

City of Gahanna

*200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 25, 2008

Immediately Following Council Committees or

7:20 PM

Council Committee Rooms

Finance Committee

Thomas R. Kneeland, Chair

Beryl D. Anderson

Thomas C. Evers

Shane Ewald

John McAlister

Nancy R. McGregor

David L. Samuel

Members Absent: John McAlister

Members Present: Thomas R. Kneeland, Thomas C. Evers, Shane W. Ewald, Nancy R. McGregor, Beryl D. Anderson and David L. Samuel

Additional Attendees:

Gen. Williams, Deputy Chief Bell, Terry Emery, Karl Wetherholt, Jerry Isler, Isobel Sherwood, Kevin Marchese, Angel Mumma, Mayor Stinchcomb, Sadicka White, Anthony Jones, Tom Weber, Brandi Braun, Kristen Treadway, Mo Dioun, Brian Winkler, Press.

PRESENTATION:

Overall Creekside Update

Kneeland called the meeting to order; first item is the Creekside presentation.

White said the presentation would be in 3 parts; she will provide the close out report; Winkler from GGC will review the construction; Mumma will cover the financials; there are no handouts as this is a green presentation; we posted it on the web; if you need a hard copy contact me; also Dioun is here as the developer. The Creekside Overall Presentation was displayed and discussed; a copy is available in the Council office. White said we are providing a Creekside open house tomorrow (Tuesday, August 26) for any interested parties; will be located here in the Council Committee Room; we will have available all the plans and documents so the public can sit and talk about it; the time is 4 P.M. to 7 P.M.; want all to know it was a privilege for me to do this; I am elated with the results; thank everyone involved for the opportunity. McGregor thanked Development for the report and asked for any questions or concerns. Evers asked how the open house will be structured. White said the information is for the public so we will have the presentation looped running on a laptop; we will have the plans out and books open so people can ask questions; if you come to ask about a specific part you don't have to see it all. Mumma said it will be one-on-one; no panel; they can go directly to the point person. White said we will have stations set up to review the different pieces. Anderson said in a previous meeting we discussed including "lessons learned" as part of this report. White said the "lessons learned" will be in a different format; said she would like to have input from each department that would then be combined into a separate document. Evers said for tomorrow's meeting you should consider breaking out the financials into a separate independent slide show; or provide the information on posters that folks can study. White said that was a good idea and she would try to do that. Kneeland told White thank you for putting this together; it displays how the time line was managed and makes the financials pretty clear; an important consideration is the explanations on the work done that was not really part of Creekside and not related to the project like the sidewalks and old pipes; these would have been done anyway and were done here because the timing was right. White said Emery and Wetherholt will have that part at service and engineering. Samuel asked if there will be enough room. Kneeland said he hopes people show up; they can spread out to the hall if they have to; thanks to all for providing this; it has been a long hard road but I would do it again in a heartbeat.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

ORD-0172-2008

TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED CIVIL DESIGN, INC., FOR ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR LINCOLN CIRCLE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Wetherholt asked for any questions; said he didn't remember why this came back to committee; ordinance does propose we enter into contract with Advance Civil Design for design help; with the public involved in this, they would contact the property owners to determine what they want; we are proposing creating a cul de sac at the elbow of Lincoln Circle West and South; how it impacts the property owners is critical and we have to have the design first. Evers asked if we have had any contact with the other owners located here. Ewald said he had reached out to the owners affected by this and has not heard back from them. Mayor said due to this the Postmaster has requested a meeting. McGregor said she still has concerns about the right turn out; when we widened Granville where the vacant Sky Bank is located; we paid them to close curb cuts to make the intersection safer. Wetherholt said Hamilton and Granville is very different from Lincoln Circle on Granville; we did an analysis of the area; stacking is east bound back to right out; our analysis did not indicate a problem; if you want to see further calculations I can provide them. McGregor said it is a major east west traffic route to study; Wetherholt said he would get the information to McGregor. McGregor asked if this will eliminate parking beside the post office on Lincoln Circle. Wetherholt said yes unless we would widen the road. McGregor said so we lose 6 spaces.

Recommended for Adoption**ORD-0181-2008**

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION - Transfer to General Fund

Isler said this ordinance is to due to improper records for the DARE Grant; the fund did not have enough to repay so now we need to transfer to make the distribution. Evers said amended bookkeeping. Anderson asked the amount. Isler said about \$12,500.

Recommended for Substitution and Adoption**ORD-0183-2008**

TO AMEND CONTRACT WITH THE JEFFERSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL; TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO SAID AMENDED CONTRACT; FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE GAHANNA SWIM CLUB, 148 PARKLAND DRIVE, GAHANNA, OHIO 43230.

