

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 10, 1998

7:30 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Service Committee

Rebecca W. Stinchcomb, Chairman

Thomas R. Kneeland

Sherie James-Arnold

Karen J. Angelou, ex officio

Additional Attendees:

Mayor James F. McGregor
Karl Wetherholt
Terry Jordan
Jerry Isler
George Jackson
Peg Cunningham
Visitors
News Media

PENDING LEGISLATION

Members Present: Sherie James-Arnold, Thomas R. Kneeland and Rebecca W. Stinchcomb

980279

TO DECLARE THE NECESSITY AND INTENT TO APPROPRIATE REAL ESTATE OWNED BY RONALD D. AND VIRGINIA S. BRUBAKER IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TAYLOR ROAD, IMPROVEMENT NO. 645, AS DESCRIBED IN PLANS ON FILE IN THE CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A, HERETO; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

980288

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CODY ZIEGLER, INC. FOR THE BIG WALNUT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL \$538,399 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

980289

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TRICAR LTD. FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE BIG WALNUT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$64,800 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

980293

TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, STREET AND STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 629; AND SANITARY SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 628; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN VILLAGES AT ROCKY FORK, HARRISON POND, SECTION 6, PHASE 2; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This matter was Referred to the Regular Agenda (Duplicate)

980294

TO ACCEPT WATER LINE, STREET AND STORM SEWER, IMPROVEMENT NO. 683; AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; IN THE BEECHER ROAD EXTENSION

This matter was Referred to the Regular Agenda (Duplicate)

980297

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH STRAWSER PAVING COMPANY, FOR THE 1998 MORRISON/WATERBURY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$131,546 THEREFOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

980298

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLYDE E. WILLIAMS & ASSOCIATES; TO SUPPLEMENTALLY APPROPRIATE \$16,900

THEREFOR

This matter was Recommended for Adoption, Consent to the Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

NEW MATTERS

980307

TO AMEND SECTION 929.03, TO INCREASE WATER FRONT FOOTAGE FEES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1998; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

980308

TO AMEND SECTION 921.05, TO INCREASE SEWER FOOTAGE FEES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1998; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

980309

TO AMEND SECTION 921.03 TO INCREASE SEWER INSPECTION FEE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

980327

TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AWARD AND THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL CONTRACTING SERVICES TO REMOVE THREE GASOLINE TANKS FROM THE SERVICE COMPLEX ON OKLAHOMA AVENUE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

OTHER

Sewer User Rate Increase

Committee reviewed drafts of several tables prepared by Jack Ober of Burgess & Niple, based on analysis of escalating rate increases by the City of Columbus and the lack of increases by the City of Gahanna:

No Sewer Rate Increase:

Table 1, Sewer Fund, Summary of Expenses (is mainly salaries); Table 2, Sewer Fund, Summary of Revenues and Revenues Minus Expenses; Table 3, Sewer Fund, Projected Fund Balances.

Rate Increase - Option 1:

Table 1, Sewer Fund, Summary of Expenses ; Table 2, Sewer Fund, Summary of Revenues and Revenues Minus Expenses; Table 3, Sewer Fund, Projected Fund Balances.

Table 4, Sewer Fund, Sewage Treatment Charges, Showing Actual 1988-1997, and Showing Projected from 1998 through year 2003. Ober said these charges are 75% of operations; historically have been 4%; said they had projected \$75,000 for capital.

Table 5, Sewer Fund, Capacity Charge Revenue & Payments to Columbus, Showing 3/4" taps for Years 1994-1997, and offering Projected Taps from 1998-2003. Ober said they could not project, so used equivalent; said 98, 99, and 2000 are projected in ordinances; said Columbus will be 5%/year thereafter. Stated, for example, 1998 - 350 X \$1,250 X 45% = \$196,875. Said up to the last year we have paid Columbus 33%.

Ober said other communities have higher rates. Jackson noted there are a number of unsewered areas in Gahanna. On questioning, White said she felt comfortable with the 2% growth project; said we now have about 300 buildable lots in Gahanna currently

zoned.

Ober is recommended a 1-4 step increase. Reminded we have had no increase for 3 years. Regarding Table 2, Ober said he is projecting 15% with 5% for 3 years thereafter. On Table 3, Ober said you cannot operate without a fund balance; without a rate increase you are creating a deficit balance.

To get to the heart of the issue, and in response to rate information requested by Council, Jordan had prepared a Final Chart, showing in dollars and cents how the increase recommended by the consultant would affect the Minimum (+4%) and Average (+7%) Residential Customers.

Refer to Consent Agenda (Duplicate)

Police Station Condenser Coil - Supplemental (emergency)

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Permission to Advertise for Bid:

Street Light Maintenance
Cleaning of Municipal Complex Buildings
Refuse/Recycling Pick-up
Rock Salt

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