

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2001**

**7:30 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Service Committee**

*L. Nicholas Hogan, Chairman  
Michael O'Brien  
Donald R. Shepherd  
Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, ex officio  
Karl Wetherholt, ex officio  
Roland P. Hall, ex officio*

**Members Absent:** L. Nicholas Hogan

**Members Present:** Michael O'Brien and Donald R. Shepherd

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**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Press; Mayor; Jerry Isler; Karl Wetherholt; Becky Stinchcomb; Raleigh Mitchell; Tom Komlanc; Tracie Davies; Col. Hall

**PENDING LEGISLATION**

**ORD-0102-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH JESS HOWARD TO INSTALL LED LENSES IN TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

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Col. Hall stated that at the last meeting it was asked if we could do half this year and half next; it can be done; you have to go by intersection and go by the lens; we can fit it into how we want to do it; each one is different. Shepherd asked if splitting it up would cost us any more. Col. Hall answered no; we have the right to limit it. Stinchcomb agreed that we will need to make sure the total cost will not be more if we split the project. O'Brien stated that he had safety concerns with doing half this year; these lights are easier to see if you are driving into the sun. Shepherd agreed that we do have that problem along Havens Corners and Granville; if people see half of them have been changed, could we have potential liability because half of them won't be as bright; that should justify doing it all at once. Mayor added that potentially you could have the contractor going to the same light twice. Shepherd added, where would we decide to put them. O'Brien stated that he is not in favor of splitting it up. Shepherd agreed that the savings over the long term would make up for it. Mayor added that we will have a decrease in electricity costs once the lenses are installed. Isler stated that we do have the money for the project.

**Recommended for Adoption**

**ORD-0105-2001**

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TERRA SURVEYING TO DEVELOP AN ANNEXATION PLAT FOR A SECTION OF HAVENS CORNERS ROAD; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wetherholt stated that this is a small contract with Terra for an annexation plat for Havens Corners Road where Helmbright comes in; brought forth the proposal in an RCA; it's going to be \$800; already had first reading; will need to get the petition signed by the property owner. Mayor asked if there was any indication for cooperation. Wetherholt stated that he needed to talk to him.

**Recommended for Adoption, Consent**

**ISSUES**

**ITEMS FROM CITY ENGINEER:**

**Creekside Fire House**

MOVED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION

**West Johnstown Road**

Wetherholt stated that we lost our consultant on the West Johnstown Road project; they went out of business; we had \$200,000 appropriated for getting the right of way; we are not going to make that in 2001; need to restart everything; we would never get the plans done and ready; this item kind of dropped down in the Visioning session; would like to break up the \$200,000; hire a new consultant; we have lost a little by losing our first consultant; Clyde Williams did deliver some stuff; lost some calculations; able to recover all of their electronic files; would be easier for new consultant to start over; have turned everything over to GGC. O'Brien asked if we owed them any money at this point. Wetherholt stated that we owe them for work on Clark and Oklahoma; that has gone through Council; P.O. has been processed to pay them. O'Brien asked if they are going out of business, can we withhold payment equal to what we lost. Wetherholt stated that he is not sure if they went bankrupt or not; they were incorporated as Clyde Williams of Ohio; the Indiana office is a different corporation status; really kind of a legal matter. Mayor stated that we can check it out.

RECOMMENDATION: 2 pieces of legislation; 1st Reading; Consent on Both; Bring back to Committee for information

### **Concrete Streets 2000**

Wetherholt stated that we reached a point in the middle of summer last year where we thought we would not need as much concrete; wanted to switch the funding over; that is what we did; this spring everyone was going over it and the contractor said something isn't right; they all went out and re-measured; we shouldn't have switched the funds; we are short about \$28,000; we made a bunch of changes; Denwood Court was one of them. Komlanc added that the change order did the throat of the cul-de-sac; it was deteriorated; we have enough to get the cul-de-sac; cut some items from the project; wanted to do the court so we didn't have to disturb the residents again at the end of the year; dedicated some lineal footage. Wetherholt stated that when you measure up the work that was done it was more than we anticipated; we've got to break up the \$200,00 from West Johnstown for right of way to pay off the concrete street project. Council members that were present stated they had no problems.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion Resolution