Collins said this is a late development with the purchase agreement for the Swim Club; we need to amend the contract because a lien for sales tax has been filed by the Ohio Attorney General; we could not proceed with the purchase with a lien of \$22,000; the mortgage is \$623,000; so the intent of this is to authorize us to use the \$640,000 to pay off the tax lien and mortgage and purchase the pool. Anderson asked the impact of this increased cost. Collins said the appropriation is up to \$645,000 so the balance is now right at \$645,000 and as long as it stays at that number we are ok. Weber said but is that enough; perhaps we should give it a cushion and go to \$650,000 with a not to exceed on it. Isler said we only have \$645,000 appropriated. Weber said but are we going to need more. Isler said with this figure it should be enough as long as the figures are right. Anderson said are all costs included. Isler said yes. McGregor asked what is the tax lien for. Collins said in 2004 the pool management was informed they had not been paying sales tax on memberships to the State of Ohio since 1992; they worked up a plan with the State to pay it down but couldn't do it; we hoped that they would; we had told them to pay the debts before the deal could be finalized; then we learned the lien had already been filed. Sherwood said this needs emergency added so it can be done by September 30.

Recommendation: Amend by substitution with new contract, add Emergency language; Consent Agenda.

Recommended for Substitution and Adoption**ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:****Fiber Project Update**

Emery said the Mayor recommended I provide an outline of the broadband project; in September we plan to give a presentation on the work we have done; you are seeing the fiber connection work runs going through the areas; Tech Center to Morrison, Morrison to S. Hamilton, north on Hamilton to Carpenter, into the right of way from Carpenter to Mill; the final phase area will be built along McCutchen to Stygler and Stelzer to close the fiber net; this is \$595,000 of the 2 million bond project; this fiber work you are seeing now will be completed by Sept. 15; the fiber will be interconnected in hand holds; there are 14 of those; part of that is restoration work where we put topsoil in and all areas are restored; this is a good time of year for that work; the boxes are all in ground; this was all part of the engineering scope for this project; I should have done an update sooner; we did hit a gas line on Hamilton Road a couple of weeks ago; our fiber contractor hit it; Hamilton Road was disrupted; but we are pleased to be on schedule; I will come back with more details and include the Wi Fi portion that we have been working on behind the scenes; Marchese has an AP (access point) box to show you all. Mayor said this is on the poles with antenna. Emery said also on buildings; wanted to show you what we have in fiber and interconnected; there is a fiber map on the board that outlines where it is; if you have citizens that have questions send them to us. Kneeland said at the Service Expo I talked to many who were interested in the project and saw the AP unit on display; sounds like the community is in tune with this and pleased with the pricing. Emery said he will be back next month and give a complete update.

ISSUES - From Director of Finance:**Supp. App. - FEMA**

Isler said this is a supplemental appropriation request so we can accept monies from FEMA; it is for a \$43,000 reimbursement from the snow emergency this past winter; will go into the FEMA and General Funds; needs an ordinance since it is a supplemental.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent, no need to come back, 2nd Reading, Consent

ISSUES - From Council:**Proposed Resolution - Opposing Healthy Families Act**

Samuel said this is an initiative for voters we should oppose; he read the text of the resolution to the committee; said it will be Issue 4 on the ballot; additionally Treadway wrote a memo which is included in your information on what this means to Gahanna; he read the text of a memo from HR Director Treadway; said the Governor and Lt. Governor oppose this issue and there are several school districts that say their districts will be adversely affected; in our documents is an Employment Law Alert sent from Porter Wright; also forwarded to all is an email from HR concerning the position Indiana has taken. Treadway said they say they are available to pick up all the business that will leave or not locate in Ohio; current paid time off will be affected for exempt folks; they will be required to prove time off; cause a significant increase in tracking time; every aspect of the legislation is a problem; I believe personally it is wrong and for Gahanna it is a real problem. Anderson said we are hearing all the negatives; what

are the positives in this law and why did it come about. Treadway said it came about in a move by unions; one union in particular; others have backed off; but the object is to get more paid sick leave for the worker. Samuel said this will promote an abuse of sick leave policies; it has direction as to how many days off can be taken before a doctor's excuse can be required; can be different than current policies in place especially in government offices. McGregor said it is 3 days off before a doctor's permit is required; time can also be taken in 15 minute increments; so it could be 3 days in 15 minute increments until a Doctor's excuse is required. Sherwood said the resolution needs to be given a rework to correct the spelling of the 7th "Whereas" clause. Ewald said does this need to be effective in few weeks. Samuel said just before the vote in November. Evers said I am not in favor of this issue, but we should look closely at it and edit correctly. Weber said it is a grave concern; Ohio employment is reeling from the smoking ban; using that may not help this cause. Evers said we do not want to create more controversy; maybe remove that clause. Kneeland said Council members should give changes to Samuel and Sherwood; have changes done by next week then bring it back.

Sherwood requested any proposed changes by Council meeting next Tuesday evening; then it will return to Committee in 2 weeks.

Recommendation: Return to Committee on Sept. 8, 2008

ISSUES - From Clerk of Council:

Services Ord. - Decker Annexation

Sherwood said the City Attorney was to file the Decker annexation so the service ordinance was approved at last Monday night's meeting; however the annexation did not get filed; the ordinance has to be passed after the annexation is filed so, since it will be filed next week, we need to do another ordinance with waiver and emergency. Weber said we should repeal the old one as well as do a new one.

Recommendation: First Reading with Waiver and Emergency language; Consent Agenda.

MONITOR:

2007-0013

Monitor Items:

- 1) Wireless Communication Legislation

Kneeland said the monitor item should be taken off of the agenda. Evers said he had asked to wait until the wireless ordinance passes; since it passed we can take it off all committees.

Meeting adjourned.

Della Brandenberger, Reporting