

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2000

7:30 PM

City Hall

City Council

*Debra A. Payne, President of Council
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Vice President of Council
Karen J. Angelou, Council Member
L. Nicholas Hogan, Council Member
Thomas R. Kneeland, Council Member
Michael O'Brien, Council Member
Donald R. Shepherd, Council Member
Isobel L. Sherwood, CMC/AAE, Clerk of Council*

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

Gahanna City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, September 18, 2000, in Council Chambers of City Hall, 200 South Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio. President of Council Debra A. Payne called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with an invocation led by Council Member Stinchcomb, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Debra A. Payne, Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, L. Nicholas Hogan, Donald R. Shepherd, Karen J. Angelou and Michael O'Brien

Members Absent: Thomas R. Kneeland

B. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

ORD-0234-2000

TO ACCEPT 1.8+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, REQUESTED BY NINA B. WOLFE

Angelou noted correction to ordinance listed under Introductions as ORD-0218-2000. This should be ORD-0234-2000.

MR-0058-2000

Authorization to refund the \$75 fee paid for variance by Phyllis Cales.

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member O'Brien, that this matter be Withdrawn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

ORD-0224-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH AMPO, INC., FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY GAHANNA; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$7,500; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by O'Brien, to move ORD-0224-2000 from Ordinances on Second Reading, Consent Agenda, to Ordinances to be postponed to Date Certain, Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, O'Brien, Payne, Stinchcomb, Hogan, Shepherd. Motion carried.

ORD-0223-2000

TO REPEAL ORD-0189-2000, PASSED AUGUST 21, 2000, "TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LOADOMETER CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF WHEEL LOAD WEIGHING DEVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY"

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by O'Brien, to move ORD-0223-2000 from Postponed Indefinitely, Consent Agenda, to Regular Agenda, Second Reading of Ordinances. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, O'Brien, Payne, Stinchcomb, Hogan, Shepherd. Motion carried.

C. HEARING OF VISITORS:

John Quinn, Real Estate Specialist, U. S. Post Office

John Quinn, Real Estate Specialist, United States Postal Service, thanked Council for allowing us time this evening; reason for being here is to let you know we are going to replace the current post office at current location with a new facility; feel this help you to develop Creekside; to start this process we met about 1 month ago with White and reviewed plans; asked for time this evening so Council and public could understand our process; distributed a brochure which shows the process including the time period mandated by legislature to relocate a facility; are anxious to keep operation as close to central business district as we can as it better serves the community; need to look at handicapped accessibility, off street parking, size, preferred location, etc; wanted to tell you what we have to do to get from point "a" to point "b"; anyone after tonight, singly or in unison, can write to me on comments they have; will not accept offers at this point; any information you can give me on this process will be appreciated; interested in zoning issues, traffic patterns, etc; we don't come here knowing the answers; but we know what we have to do to make the process work; once we do the evaluation, if no problems appear, we go 30 days and evaluate comments; 1 month from now will advertise in the local paper to replace a facility with specifics on preferred area; want to make it as broad as we can so we don't have to readvertise because we were just outside the area; when advertising is finished we review; so as not to give impression that there are any preferences or influences with me don't open the packets until that time; is not a bid but an offer; then come back and go over publicly to see where we are at; then come to Columbus district personnel and we will make a preferred site; will talk about operational requirements and anything else that affects our preferred site; again notify you and go through another set time period that this is now our preferred site; normally do not pick one site; no exceptions with EPA and Historical Society and zoning; we have to meet all those criteria; same as you would do in replacing buildings; once we get into the posture and my due diligence and going through all the approvals and surveys and target work is done, will open up advertising not just to vacant land but to existing buildings; will have best of all worlds; once we get to that point we can look at a lease or purchase situation; that's phase 1; can now turn over to design and construction who will work on design and will build to suit to the location we pick; project is then awarded; time frame for design construction is usually 30 or 60 days; preliminary work with successful contractor then proceeds to breaking ground; a total of about 6 to 10 months for the process; if we discover oil that's not a plus; if there are some other pollution problems, or water and sewer issues, or a problem of any kind, it could slow this down; we have to address all these concerns, even more so than private contractors.