### **Clark and Oklahoma Property Pins**

Wetherholt stated that there is a problem with the Clark and Oklahoma property pins; there is eight feet between them; needs to be resolved; have a proposal from Terra for the work; need to authorize a contract.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Consent; No need to come back to Committee

### **Bid Opening South Hamilton/Tech Center - Imp. No. 770**

Wetherholt stated that the bid opening is set for Friday, June 1; this project needs to be done prior to the ODOT Urban Paving project; needs 1st reading on June 4 and we will have the bid results to discuss in Committees on June 11. Komlanc stated that the Urban Paving Project with ODOT includes City of Columbus and Franklin County, which paves from I-70 to Morrison; the approximate amounts are as follows; \$2.6 million from ODOT funds; \$1.3 million from Columbus; \$.7 million from Gahanna; from 5th to Morrison Gahanna cost is approximately \$.6 million; Columbus \$1.7 million; ODOT around half a million; reason that project is being funded through ODOT in order for Tech Center, we need to start work in order to get time schedule in line with bid opening; saving a couple weeks; if we had to we would lose 2 weeks on the contract;

stood on getting ample time to the contractor as opposed to straining his time; with the paving project coming through beginning of August, end of June this would go through Council; they would just have the month of July to work; will need to work on the right turn lane; maintenance of traffic issue with two contractors working back to back. Stinchcomb asked if we set aside the funds. Komlanc answered that we ran over on the urban paving; we have \$430,000; need right around \$590,000; need a supplemental; Tech Center is right around \$450,000; that includes inspection service; within that we have set aside about \$93,000; bring that up to right around where we were originally with finance; we have gone over it; there was some additional work with bridge structures; there were no approach slabs or drainage structures. Komlanc added one last thing for Improvement No. 770; alternate bid item right around \$600,000 which includes conduit work; do we want to go forth while doing work on 270 bridge; get the conduit run; wanted to give Council the opportunity to review and appropriate funds for conduit work now; just providing that option. O'Brien stated that this was discussed in Communications and Technology; the majority of cost is opening the ground for the conduit; do it when the project is being done. Shepherd stated that it would be wasteful to wait. O'Brien stated that the problem was whether to install 1 or 10 conduits; waiting to hear back from Fishel; this would allow us to have the infrastructure for the future. Stinchcomb stated that we need to prepare legislation with blanks; bring it back to committee.

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### **ITS Project - Imp. No. 744**

Wetherholt stated that we need to accept payment from the Schools and Mifflin Township for the ITS Project; we will need a supplemental so that the deposited funds can be paid to the contractor; the project has provided the service to them and now they are being invoiced for their share. Isler stated that they are usually very quick about paying.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading, Consent, No need to come back to Committee

### **ITEMS FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE:**

#### **Street Light Globes**

Col. Hall stated that we originally went out for bids; got bid from Jess Howard; we want permission to waive the bid requirement and buy them ourselves; Jess Howard had no objections to this; it will be cheaper for us to handle.

RECOMMENDATION: 1st Reading; Consent; No need to come back to Committee

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION**

Stinchcomb brought up a matter from a gentleman that contacted her about who takes care of a piece of land near his property by the Foxboro pool; pool used to take care of the property; would like to get back with him and make him understand how it is handled. Mitchell stated that usually we mow it once a week; it has gotten away from us this spring. Mayor stated that his property is in between a flood detention basin originally owned by pool; we bought that along the creek; we own that fee simple; down the middle is conservation soil and conservation of the head waters; the forest protects the water and the cleanliness of the stream; O'Brien stated that the gentlemen sent pictures.

RECOMMENDATION: Keep on as a monitor item

O'Brien asked if anyone knew when the Department of Health would be starting to spray for mosquito control; my concern is about health issues, especially since the mosquitos have been reported as carrying a virus. Col. Hall stated he would check into it.

Col. Hall mentioned that they have had several groups that want to adopt highways from Gahanna; we have a lot of streets covered; most recent was a Women's group; we gave the information to be put in the paper.

**Stacey Bashore, Recording**