the homeowner's property taxes are assessed over a 20-year period; that way the homeowner can pay it incrementally; by passing this as an emergency tonight, the city can begin recouping the money in 2022 rather than 2023; also stated that the high school choir is fantastic; had the opportunity to attend a concert over the weekend and it was a packed house; one of the students is special needs and it was wonderful to see the other students support him. Larick stated that it was wonderful to see students in the audience tonight;

recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month; has lost a loved one to the terrible disease; is a painful thing to go through.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: none.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.