Harry E. Smith, Facilities Specialist, United States Postal Service, stated there are 4 districts in Ohio with Columbus being the largest; serve Central and Southern Ohio and comprise 36 of the 88 counties; there are 405 post office facilities that we maintain; reason for meeting tonight is to officially kick off and notify you that we intend to make some changes here; need to kick off the project to purchase a site to house a new facility; first step was to get on the 5 year plan which has been accomplished and this is our first official notice; Quinn gave you some procedures that we have to abide by; will back up and give you background on how we reached this position; we moved to the present facility 25 years ago in July 1975; prior to that it was a grocery building; building itself is 10,400 s.f. on a 61,000 s.f. site; building is leased with lease ending Feb. 29, 2004 with no renewal options available; presently housing 41 carrier routes with 21,000 deliveries per day; 5 years ago we had 36 routes making 15,300 deliveries per day; have seen tremendous growth; calculates to a 6.2% increase per year; some areas in Columbus are close but believe you are highest; in 1997 moved retail out of the building on Mill Street; unfortunately it didn't work out well in Gahanna; know there are some problems which I have personally experienced; with growth and building the area has become space deficient; also losing our lease; these are the justifications for seeking another site; concept at this time is to reunite the retail with the carrier operation; where

we may go is what we need to find; for the new building will be looking at about 4.5 acres; again this would be ideal; don't always get ideal; plan shows we need about 4.5 acres; new building should be 27,000 s.f. which breaks down to about 3,200 being retail and 18,000 being workroom for carriers; rest would be support; retail would house postal retail store; won't be changing that concept; building itself we are not sure if it will be existing we can renovate or new construction; that will be determined as we progress; if new construction will be single story with large maneuvering area for our large trucks; will be a large parking area with a minimum of 150 spaces; 29 would be customer parking and would have 3 docks and a snorkel lane; those are the drop off letter boxes; exact replica would probably be the new Westerville building on McCorkle at Maxtown; building is almost identical to what we want here; at this time open to questions.

Angelou stated it sounds exciting; hard to believe you've been there 25 years; one statement would like to make is that wherever it moves it has to have a Gahanna address; that's as important as any other item we discuss; want it to remain here; don't want it to move outside the City; feel that is an important aspect for our City; appreciate everything you are doing to facilitate this coming to pass. Smith stated they will endeavor to do that; not sure where City limits are; the preferred areas we came up with is because it is better for us to advertise with a larger area to get bids in rather than reduce the area and not get anything; preferred area as we have designated is Morse Road on the north; west boundary would be I-270; south boundary would be I-270 over to Claycraft and east boundary would be Taylor Station to Mann and then across Havens to Rocky Fork Creek; certainly open to review.

O'Brien asked if they knew if our zip code will change or will it be Columbus or Gahanna; any intention to change. Smith stated it would remain the same; don't see it changing; it is a unique zip code; no one else has it; but it is a branch of Columbus; don't see any changes with that. O'Brien questioned why it is difficult to change. Smith stated it was not his area of expertise, not sure how far approval level has to go; believe that is Washington; don't want to say something I'm not sure of.

Tony Bucello, Postmaster, Columbus, stated they receive requests all the time for individualized zip codes; they don't necessarily coincide with municipal boundaries; were established for delivery of mail; Columbus is large city; more separations we can make the easier it is for us to process to peripheral stations; for instance, all sections within Columbus are 432; come in with largest concentration made to 3 digit and we break down to a 5 digit; is mail processing function; if you take it away from 432 and give it something unique you lose that 3 digit separation; all municipality zip codes start off with 432; unique zip code and you can use Columbus or Gahanna; are new developments on outside of Gahanna that don't fall within that; explanation is that it is for mail processing. O'Brien stated that if we asked to switch and it was accomplished it may in fact slow our mail. Bucello agreed stating it was currently processed through Columbus but it would be more expensive to operate; have to break down to 5 digit; would complicate things as far as mail processing goes.

Stinchcomb stated it was important for us in terms of our marketing and identity to maintain Gahanna; that's why the issue has been raised; concern about new facility that it would encompass retail as well as processing; will there be any additional satellite areas where you can get stamps, etc. other than a centralized location. Bucello stated it usually depends on where new facility goes in; if relatively close there is no sense in having a contract station; would be a burden for them to go look for a contract station. Stinchcomb stated it would be wonderful to have in our downtown area, if not for the full facility at least to have a contract station downtown.

Shepherd asked if this was new construction what is typical build time. Smith stated it would be about 9 to 12 months for building.

Hogan stated we have to keep it in Gahanna; doesn't current post office say Gahanna; will new one also say Gahanna branch on it. Bucello stated that it would say Gahanna.

Marilyn Fine, GC Holdings, stated she missed the name on south side border. Payne replied it was I-270 and Claycraft.

Pat Tiberi, 77 S. High St., stated it was nice to see all of you; White is a good advocate for City of Gahanna; thank her for bringing this to Goodman, Kasich and myself's attention; after meeting with Kneeland also spoke with Congressman LaTourette's office; glad I could act to get 2 government agencies to work together; pleased to have been able to do that; feel good about where we are at; thank postal officials for coming; on a side note, about a month ago road around this community with Chief Murphy; you should be proud of this community; feel sure this new addition will add to that; glad to be here. Payne stated she was also involved in that meeting; felt Tiberi took the ball and ran with it and made contacts at federal level that moved this process forward; Representative Goodman initiated meeting but you made the contacts that made the difference; thank you.

Hogan also expressed thanks to Tiberi; heard more complaints about separating retail and distribution; glad we are going to get back to one. Tiberi noted that we are still going to have identity; Gahanna will be on building and still can be used.

Quinn stated he worked with LaTourette while in Painesville; worked out well; always works out better when you can work with the community and have some nice interaction; thank our officials in this area; have worked up and down the Eastern Region but enjoy this area and glad to have Columbus back; you have dedicated workers here; postal service works within the community; tomorrow will be doing this same thing in Jasper; there is no one in that community that is not affected by the United States Postal Service; if you need to get in touch with me, can be reached at 410-997-6212; may not return call in 5 or 10 minutes but do return our calls and answer your letters; have 15 active projects in this area alone; we are concerned; we do want to close our current facility; please do not send me bids yet; when you see ad in the paper that's when we want to hear from you.

White noted she had received a copy of a letter that came from US Post Office to the zip code; was sent through Mike DeWine and Voinovich; they were part of the process also.

Smith asked if there were any real objections to the preferred boundaries as discussed. Stinchcomb stated she had some concerns with the eastern border; possibility along Taylor Station especially north of Taylor that you could be in the township; would like to have it in Gahanna. O'Brien noted that Claycraft actually uses a Blacklick zip code. Payne stated we would make available a map with our boundaries on it. Hogan asked if it would be possible to simply stated with the City limits of Gahanna. Quinn stated they could do that; don't have to put borders on it. Smith stated that in trying to choose a preferred area, could generically state that offers in the central business district would have preference; all offers but can make generic. O'Brien also noted area south of I-270 still in Gahanna limits.

Payne reiterated that Development Department would get a map to Smith; thanked officials for their time.

Jack Edwards, 291 Regents Road, Gahanna, stated he was here tonight to see if he can get some help with property at 60160 Taylor Road; purchased in 1983 and never had standing water on that site unless there was an extremely hard rain; is nothing but a swamp there now; has been going on ever since they ended construction on Taylor Road; never had a problem until they did the work on that road; Gahanna bought property next door and tore house down; daughter-in-law always has to call to get the grass cut; is knee high now; never seen such a mess; if they don't want to do it hire me and I'll do it; don't know who else to talk to; have spoken to Mayor and met with City Engineer; would like for somebody to look into; are huge mosquitos all over the place; the lot behind my son's house the grass is too tall to cut; water runs behind church and out to Taylor Station Road; know Wetherholt will disagree but when house was purchased we never had water there.

Stinchcomb stated she represented Ward 3; asked for clarification of location. Edwards stated it was the next property to the east of Brown's; whole lot is about 1 acre; is narrow and deep; about a month ago City when they were cutting grass threw a rock and went through window; they did replace; but this has been going on for 3 years; that is long enough.

O'Brien requested this item be placed in Service Committee as a monitor item; ask for input from Service Department. Payne stated it would be an active item for next week for Service and Engineering to address; then will keep as a monitor. O'Brien asked if it would be acceptable to Edwards to have Council members go out and walk the property. Edwards agreed they could do that.

Angelou stated she was concerned about the grass issue; do have grass ordinance; if we aren't following then hard pressed to ask our citizens to do so; has been a great grass growing year; if we don't have city forces available to do then we do need to hire somebody; on property we own grass knee high is something that shouldn't happen; hope we will be out there tomorrow to look; thank you for bringing to our attention.

Hogan stated that for committee discussion would like to address wetland issue on other side of road; also when you construct you can have no more roll off than before; know there has been discussion on agriculture versus forest; one question will be asking is if this is a mistake through oversight or miscalculation or has this been because we approved upstream development.

Stinchcomb asked if it has been worse or better since road was widened. Edwards stated it had been worse; construction is what we were mainly concerned about; talked to Wetherholt about it and Brown; told them when they put drain in 6' higher that there would be a problem; this is the area where the southeast sanitary is; Brown and this property lies in conjunction with sanitary.

Payne stated this would be in committee; if you'd like to ask Mr. Brown to attend that would be fine also; hope we can come to some resolution. Edwards stated his son will attend for him next week.

D. INTRODUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENT TO COMMITTEE

Ordinances - To Be Introduced and Assigned to Committee

Introduced, by title, by Angelou.

ORD-0229-2000 TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN ROCK SALT CO., FOR ROCK SALT FOR THE 2000-2001 SEASON

Introduced

ORD-0230-2000 TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, STREET, AND STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 721; AND SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 722; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN HARRISON POND, "THE VILLAGES AT ROCKY FORK, SECTION 10, PART 2"; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Introduced, to Service Committee

ORD-0231-2000 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Development, Seminars/Meetings and Mayor, Seminars/Meetings

Introduced

ORD-0232-2000 SUPPLEMENTAL - Court, Salaries Part time

Introduced

ORD-0234-2000 TO ACCEPT 1.8+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, REQUESTED BY NINA B. WOLFE

Introduced, to Development Committee

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes - To Approve

2000-0004 To Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 6, 2000

This Matter was Approved, on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance: Introduce, Waive Second Reading , Adopt

ORD-0228-2000 SUPPLEMENTAL - Council, Capital Equipment

This Matter was Introduced, Second Reading Waived, and Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinances on Second Reading

ORD-0185-2000 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ADDENDUM AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER COMMUNICATIONS FOR FIVE (5) YEAR EXTENSION TO OPERATE A COMMUNITY ANTENNA (CATV) SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0213-2000 TO ACCEPT WARRANTY DEED FROM THE STONEHENGE COMPANY; FOR 0.588 ACRES ON N. HAMILTON ROAD ADJACENT TO SYCAMORE WOODS CONDOMINIUMS

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0214-2000 TO ACCEPT WARRANTY DEED FROM THE STONEHENGE COMPANY; FOR 2.443 ACRES ON SHAGBARK ROAD; CONTIGUOUS TO THE WOODS AT SHAGBARK CONDOMINIUMS

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0215-2000

TO ACCEPT 28.7+/- ACRES FROM JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO, KNOWN AS 6547 CLARK STATE ROAD ROAD, REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF GAHANNA.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0216-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HOLT COMPANY OF OHIO FOR PURCHASE OF A LOADER WITH BROOM, AUGER & FORKS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0217-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HOLT COMPANY OF OHIO FOR PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE WITH TAMPER AND HAMMER; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$13,126; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0219-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FRA-SR317-9.26/15.96 WHICH PROPOSES TO PERFORM PARTIAL DEPTH PAVEMENT REPAIRS; WIDEN SHOULDERS AT SPECIFIED LOCATIONS; PLANE AND PAVE MAINLINE PAVEMENT AND SERVICE ROADS; REPLACE PAVEMENT MARKINGS, RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS AND LOOP DETECTORS; AND PLACE BERM AGGREGATE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0220-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH SHAW AND HOLTER, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MORSE ROAD CULVERT; IMPROVEMENT NO. 759; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$40,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0221-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TRICAR, LTD., TO DEVELOP A PRIMER RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO WET BASEMENTS AND OR FOUNDATION SOIL SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS IN THE GAHANNA HEIGHTS AREA; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$4,760; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0222-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH TERRA SURVEYING SERVICES CO., FOR MAPPING AND SURVEY SERVICES FOR THE CREEKSIDE DEVELOPMENT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$8,000; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0226-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR TESTING LABORATORIES, INC., FOR PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION OF PROPERTY EAST AND WEST OF MILL STREET AND NORTH OF GRANVILLE STREET FOR THE CREEKSIDE PROJECT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$4,980; AND TO DECLARE AN

EMERGENCY

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance - To Postpone to Date Certain: October 2, 2000

ORD-0212-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE EASEMENT FOR AMERITECH EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ON CITY PROPERTY; 5571 HAVENS CORNERS ROAD

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain to the Communications & Technology Committee on the Consent Agenda.

ORD-0224-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH AMPO, INC., FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM TO ASSIST THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY GAHANNA; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$7,500; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This Matter was Postponed to Date Certain to the Communications & Technology Committee on the Consent Agenda.

Ordinance - To Postpone Indefinitely

ORD-0190-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE FOR RIVER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT TO PERFORM DUE DILIGENCE CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 133 AND 121 MILL STREET.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Resolutions to Adopt on First Reading

RES-0030-2000

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR LTIP/ISSUE 2 FUNDS FOR THE TECH CENTER DRIVE EXTENSION AND MORRISON ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, IMPROVEMENT NO. 762

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Motion Resolution

MR-0056-2000

To approve the refund of a \$75 fee for variance paid by Phyllis S. Cales; for property located at 676 Juniper Lane.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0057-2000

Motion Resolution that the City has no objection to the transfer of Liquor Permit from Fifty Five Restaurant Group, Ltd., to Plaza Tapatia of Columbus, dba Plaza Tapatia, 690 Morrison Road.

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

MR-0059-2000

To authorize the purchase by Gahanna Mayor's Court of 3 Barcode Scanners in the amount of \$660; funds available in the Mayor's Court Computer Fund

This Matter was Approved on the Consent Agenda.

Passed The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice President Stinchcomb, seconded by Council Member O'Brien, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes	6	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

End of the Consent Agenda

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

G. STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications & Technology Committee - Kneeland: No report.

Development Committee - Angelou: No Report.

Service Committee - Stinchcomb: No Report.

Safety Committee - Hogan: No Report.

Committee of the Whole - Stinchcomb: No Report.

Finance - Angelou: No Report.

H. CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIONS

Clerk - Legal: None.

Council

Appointment - Kneeland as Council Representative to ESECC Selection Board Committee.

Payne made the appointment of Kneeland.

I. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

ORD-0223-2000

TO REPEAL ORD-0189-2000, PASSED AUGUST 21, 2000, "TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH LOADOMETER CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF WHEEL LOAD WEIGHING DEVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY"

A motion was made by Council Member Angelou, seconded by Council Member O'Brien, that this matter be Adopted. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes	0	
No	6	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien
Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland

J. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

ORD-0233-2000

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH DELL COMPUTERS; TO REPLACE EXISTING COMPUTERS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Angelou stated this was authorized out of Communications & Technology Committee; this purchase had been discussed by the vendors with the former Network Administrator; was not followed through with; needs done as software cannot be loaded; they have attempted and can not do it.

Introduced

MOTION by Angelou, seconded by Stinchcomb, to waive second reading of ORD-0233-2000. ROLL CALL: Voting yes: Angelou, Stinchcomb, O'Brien, Payne, Hogan, Shepherd. Motion carried.

Angelou noted memo from Isler that funds are available in the Court Computer Fund through a previously approved loan to the fund.

A motion was made by Council Member O'Brien, seconded by Council Member Angelou, that this matter be Adopted as an Emergency. The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent	1	Council Member Kneeland
Yes	6	President of Council Payne, Vice President Stinchcomb, Council Member Hogan, Council Member Shepherd, Council Member Angelou and Council Member O'Brien

K. REPRESENTATIVES

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Kneeland

Shepherd stated they were still discussing insurance coverage; next meeting is October 16 at 5:00 p.m. before Council. Angelou stated this insurance needs looked at and resolved; with potential duties that are going to happen for CIC is imperative that this is handled by Oct. 16; don't know if Colonel Hall needs to be involved. Weber stated he went to last meeting; trying to clarify extent of coverage; trying to confirm that now. Angelou stated this is also done by our favorite people with OML; question if they are giving us the service we should be having. Weber stated it is still not clear; will contact them again for clarification; should have resolved by Oct. 16.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) - Payne

Payne stated the County has decided to pull 2 programs from MORPC; my perception is because MORPC took a stand on the annexation bill; is my perception that is the reason they are doing this; they are taking major dollars away from MORPC which speaks against regionalism and working together; are watching it closely; Bill Habig and staff are trying to regroup; is something to watch.

O'Brien asked if it would be appropriate to send our concerns to the County Commissioners. Payne stated they are talking about a set up of their own Planning Commission; tried to compare to a City Planning Commission; difference is that our Council does not serve on the Planning Commission; wording for County is that all the Commissioners would serve; basically asking you to make decision and making recommendations to yourself; with the City it is a separate group of people who make recommendations to Council; we may or may not agree; still an independent body; probably could pass a resolution; need to be prepared to offer a resolution to go along with MORPC; will monitor. Angelou stated that it is not surprising from County Commissioners; taking stances against cities and our city specifically; your perception is

probably the perception of others also; does not serve public well at all; have they been asked their reasons for withdrawing from this organization; perhaps they will have good reasons; dissect their response and probably would be able to find out if your perception is accurate; put something together; even a letter asking them their reasons for doing; support a letter form Council asking for reasons for withdrawing from MORPC. Payne stated they were not withdrawing as a member; just from the Community Development Block Grants Program and Planning Commission functions; do have other programs in a wait and see type atmosphere.

Bd./Ed., Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

Hogan stated that Eader needed to leave; passed an agreement with their teachers at last meeting; also passed a resolution to work jointly with City on fiber optic project. Payne noted that Rittner had done an excellent job on a document for all of Council; very useful piece; would like for everyone to have.

Gahanna/Jefferson Joint Committee - O'Brien: No Report.

L. OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor

City Attorney

Weber noted receipt of several urgent messages on annexation bill; understand it is going to be voted out of committee and SB289 is untouched; couple of changes on 100% ownership language but didn't help cities much; still have problem of definition of general good, revenue sharing, and subpoena powers which are virtually unchanged; go to Senate for floor vote as early as Wednesday and then to go house; leadership has this on fast pace; want to get rid of issue; Tiberi will talk to Davidson; is looking grim; suggest you talk to anybody else you can talk to; our allies are a dwindling number and are a minority; is a total anti City and anti development piece of legislation which is very strong; may need to change our focus to Governor's Office; battle goes on but it doesn't look good.

Angelou stated that OML has not represented municipalities well; should be called Ohio Township League; taken on persona of being against townships but that is strictly a persona; is not factual according to these cosmetic changes made; nothing of substance was changed; they didn't even contact anybody as far as these issues; really think we need to rethink our position on membership in OML; possibly file a lawsuit that they are not doing the job they should be doing and are actually anti City.

Payne stated it was not a public hearing on Wednesday; believe they will vote it out; may take a little testimony. White stated she had spoken with Bushman and had called several other cities; probably was coincidental that this happened while ICMA is having their international conference in Cincinnati which means a majority of opponents are out of town; will be attending in the morning at 9:00 a.m. in South Hearing Room; encourage you to come; show that Cities are there. Payne stated she had spoken with Representative Ray Miller; one thing Cities need to do is show representation; can't expect MORPC or OML to carry the ball for us; comes across better if elected officials go down and testify and speak to representatives and senators; townships are very good at that; they will testify in mass and Cities don't do that. Angelou noted that throughout Ohio townships tend to have trustees that are retirement age and have the time to go down to committee meetings; tend to be older people; our full time jobs preclude us from doing that; OML isn't going to do; did go in with group that will speak for us.

Payne stated that MORPC has an excellent legislative group but numbers come across.

M. COUNCIL COMMENT

Hogan officially welcomed Shepherd; Flea Market was great; lot of people in attendance; Wally judging was done and 1st place went to the Historical Society; believe Findley Kohler took 2nd place and Hogans took third; Service Clubs all did well and that money gets plowed back to community; weather was great; think every service club sold out.

O'Brien remind everyone that Thursday in Australia, Amanda Adkins will swim for USA; keep our fingers crossed. Also note that Abby McGregor who is a neo natal intensive care nurse is going to India till end of year to work on a mission project; very admirable; keep Abby in our prayers. Called our State Senator's office on Thursday and voiced concerns on annexation legislation; was told he stands firmly against it; taking hourly trips to the floor so he knows how many calls are coming in; still a lot we have to do; our Senator will vote against. With regard to dogs and cats, received a call from Mr. Donato; is having trouble with dogs roaming loose, specifically a great dane and a golden retriever; has small children and is greatly concerned; Police Department say they are vicious; understanding is that they were almost put down as they did attack a police officer; need to take aggressive action; this has occurred before and they have been cited and warned; need to follow through to put more teeth into dog ordinance.

Shepherd stated he also had attended the Flea Market; was packed over entire course of day.

Angelou stated it was exciting to have post office here this evening; hope this is the beginning of a move in the City; hope we have 4.5 acres somewhere central for their move; don't know if a Grand Marshal has been selected for Holiday Lights at this point but would push for Amanda Adkins if she is available; is wonderful to see all the signs and the ribbons; this kind of excitement only happens every 4 years for summer and winter; Olympics are great; hope Amanda brings home a medal.

Stinchcomb also welcomed Shepherd; looking forward to working together; will be attending a YMCA dinner on Thursday night; am excited about the progress; understand we are still first.

Payne also welcomed Shepherd; won't be attending Thursday evening but understand there will be another opportunity in January; had a gentleman come up to my table at Flea Market; nothing to say but terrible things about Police and the Mounted Police and the Canine Patrol; this is an education process; encourage you to talk to him; was able to sell this man; we will win him over; there is an education process that needs to take place; he will ride with Chief; all works together for good; understand Lions Club sold out at 1:00 p.m. and had to go out for more supplies.

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:55 p.m. - Motion by O'Brien.

Isobel L. Sherwood, MMC
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the City Council, this
day of 2012.*

Chair Signature